

# Water-Chemical Bombs Dropped On Fire

## Tanker Planes Enter Battle as Winds Slacken

Flames Leap Lines Into Ventura County

Malibu, Calif. —(UP)—Aerial tanker planes dropped water-chemical bombs today to help check an out of control brush fire which in a 24-hour period blackened 22,000 acres, killed one man and razed 50 structures in this movie colony area.

A fleet of six tanker planes was thrown into the battle as winds slackened momentarily and gave weary fire fighters their first hopes of bringing the blaze under control. It was the worst conflagration in 21 years in Los Angeles county.

Four firemen were burned, none critically, and 60 others suffered lesser injuries.

More than 150 persons were homeless. Hundreds were forced to evacuate danger spots that ultimately were saved by the efforts of more than 1,000 fire fighters. TV-radio star Ralph Edwards lost his \$75,000 home and actor Hugh O'Brien the "Wyatt Earp" of television, reported his \$50,000 home damaged in the fast moving fire.

Early today the fire burst over into Ventura county on its northern front. On the eastern front, which was headed for the heavily populated and once fashionable movie colony at Malibu, a hot spot threatened Malibu Inn and a cluster of 20 dwellings, all evacuated, a mile inland from the Pacific Ocean.

The dirty brown cloud of smoke above the 32-mile fire perimeter was visible from Hollywood, 25 miles from the fire's eastern front.

A force of 10 bulldozers fought along the crest of Santa Monica Mountains to keep the blaze from spilling over into San Fernando Valley, where roughly one million persons reside.

Scattered Communities The populated portions of the valley, however, begin about eight miles from the fire front and fire-fighters believed the blaze could be halted short of the scattered communities that dot the approach to the population hub in the center of the valley.

Jack Burke, California Division of Forestry officer, after a helicopter survey of the perimeter, said if the 40 to 60-mile per hour winds of Wednesday resume today in the tinder-dry brush there could be no hope for control for three or four days.

Order of Arrow Holds Annual Meeting Here Seventy-five members of the Boy Scout honor organization, the Order of the Arrow, are attending a two-day convention in Medford. The annual meeting is being held at St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Delegates this afternoon will receive instructions in Indian dress, including Indian dances. Medford YMCA facilities will be used for recreational purposes tonight.

Discussions and election of 1957 officers will be held tomorrow, and the convention's banquet is scheduled at the Medford hotel Friday night.

Local members who have been planning the event include Dick Clark, Mazama lodge chief; James Boyd, registration chairman; Larry Hammond, work-shops chairman; Bob Glover, physical arrangements; and Wilson Gilinsky, discussions chairman.

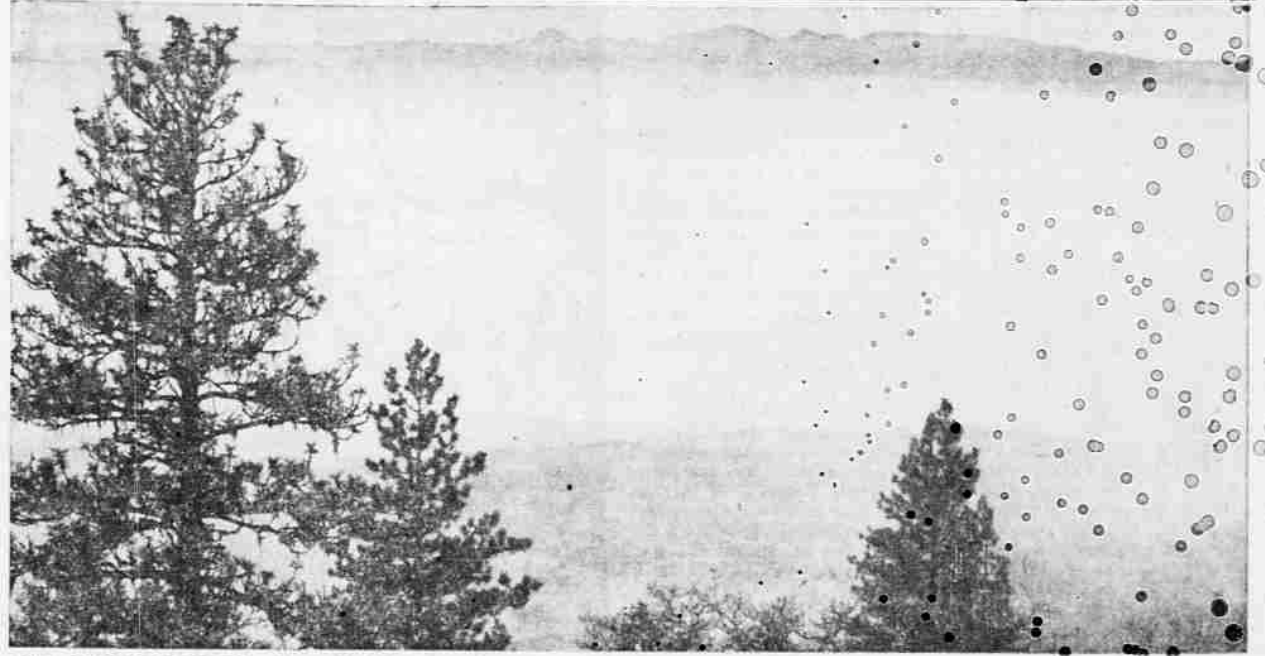
Representatives Set Meeting in County The Jackson county court will be host to county courts and legislative representatives of the fourth congressional district at a meeting in Medford Monday, Jan. 7, it was reported today.

The group will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the Jackson county courtroom and will have a luncheon meeting in the Medford hotel. Legislative proposals are expected to be among major discussion topics.

Also invited to attend the meeting was the Klamath county court. The fourth district consists of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties.

Christmas Decorations Being Removed in City Removal of Christmas decorations in the Medford business section is expected to be completed this afternoon, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

The decorations, which were put up in late November, are being removed by the public works department crew which started the work yesterday.



FOG COVERS VALLEY—Fog, which is expected to remain in the Rogue valley for at least another day, looks this way from Prescott park on Roxy Ann. Warmer air aloft creates a cold-air pocket in valleys, causing considerable fog. The number of foggy days in the valley this year is more than average, weather bureau officials said. Last month, there were 17 days of fog, compared to an average of nine. The picture above looking across the Rogue valley from Roxy Ann was taken by Bob Vroman.

## Gunfire, Arrests Mark Bus Desegregation Steps

### Tallahassee Bus Officials on Side Of Negro Riders

Montgomery Vehicles Struck by Bullets

By UNITED PRESS  
Determined attempts by Negroes to desegregate buses in three Southern cities today brought gunfire and arrests.

In Tallahassee, Fla., an unusual twist to the Dixie race issue found the local bus company on the side of the Negroes. Nine drivers and a company manager were arrested there for failing to enforce segregation rules.

In Montgomery, Ala., two buses were fired on but there were no injuries.

In Birmingham, Ala., Negroes voted to hit the industrial metropolis with a mass integration attempt but later toned down the threat with a suggestion that each Negro "use his own conscience" about where to ride.

In Mobile, Ala., where the bus firm voluntarily announced a desegregation policy, later countermanded by the city commission, a morning check showed no attempt by Negroes to ride on front seats.

Bullets Hit Bus  
Nine .22 caliber slugs riddled one bus in Montgomery and shot-gun fire smashed a rear window in another Wednesday night, causing occupants to "hit the floor." They escaped injury.

The gunfire failed to halt Negro integration efforts. They were sitting where they pleased again today without further incident.

As the situation grew tense in Birmingham, Alabama Public Service Commission President Jack Owen warned that the transit service there might be forced out of business if its "narrow margin of profit" is cut by integration moves.

The state guarantees public utilities a fair return investment and Owen said the commission could not prevent the utility from dropping its franchise.

Twenty-one Birmingham Negroes were under arrest for violating segregation laws. At a midnight meeting Negro leaders switched plans and announced a mass integration move for today but it fizzled.

Portable Barriers  
"Each person should use his own conscience about where he sits," Negro spokesman Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth said today.

One of the big issues in Birmingham was the "dividing board" system on buses which is a portable barrier that is moved at the will of the driver. That's what touched off the Montgomery boycott that lasted a year.

Negro Monroe Elmore Jr., 17, on leave from Artmore, Okla., Air Force base, was arrested Wednesday night and jailed in lieu of a \$50 bond for moving one of the boards in defiance of the driver's orders to leave it alone.

Smallwood Sentenced, Fined in Court Today  
Charles Smallwood, 40, Talent, was fined \$305 in district court this morning after pleading guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

His driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he received a suspended 60-day jail sentence. He was arrested Wednesday by state police in Phoenix.

Christmas Tree Pickup Set In County for Next Sunday  
Plans for a county-wide Christmas tree pickup, to benefit the March of Dimes, was announced today by the Medford Moose Lodge. The pickup will be held on Sunday, Dec. 30, and those desiring to get rid of their holiday trees are asked to place them in the front yard and to attach a contribution, in an envelope, to the March of Dimes. Boy Scouts will assist in the pickup, Mooseplanners said.

The trees will be taken to a site on Agate rd., just east of Crater Lake highway in the Camp White area where they will be burned about 7 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to the

"How Do You Let Go When You've Got Hold Of A Man?"



## Hungarians Drafting Farmers for Mines

Vienna —(UP)—Hungary began drafting peasant farmers into the coal mines today in a desperate attempt to get production going and stave off a "national disaster," Radio Budapest reported.

It said some peasants already had started work in the mines of Pecs, near the Yugoslav border. Some of the heaviest fighting of the Hungarian uprising occurred in the Pecs region and partisans were still fighting Rus-

sian troops as recently as two weeks ago in the area.

The coal shortage and the resultant lack of power has closed down virtually all of Hungary's industry. The government warned that as a result up to 200,000 workers would lose jobs "permanently" in the new year.

Holiday Respite  
The warning was sounded while Hungarians faced up to the grim realities of life under the Soviet imposed Janos Kadar regime after a three-day Christmas holiday respite. Hungarians were permitted to celebrate Christmas in the old way for the first time since the Communists seized power in 1948. The puppet regime was believed to have encouraged the festival in an attempt to divert attention from the nation's economic plight.

The government's action in forcing farmers into the mines indicated it has had little success in its door to door appeal for "volunteers" from the idle factories.

Although the workers went back to their jobs today after the three-day Christmas holiday, production remained at almost a standstill for lack of coal and power.

Portland Hospital Guard Slays Prowler  
Portland —(UP)—A hospital guard early today shot and fatally wounded a 29-year-old man who broke into a student nurses' home here, police reported.

Howard Leon Gentry, who police said had a long criminal record, died about an hour after he was shot by Fred J. Gross, 54, a Pinkerton guard employed at Emanuel hospital.

Detectives Jack Sizer and Norman Leitheiser said that Gentry apparently pried off a window screen and entered the nurses' home about 2:30 a.m. Usually about 15 student nurses reside in the building but only three were present because of the holiday season.

Student Nurse Jeannette Underwood, 21, said she awoke to find the man on her bed. Another nurse, Jane Schmelling, 20, heard the commotion, saw what was occurring and rushed out to get help. She ran to the hospital and told Gross.

Wolf Creek Woman Injured in Accident  
Mrs. Dena Hughes, 35, Wolf Creek, suffered undetermined injuries when her car went off Highway 99 at the overpass three miles north of Central Point at 11:27 a.m., according to Medford Ambulance service.

She was taken to Rogue Valley hospital, where her condition was reported "fair."

Albany Man Dies Of Gun Wound Here  
LeRoy Krieger, about 40, Albany, died about 9:30 a.m. today after being accidentally shot through the abdomen while moving a shotgun in a car at the George Haas residence, 502 King st., according to early reports by the Medford police department.

Officers said Krieger was visiting at the Haas residence. He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service and died a short time later. Police said the gun was in a case when it fired. He was moving the gun to make room in the car for some suitcases, according to the report.

Salem —(UP)—Results of a Salem school census show that twice as many first graders will be coming in the front door next year as seniors going out the back.

Weather  
FORECAST: Foggy in valleys, clear above 2,000 feet mean sea level through Friday. Continued cold. Low tonight 23 in fog areas, 28 in clear areas. High Friday 37-35 in fog section, near 45 in clear.

Our Skies Tonight  
Sunrise 7:10 a.m.  
Sunset 4:45 p.m.  
Moonrise Friday 4:36 a.m.  
New Moon Dec. 31  
MARS, high in south at 6:27 p.m. has been the brightest "star" in the evening sky for several months. It will soon be replaced by Jupiter, now rising at 12:10 a.m.

## New Councilmen to Be Sworn in Office Monday, Dec. 31

New members of the Medford city council will be sworn into office at a special meeting at noon Monday, Dec. 31, it was reported today.

They will hold the first official council meeting of the new year at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2. (Meetings usually are held Tuesday evenings, but that day is the New Year's holiday this year.)

Mayor-elect John Snider has been active in recent weeks making plans for his administration, which assumes direction of the city that night. He has conferred with members of the council, both new and holdover, in lining up appointees to the boards, commissions and committees of the city.

Snider said today it will be the policy of the council to ask as many Medford residents to serve the city in unpaid positions as possible.

New Appointments  
"In keeping with this policy," he said, "only new appointments will be made this year to replace those whose terms are expiring."

The "no reappointment" policy means more than a dozen positions will be filled by new appointees. These include the municipal judge, the water commission, planning commission, library board, civil service commission, state athletic commission, professional examining boards, and similar groups.

In all these cases, appointments are made by the mayor and confirmed by the council.

The only full-time city employee directly appointed by the council is the city manager, a post now held by Robert Duff. His reappointment is expected Wednesday evening. He in turn is responsible for employment of all other city employees.

County Officials  
New officials of Jackson county, elected Nov. 6, will take oaths of office in the county clerk's office and begin terms Monday, Jan. 7, at 8 a.m.

Taking the oaths will be Ralph James, county commissioner succeeding L. G. (Shy) Northland; Thomas Reeder, district attorney succeeding Walter Nunley; Ray Schumacher, county assessor succeeding Mrs. Elva Jennings; Karl Janouch, treasurer succeeding himself; Paul Rynning, county surveyor and engineer succeeding himself; Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent succeeding himself; and Rawles Moore, district judge succeeding himself.

The oaths of office will be administered by Mrs. Bereth P. Hopkins, county clerk.

Eugene City Council Legalizes Trailer Parks  
Eugene —(UP)—The Eugene City Council last night approved an ordinance banning use of trailer houses as living units within the city, except in regulated trailer parks.

The ordinance makes it illegal to park trailer houses on individual lots. The law also legalizes trailer parks for the first time.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES  
New York —(UP)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 496.38, up 0.36; 20 railroads 153.34, up 0.60; 15 utilities 67.71, up 0.02, and 65 stocks 173.10, up 0.09. Sales today were about 2,420,000 shares compared with 2,440,000 shares Wednesday.

## Reports of Unrest In Celebes, Borneo

Jakarta, Indonesia —(UP)—A revolt against the government of Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo spread today to South Sumatra and there were reports of unrest in the North Celebes and Borneo. Government officials called the South Sumatra action an "indirect coup."

Most political sources in Jakarta gave the Sastroamidjojo government at least only a few days of survival. It was believed former Vice President Mohammed Hatta, revered throughout the nation, probably was the only man who could form a new government.

Revenues Blocked  
Central and North Sumatra already have broken with the Jakarta government. Today the government of South Sumatra announced it was blocking all revenues from flowing into Jakarta.

The action meant the great island of Sumatra which supplies most of Indonesia's foreign exchange through the sale of oil, rubber and tin was now completely isolated from Jakarta.

Newspapers quoted an army officer as saying the situation in the North Celebes is becoming critical as news of the Sumatra revolt spreads. He said

Nixon on Tour Of Refugee Center  
New York —(UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon visited the Hungarian refugee center at Camp Kilmer, N.J., today for a last survey before making a final report to President Eisenhower.

The administration is expected to use Nixon's reports—both from the center and from his tour of Austria—in asking Congress for the admission of more refugees, not only from Hungary but from other Communist countries.

The President already has ordered the Justice Department to continue processing of Hungarian refugees as the first step to admitting more than the present emergency quota of 21,500.

Umatilla Republicans Ponder Steen Successor  
Pendleton —(UP)—The Umatilla County Republican Central Committee meets tonight to recommend a successor to Lowell Steen, who yesterday announced his resignation from the state Senate.

One of the names mentioned prominently for the position is that of S. E. Brogiotti, a Helix wheat and cattle rancher.

The GOP party will make its recommendation to the county court tomorrow.

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The girl is Cindy Evans, also 3, of Decatur, Ill. She was burned from her knees to her chin Nov. 27 when a stove in her home ignited her dress.

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## Fog May Remain in Valley for Another Day, Bureau Says

Fog is expected to remain in western Oregon valleys, including the Rogue valley, for at least another day, the weather bureau said today. Temperatures will remain cool in the fog, and war-

Much of Medford this morning was covered with white snow-like particles, but it was not general throughout the valley, weather bureau officials said.

Bob Church, weather bureau meteorologist here said the snow-like particles were caused by a mechanical disturbance which condenses the saturated atmosphere. The particles were reported only in the downtown Medford area.

Possibilities Slim  
Possibilities of fog leaving the valley appeared slim for at least another day or two. Weathermen are watching a storm front off the Pacific northwest about 700 miles, but a strong high pressure area over the northwest states may force the front to circle northward into Canada.

The low temperature in Medford this morning was 23 degrees, and it had warmed up only three degrees by late morning. At 5,000 feet the mercury reading was 58 degrees, and Sexton summit weather station reported 56 degrees, and a 100-mile visibility.

The number of days of fog in the valley this year has been more than average, weather bureau officials said, but the exact number has not been determined. During November there were 17 days of fog, compared to an average of nine days.

Rainfall during the fall months has been below average, chiefly because storm fronts have not moved inland as usual.

More Newsmen Said To Be in Red China  
Washington —(UP)—The United States is investigating reports that two more American newsmen have entered Communist China despite a ban on such travel by the State Department.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said the State Department so far does not have enough information to comment on the reports.

Dispatches from Hong Kong said that Edmund Stevens, a reporter, and Phillip Hollings, a photographer, both employed by Look magazine arrived in Peking Wednesday from Moscow.

They were preceded to Red China by another American reporter, William Worth, correspondent for the Baltimore Afro-American. He crossed the Communist border from Hong Kong the day before Christmas.

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