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Local Hotel Searched

77-Room Hotel Is Evacuated After Warning of Bomb

Nothing Suspicious Found by Officers

The Jackson hotel was evacuated for 1 1/2 hours last night, after police and firemen searched for a non-existent "bomb."

A series of anonymous telephone calls to the police station started a chain of events which lasted until late evening. Every room of the hotel was searched, and about 15 guests, as well as 29 hotel employees, were moved out.

The first call, at shortly after 5 p.m., told officers that a bomb was planted at the hotel, and was due to go off at 8 p.m. Both police and firemen turned out with standby equipment, and began a room-by-room search of the 77-room hotel. They found nothing suspicious.

Orders Hotel Evacuated

At 7:30 p.m., Chief Charles Champlin ordered the hotel evacuated as a safety precaution. Officers and firemen stood by until 9 p.m.—one hour past the "deadline"—and then permitted the hotel's guests and employees to return.

Meanwhile, several other anonymous calls, from a man officers said sounded as though he had been drinking, were received. Attempts were made to trace calls coming to the station. One suspect was picked up for questioning, but was released after about an hour.

A small crowd stayed on the sides of the streets opposite the hotel during most of the time it was empty. The Oregon liquor control commission closed at 7:30 p.m.—a half-hour early—at the request of police as a precautionary measure, and a number of last-minute would-be customers were disappointed.

The Medford Lions club, which meets at the hotel on Tuesday evenings, hurried its program to the through early, at 7:45 p.m., after President Herb Seitz was informed of the "bomb scare." Speaker was Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, discussing "mental health."

Search Conducted

The building search was conducted by seven police officers and eight firemen, working in teams, under the overall direction of Chief Champlin and Fire Chief Gordon Barker. Four fire department vehicles and three police vehicles were on duty during the several hours of the precautionary measures.

Chief Champlin theorized that the calls, the last of which was received after 8 p.m., were from a mentally unbalanced person, someone with a "grudge" against either the hotel or the police department.

Traffic was not blocked off Main and Eighth streets, adjacent to the hotel, but pedestrian traffic was requested to use the east side of the streets.

Langley's Lawyers Planning Appeal

Portland—(U.P.)—District Attorney William Langley's lawyers planned today to appeal to the State Supreme Court in an effort to keep Langley in office.

Circuit Judge Frank Lonergan Tuesday ordered that the office held by Langley was vacant. But he held up filing the order until 11 a.m. Thursday, giving Langley's attorneys time to prepare papers asking for a stay of judgment.

Langley was convicted April 19 on a neglect of duty charge, misdemeanor.

Judge Lonergan also imposed a \$100 fine on Langley.

Appropriation for OTI Voted Out Favorably

Salem—(U.P.)—An appropriation of \$2,629,000 to run Oregon Technical Institute at Yamath Falls was voted out favorably to the floor of the House by the Joint Ways and Means committee today.

The institute's current budget from the general fund is \$1,659,680 and the governor's budget recommended \$2,448,653 for the biennium starting July 1.



SEARCHING DRAWERS—Assistant Fire Chief Earl Harrison searches through dresser drawers in the Jackson hotel for a bomb, which anonymous telephone callers told Medford police would explode at 8 p.m. last night. After a search of 1 1/2 hours, nothing suspicious was found by searching firemen and police. A total of 44 people, including 15 guests, were evacuated from the hotel.



CHECK TIME—Medford Police Captain Clyde Fichtner and Police Chief Charles Champlin check the time during last night's search of the Jackson hotel for a reported bomb. The bomb was reported to police to go off at 8 p.m. Medford firemen and police, after searching the hotel, stood by until after 9 p.m. yesterday.

1,800 Area Scouts to Take Part in Circus

About 1,800 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers will participate in the Crater Lake Area council's annual Boy Scout circus at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, in the Medford High school stadium, according to Ray Frisbie, general chairman.

Theme for the program will be "Onward for God and My Country," adopted from the current four-year program of the Boy Scouts of America, Frisbie said.

Robert Cunningham, ticket chairman, said more than 2,000 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers of the council are now selling tickets. A special circus neckerchief slide will be presented to each Scout who sells 15 tickets to the circus, Cunningham said.

Features of Show

Features of the show will include a parade of all Packs, camping and fire aid displays, and about 10 Boy Scout Troops will present scenes depicting

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a few showers tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 48. High Thursday 61-65.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	53

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	4:58 a.m.
Sunset	7:15 p.m.
The Moon, in Perigee tonight,	
sets Thursday	2:16 a.m.
and will be Full	May 13

PROMINENT STAR
Procyon, low in west 10:16 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Jupiter, high in south 8:37 p.m.
Mars, sets 10:22 p.m.
Saturn, due south 1:50 a.m.

Eisenhower Plans TV Appearances To Defend Budget

Too Many Subjects For One Address

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower told a news conference today that he may make two television appearances soon in support of his budget, which is encountering trouble in Congress.

The President told reporters he had worked for a long time on an address to the people, but found there were so many subjects to be covered that he doubted one speech would accomplish his purpose.

He used his news conference to make another vigorous stand in behalf of his budget, asserting that truly big cuts could not be made until this country was certain that the foreign situation had eased very greatly.

Other news conference highlights:—He anticipates the eventual resignation of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey but said that Humphrey had not yet submitted a formal resignation. **Opposes Tax Writeoffs**

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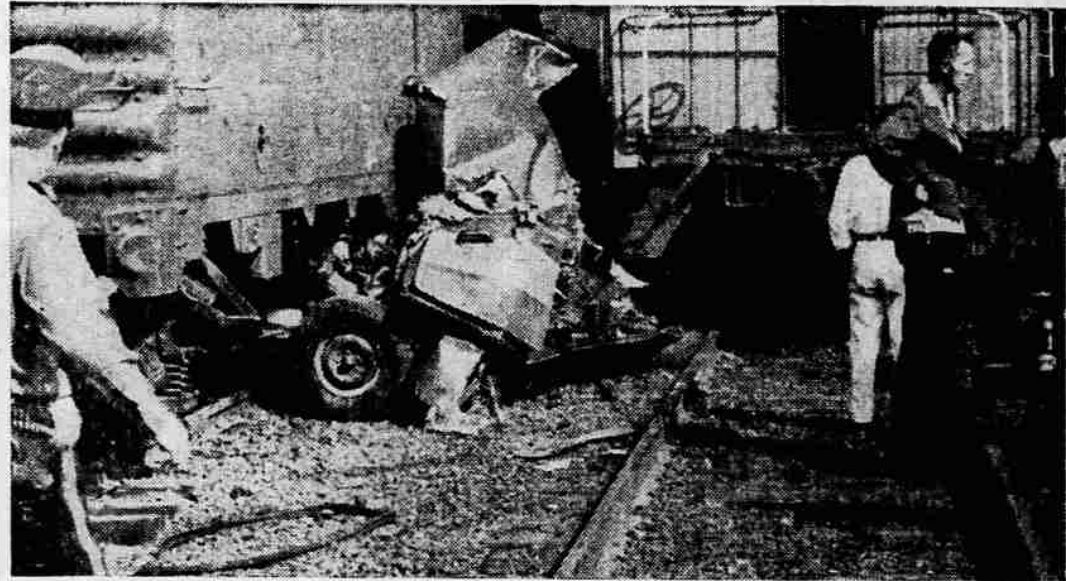
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WRECKAGE—Above is the wreckage of a car operated by Mrs. Margaret Mary Donovan, 28, of Medford, after it was struck early today by a Southern Pacific switch-engine traveling about 30 miles per hour. The car

was stopped on the SP tracks near Stewart ave. waiting for a red light to change, according to city police. The woman and her unborn son died this morning in a local hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

—(Kenn Knackstedt photo)

Unborn Son Also Dies of Injuries Sustained Today

Stewart Ave. Scene Of Seventh Fatality

A 28-year-old woman and her unborn son died this morning as the result of injuries sustained when her car was struck by a Southern Pacific switch-engine at 7:45 a.m. today, according to city police.

Mrs. William Donovan, of 13 Newtown st., Medford, died a few hours after the accident in a local hospital. It occurred while she was stopped on the SP tracks near Stewart ave. waiting for a red light to change, police said.

The fatalities brought to seven the number of persons killed in traffic accidents in Jackson county this year.

Car Said Blocked

According to witnesses, Mrs. Donovan's car was blocked by another in front of her and one in back, according to police reports. Witnesses also told police the car behind Mrs. Donovan was backed up and enough room was provided for Mrs. Donovan to avoid the oncoming train, but no attempt was made, police said.

Floyd Arno Bewley, 59, of Ashland, told police he tried to stop the train as soon as he saw the vehicle but the train's six box cars provided too much momentum to stop it, according to police. The train was estimated by police as traveling about 30-32 miles per hour.

Police said Mrs. Donovan suffered multiple head and internal injuries and a compound fracture of the leg. Mrs. Donovan's unborn son was expected to be born in July, police said.

Survivors include her husband. Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Beck's Franchise Dealings Told

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Rackets Committee was told that teamsters boss Dave Beck landed a Budweiser beer franchise for his son's firm and supplied an accountant paid with union funds.

Irving J. Levine, president of two firms which distribute beer and liquor in Washington and Alaska, testified that Beck "needed the Seattle Budweiser distributorship for him through an official of Anheuser-Busch brewery of St. Louis."

Levine said Dave Beck Jr., a friend, Dr. Alex Grinstein, then bought 49 per cent of his beer firm, K&L Beverage Co.

Later, he said, Mrs. Beck, wife of the head of America's biggest union, bought 40 per cent of an affiliated firm, K&L Distributors, which distributes liquor in Alaska.

Union accountant Stewart Krieger testified earlier that Beck hired him to handle the union's health and welfare fund for the state of Washington but assigned him for a year and a half to work solely for K&L.

He said he was paid salary and expenses entirely from union funds. The committee said this came to \$15,375.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 4 10 0
Chicago 1 4 2
F. Sullivan and White. Keegan, Fisher (8), Kinder (9) and Lollar.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis 13 19 1
New York 4 8 1
Cheney, Mizell (1), Schmidt (4), Jackson (8) and H. Smith; Antonelli, Ridsick (5), Margoneri (7), Jones (8), McCormick (9) and Katt.

\$345,177 Increase In County Budget Seen

The 1957-58 Jackson county budget will be \$345,177.65 more than the budget for the current year, unofficial tabulations indicate.

Proposed budget for the coming year is \$2,990,446.72 as compared with \$2,645,269.07 for 1956-57. The budget is now being double-checked in the clerk's office and is expected to be signed Thursday or Friday by the county budget committee.

Budget increases for 1957-58 are indicated for nearly all county departments. Most significant increases over last year are evident in the general road fund, which will be up \$115,697, and in the assessor's office, which will be up \$20,602.

Decreases Listed

Only decreases compared with last year's budget will be in the health department, down \$2,964; board of equalization, down \$350; and the Civil Defense fund, down \$735. No changes are evident in the election department, county compensation, Red Cross, indigent veterans fund, coroner's salary, surveyor's salary and county agent's office.

Among additions to the new

Water District Votes In More Property

Voters in the Kings highway water district Tuesday approved 43-11 the annexation to the district of a portion just south of the present incorporated area, according to Mrs. Jeannette Marshall, attorney of the district.

The election succeeded another election held last week, in which residents in the smaller area voted 45-2 to be annexed to the water district.

Boundaries of the area annexed extend south from Stewart ave. to a line 400 feet south of Old Stage rd. Happy Valley drive and Sunny View lane are the only other streets in the new area.

A bond issue election to approve installation of fire hydrant and water main improvements in the district will be held May 22 at the Wayne Troxell residence, 1833 South Peach st., Mrs. Marshall said.

Military Pay Increase Ordered by Wilson

Washington—(U.P.)—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson today ordered military pay raises ranging from \$12 to \$50 a month for 360,000 enlisted men with special skills.

"Confidentially, Which Of Us Do You Think Is Ahead?"



CONFERENCE ON THE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Powerplant Bids Scheduled to Be Opened June 18

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. June 18 at the bureau of reclamation office at Camp White for the Green Springs powerplant, switchyard and penstock.

The work is part of the Talent project and will be on a site southeast of Ashland along Emigrant creek near state Highway 66. Plans and specifications will be ready for mailing about May 10, bureau officials said.

Work on the powerplant project will include a single-unit concrete structure and tailrace structure, a major plant equipped by the government, about 9,000 linear feet of steel penstock, a surge tank, a switchyard, road relocation and a parking area.

16,000 Kilowatts
The penstock will be about a 1,775-foot drop into the powerplant, where it will generate about 16,000 kilowatts of electricity.

The powerplant is one of several parts of the Talent project which will be under construction this summer. Bids on other sections of the \$21 million project have been opened.

The Talent project includes the Howard Prairie reservoir, which will be a lake about 80 feet deep and 2,500 acres in area. Water from the lake will be diverted through creeks and man-made canals, conduits and tunnels through the Cascade divide to the west slope of the Green Springs.

From there it will drop into the powerplant, from where it will continue to Emigrant lake for distribution throughout the Rogue valley for irrigation.

Diamond Lake Road To Open Friday
Salem—The east and west Diamond lake highways will be opened to traffic at 9 a.m. Friday, May 10, according to W. C. (Dutch) Williams, state highway engineer.

The highway has been closed since last fall because of snow. Opening date is about two weeks earlier than normal, he said. Crews have been operating snow removal equipment, and report good progress against a snow pack estimated at only 70 per cent of normal.

Reduced load limits for trucks will be in effect on both the east and west Diamond Lake highways about two weeks until the roadbed dries, out, Williams said.

Also scheduled to open May 10 is the Mt. Hood Loop highway. The McKenzie River highway is expected to be open to traffic May 17, about two weeks earlier than usual.

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon had 121 traffic fatalities in 1957 through April, the Traffic Safety Commission said. This is four fewer than the same period a year ago.

Eugene—(U.P.)—Louis Howe Johnson, 89, controller emeritus at the University of Oregon, died Monday.

Talent Irrigation District to Start Using Storage Water Next Wednesday

Talent—The board of directors of the Talent Irrigation district last night decided to start using storage water for irrigation at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, because of decreased snow pack and resultant lower stream flow.

The starting date, which depends on stream flow, will be about a month earlier than last year, according to Walter Hoffbuhr, secretary-manager of the district. Last year, storage water was used starting June 18.

The board decided on a quota of 1 1/2 acre feet per user per acre. There are 1,143 tracts with 10,600 acres in the district.

Hoffbuhr said all TID reservoirs are full. Pastures and other crops such as grains have been using water since the latter part of April, Hoffbuhr said. Rain last month delayed the normal starting time for irrigation of pastures in the valley.

Recent hot weather put a heavy demand on water for surface crops, according to Harold Sexton, manager of Rogue River Valley Irrigation district. Pear orchard irrigation has not started in the RRVID as yet, he said.

Sexton said April rains delayed the normal starting date about 10 days for surface crops.

Jack Hoffbuhr, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, said irrigation in the district is running about three-fourths capacity at present. He said stream flow is decreasing at present. First irrigation of the season started about 10 days ago, he added.

Jack Hoffbuhr said there may be some danger of a shortage in August, but indicated that because pears are developing more rapidly than usual, any shortage may not cause substantial damage unless to late pears. He said the last irrigation of orchards probably will be earlier this year.