



**HELP YOURSELF**—Guests at the Republican Jamboree, still clad in smorgasbord serving attire, examined with interest booster stickers, lapel pins and campaign cards for their "favorite candidates." Left to right are Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Douglas McKay, candidate for senator, Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, Barbara Gordon and Jane Bash. More than 500 people attended the event at Hawthorne park.

## Seaton Says 'Brink of War' Better Than Open Warfare

It's better to "reach the brink" of war than to engage in actual warfare, Fred A. Seaton, secretary of the interior, told more than 500 last night at the Republican Jamboree in Hawthorne park.

Seaton cited the end of the Korean conflict and absence of further combat among major achievements of the Eisenhower administration. He said he does not feel the Democrats were solely to blame for World War I, World War II or the Korean conflict, but added, "The Democrats were in power when the shooting started."

"Brink of War"  
The Hastings, Neb., newspaper publisher made reference to statements by Defense Secretary John Foster Dulles that the United States reached the "brink of war" three times during the Eisenhower administration.

Recalling the 1952 presidential campaign, the speaker said Eisenhower and Nixon preached a crusade across the country and drew up a "series of indictments" against the political party then in power. Seaton listed the following charges:

**Series of 'Indictments'**  
"(1) America was weary, frustrated and worried about the Korean war; (2) There was scandal among government leaders in Washington; (3) The value of the dollar had declined; and (4) There was encroachment on the rights of the people."

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## Seaton Declines Bid To Visit Mining Site

If there is any further governmental action on the Al Sarena mining case, it will come from the department of justice, Interior Secretary Fred Seaton said last night.

His remark came in response to a question about an invitation sent him by Charles O. Porter, Eugene attorney and candidate for congress from this district, to drive him to the site of the controversial mining patents on the Rogue River National forest near Trail.

**Writes to Seaton**  
It was Porter, in his campaign for congress two years ago who first brought public attention to the mining claim case which since has become a national issue. Early this week he wrote Seaton suggesting that he view the claims personally, and offering to provide transportation during Seaton's visit to Medford yesterday.

Seaton, who said the letter caught up with him Wednesday evening, declined because of a tight schedule which called for appearances in Eugene, Roseburg and Medford yesterday, and a flight to the mid-west for speaking engagements early today.

**Unanimous in Request**  
But he said he reminded Porter that the congressional committee which held hearings on Al Sarena was unanimous in asking that the matter be referred to the justice department. The Democratic majority of the committee made the recommendation that the justice department check for possible fraud, and the Republican minority agreed with the stipulation that the department also check for

irregularities during previous administration when the disputed claims were not admitted to patent.

Seaton said he called Washington after receiving Porter's letter to check on the status of the Democratic majority request, and learned that it had not yet been forwarded to the justice department. He said he suggested to Porter that Senators Wayne L. Morse and Richard L. Neuberger might well interest themselves in seeing that this is done.

**Much-Disputed Issue**  
The Al Sarena affair has become a much-disputed campaign issue, both in the 1954 campaign and again this year. It involves mining claims filed by the McDonald brothers which were never admitted to patent during Democratic administrations, but which were patented during the incumbency of Doug McKay, now Republican candidate for senator opposing Senator Morse, as interior secretary, on the motion of his then-solicitor, Clarence Davis, after assays showed sufficient mineralization of the claims to allow patents.

The assays have been the subject of dispute, particularly by Porter, who claims that another series of assays should be made and that all parties bind themselves to accept them.

Democrats have claimed the patenting of the claims is an example of a Republican "give away" of natural resources; Republicans have claimed that the requirements of the old mining laws, then in effect, were followed, and that as a matter of law the claimants were legally entitled to their patent.

"Look—A Joke Is A Joke—"



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Korea." He told the crowd after the president clarified his stand on the United States policy in the Far East there was no more Formosa trouble, "except for a few deplorable incidents in the Formosa straits."

Regarding scandals in Washington, Seaton said, "I think we've stopped them. All we ever promised was that when we found crooks we'd prosecute and not pamper them. I think we've done that, and unfortunately we had to prosecute a few of the boys left over."

Seaton said, "Though the value of the dollar declined and living costs sky-rocketed while the opposition was in power, the Republican administration has balanced the budget twice and made payments on the federal debt."

He added, "Agriculture prices have gone up 15 per cent since the first of the year and are still on their way, while surplus—which is responsible, for low prices—is on the way down."

**More Power**  
Regarding alleged Democratic encroachments on rights of the people, Seaton said they had obstructed projects for public benefit, including provisions for adequate power facilities. He then stated, "With Douglas McKay in the interior department, 10,000,000 kilowatts have been added to the output of the Bonneville Power administration. This is the greatest increase on record."

Seaton said, "In 3½ years the Eisenhower administration has brought more than \$3 billion for water and power facilities in the country," and added, "In the Pacific Northwest you need a minimum of 4,000,000 kilowatts each year for the next 10 years. You can search the record in Congress until you're blind, but you'll never see a congressional apportionment for that much electric energy. You just can't get that much money from Uncle Sam. You have to get money from municipalities or wherever you can and combine it with federal aid."

Seaton, who was appointed secretary of the interior when McKay resigned recently to run for senator, had much praise for his predecessor. He said, "McKay hasn't always voted the way the administration wanted him to, but has done so lots more than his opponent, Sen. Wayne Morse." He added that in the rules committee, Congressman Harris Ellsworth had a 100 per cent record of support for the White House.

Seaton was introduced by McKay, who made no formal speech. On the speaker's platform, McKay also extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson of Medford, who were in attendance and were celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary.

**Others Introduced**  
Master of ceremonies was Manville Heisel, Medford attorney. Republican candidates introduced included Mrs. Anna Scott, for county treasurer; L. G. (Shy) Morthland, county commissioner seeking reelection; Al

len Curry, for assessor; Walter D. Nunley, district attorney seeking reelection, and State Representatives E. H. Mann and E. A. Littrell, both seeking reelection. Carl H. Francis, candidate for attorney general; Sig Unander, state treasurer seeking reelection; and Harris Ellsworth, seeking reelection as congressman from the fourth district, were also introduced.

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# RUSSIA REVEALS HIGH ALTITUDE EXPLOSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON

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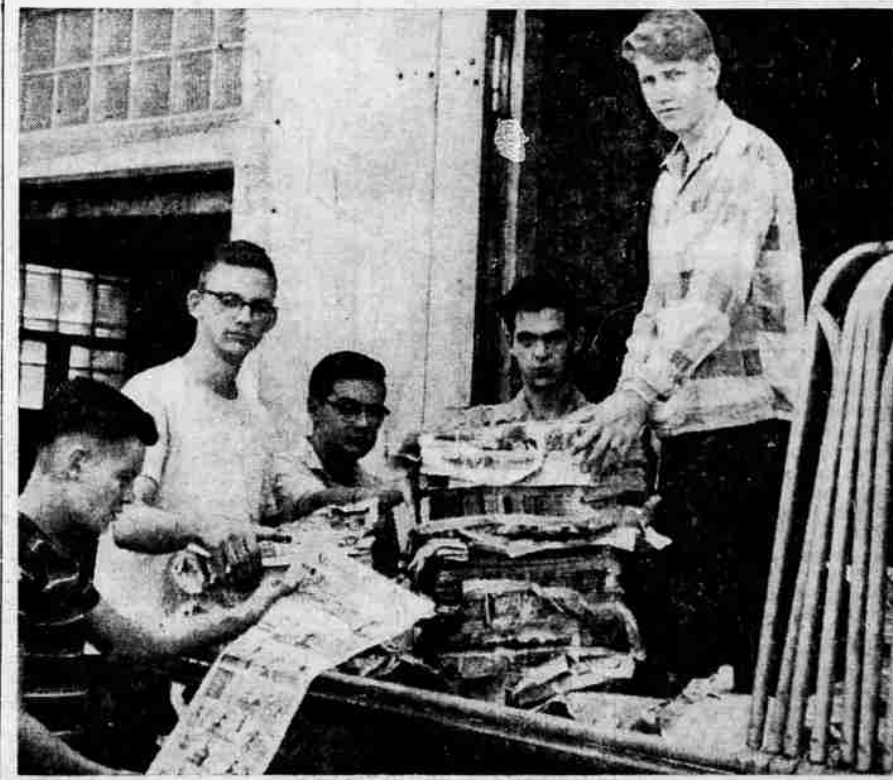
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**INSPECT NEW COMICS**—Five of the younger members of the Mail Tribune staff last week welcomed (and eagerly inspected) the arrival of comic sections, which the Mail Tribune is adding to its Sunday edition. Left to right the boys are Larry Jones (getting a quick advance peek at "Steve Canyon") and Warren Lovell, both of the circulation department, Marvin Taylor, assistant in the ad-



**PAUL SELBY**  
Files for Mayor

## Selby Seeks Mayor Berth

Petitions nominating Paul J. Selby, 44, for mayor of Medford, were filed today.

Only other candidate is John Snider, now councilman from Ward I. Deadline for city candidates to file for election is today.

Selby was a member of the city council from January, 1947, to December, 1954. In the 1954 campaign he was one of three candidates for mayor. Mayor Earl Miller was the winner in that election. He is not seeking reelection this year.

During his council service, Selby served three years as president of the council, the post now held by Snider. He also was a member of most of the council committees at one time or another.

Selby is the proprietor of the Selby Glass Co., 303 North Bartlett st., and has been in business here since 1942. He came to Medford in 1935. He is an Elk, Mason, Shriner, Kiwanian (president of the club in 1948), and belongs to the Rogue Valley Country club and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, having served on several chamber committees. He was a charter member and first president of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Selby and his wife and three daughters live at 2427 Lyman ave.

As of noon today, the races

## Subscription Rates To Increase Saturday

Effective tomorrow, Sept. 1, subscription rates for The Medford Mail Tribune will be increased, it was announced today by Dale E. Erickson, circulation manager.

The increase was made necessary by increased operating expenses and to permit carriers who act as independent merchants to earn slightly increased revenues.

Subscription rates for home delivery and motor routes will increase to \$1.50 per month from \$1.25, and from \$15 to \$18 for the year. Mail subscription rates outside of carrier delivery areas will be \$1.50 per month, \$4.25 for three months, \$8 for six months and \$15 for a year. Single copy sales by vendors and news

## Six Airplane Crash Survivors in Vancouver

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — A Canadian Pacific Airlines mercy plane reached Vancouver early today with six survivors from Thursday's Alasaka Peninsula crash of a plane in which 15 persons were killed.

## Golf Results

Sue DeVoe, Medford, defeated Mrs. W. W. Davies, Redding, Calif., 5 and 4 today in women's quarter-finals of the Southern Oregon Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Mrs. Robert Ihanfeldt, Seattle, beat Mrs. Marge Phillips, Salt Lake City, 7 and 5.

Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, edged Mrs. Maxine Hammond, Medford, 1 up.

The quarter-final match between Elaine Porritt, Eugene, and Mollie Murphy, Portland, was tied at the end of the regulation 18 holes.

In the completion of men's first round play, Clayton Lewis, Medford, downed John Jensen, Medford, on the 19th hole.

## Government, Safety Officials Urge Careful Driving, Walking on Labor Day Holiday

Governmental and safety officials, today issued a plea to all motorists for sensible driving and walking during the Labor Day holiday.

State police in Medford said there was only one injury in Jackson county last Labor Day week end. But, they emphasized that drivers should still be on the alert for the "deadly five" violations most often noted in rural fatal accidents.

**'Deadly Five'**  
They are excessive speed, traveling on the wrong side of the road, left turn in face of oncoming traffic, passing with-



## Most Detailed Revelation of Continuing Tests

### Guided Missile With Atomic Warhead Hinted

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet government announced today a new series of high altitude nuclear tests using "a minimum quantity of radioactive substances."

The new explosives took place Aug. 24 and 30, the announcement said, "to perfect atomic weapons and the development of new types of weapons for various kinds of troops."

The statement was broadcast by Radio Moscow. It was the most detailed revelation yet of the continuing Soviet nuclear tests.

Mention of "new types of weapons" and their detonation "at great heights" suggested Russia may have fired a guided missile with an atomic warhead, observers said in London.

The statement continued: "In the Soviet Union tests of atomic weapons are being carried out, as a rule at great heights, which permits a sharp reduction of radioactive fallout. It is for the purpose that a minimum quantity of radioactive substances is used."

"The Soviet government, guided by its peace policy, has repeatedly proposed at the United Nations the unconditional banning of atomic and hydrogen weapons."

## Two More Festival Performances Slated

Ashland — Two performances remain in the 1956 season of the Oregon Shakespearean festival. Tonight's will be "Love's Labour's Lost" and the closing play will be "Romeo and Juliet."

The box office reports that tickets are still available for both performances.

This will be the first time that the season has been extended to 32 performances, closing Sept. 1 rather than Aug. 31.

The traditional closing night ceremony will follow Saturday night's play, with the entire cast taking part. It will include the reading of Prospero's speech from "The Tempest" and singing of "Greensleeves."

## Quota Fixed on Cotton

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## Weather

**FORECAST:** fair tonight. Fair with increasing high clouds Saturday. Low tonight 54. High Saturday 90-92.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	52
	51

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:36 a.m.
Sunset	6:47 p.m.
Moonrise Saturday	1:53 a.m.
New Moon	next Tuesday
PROMINENT STAR	
Capella, rises	9:20 p.m.
and will be high overhead at sunrise	
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Mars, rises	5:00 p.m.
Saturn, sets	9:28 p.m.
Venus, near the Moon.	