

Mock Nuclear Attacks Put Nation To Test

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PICKET LINE — Above is Page Stauffer, Butte Falls, one of three independent truckers striking against Austin L. King, Medford trucking contractor, who has been hauling logs for Medco from the woods to the firm's reload point above Butte Falls. Stauffer, along with two other truckers, John Zimmer-

No Settlement Signs Reported in Strike Against Austin King

No signs of settlement were reported today in the strike against Austin L. King, Medford trucking contractor, by local 6221, International Woodworkers of America, AFL-CIO.

The strike has caused the shut down of woods and railroad operations of Medford Corporation and approximately 130 employees of Medco are off the job. King has been hauling logs for Medco from the woods to the firm's railroad reload above Butte Falls.

King said today that the strike started as a result of a dispute over rehiring equipment of three truckers. King said they have previously used their own equipment which they rented to him.

Camp White Man Faces Grand Jury

Martin Dave Wilkinson, 56, of Camp White, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday after appearing in district court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Wilkinson is accused of stabbing Roger Walter Moreland, 56, of 520 North Front st., on Thursday. Moreland was released from a local hospital after treatment for his injuries yesterday.

Wilkinson is being held on \$2500 bail.

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Congress Moving Toward Mild Study of Girard Case

Washington — Congress appeared today to be moving toward a mild study of the controversial Girard case instead of drastic action to scrap this nation's status-of-forces agreements with allies.

Calculated Risk

In the House, leaders said they have a "good chance" to defeat attempts to revoke the agreements which govern whether the United States or a foreign government tries GIs for crimes committed abroad.

They have decided to take a calculated risk on rounding up enough votes to kill such attempts.

At the same time, two major investigations of the Girard case and the status-of-forces agree-

Eisenhower Signs \$1,990,000,000 Housing Program

Washington — President Eisenhower signed the \$1,990,000,000 housing bill today even though he said it has "a number of serious defects."

Khrushchev Proposes Mutual Existence

Prague, Czechoslovakia — Soviet party leader Nikita Khrushchev likened co-existence Thursday night to a "marriage of convenience" between the capitalist and Communist worlds and said there is "no other way."

"There are many cases of people not in love marrying and after they get married they build happy lives," he said at a gala reception while looking straight at the Western diplomats present. "Let us do it. Let us compete and see which system is superior."

Grand Jury Selects New Foreman Today

Members of the Jackson county grand jury went into session this morning without the foreman who was originally selected.

The grand jury session was to have started yesterday but was postponed when it was learned the jury foreman was out of town. Today, however, a new foreman was selected.

Navy Attack Plane Crashes in Mountains

Alameda, Calif. — A Navy AD7 attack carrier today crashed and burned in the rugged mountains of the Feather River's Middle Fork Canyon, an Alameda Naval Air Station spokesman reported. The fate of the pilot was unknown.

Paramedics from the air station were flown to the area and jumped to the edge of a brush fire at 1 p.m.

The Navy said the plane, accompanied by at least two others of a similar type, was on a routine navigational training flight and not participating in today's mock civil defense atomic attack.

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Areas of National Forest Are Closed

A few small areas in the Rogue River National forest having unusually high fire hazards have been closed to entry by Governor's proclamation, Forest Supervisor Carroll E. Brown, announced today.

Weather

FORECAST: Variable high clouds, otherwise fair through Saturday. Low tonight 33. High Saturday 85-88. Temp. Highest Yesterday 86. Lowest This Morning 54.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:45 a.m.
Sunset 7:48 p.m.
Moonrise 8:04 p.m.
Last Quarter July 13

PROMINENT STARS
Spica, in the southwest 8:33 p.m.
Regulus, sets 9:13 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Jupiter, between Spica and Regulus
Venus, sets 8:45 p.m.
Saturn, due south 9:16 p.m.

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Missing American After Trip to Red China

Hong Kong — Donald Jackson Blackwood, 24, whose disappearance two months ago became a cold war mystery, said today he went into Red China out of "curiosity" but was "disappointed" with what he saw.

Blackwood, of Cincinnati, O., returned by ferry boat to Hong Kong this morning with his North Korean-born wife and small child.

The Chinese Communists expelled them Thursday across the border into the Portuguese colony of Macao.

"I was curious to see China and learn all about it," Blackwood told newsmen. "Now that I've made the trip I am disappointed and sorry." He called the trip an "irresponsible gesture on my part" and admitted quietly he had disobeyed a State Department man on travel to Red China.

Air Force to Build Radar Station on King Mountain Site

An Air Force communication and radar tower are scheduled for construction at Placer Air Force station, located on King Mountain on the Josephine-Jackson county line.

The project is called a gap filler facility and is believed to be the first Air Force radar installation to be built in southern Oregon.

Date of construction has not been established, according to Gilbert R. Beane, technical liaison officer, Seattle district, corps of Army engineers. Bid opening was previously scheduled for July 26, but the project has been deferred for construction and bid opening indefinitely postponed.

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The communication building will have approximately 1,240 square feet of floorspace, concrete foundation and floor slab, concrete block walls, open web steel roof joists and metal deck with insulated and built up roof. Also included in the project will be a heating and ventilating system, perimeter chain link fence, concrete walks, reinforced concrete tower foundation and tower erection.

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Local Resources Group Is Planned

Two representatives of the Oregon Water Resources board from Salem will be in Jackson county Monday to attend a meeting with the county court concerning formation of a local water resources committee.

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Portland, Klamath Receive Simulated Warning of Bombers

Salem — Portland was theoretically struck by two atomic bombs at 10:22 a.m. (PST) today at the climax of the nation-wide civil defense exercise Operation Alert 1957.

Salem — Operation Alert 1957, the nation-wide civil defense exercise, was progressing satisfactorily at mid-morning today, according to Oregon civil defense officials.

Both Portland and Klamath Falls received simulated warnings of the approach of enemy bombers at 8:02 a.m.

Portland started a mock evacuation at 8:25 a.m. and Klamath Falls at 8:10 a.m. Enemy bombs were theoretically over Portland at 10:02 a.m. but it was not to be known until later whether any nuclear "bombs" were dropped in Oregon.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes signed a proclamation giving himself emergency powers at 9:07 a.m. and then told county CD leaders on a special radio hookup: "As a part of operation alert I have just signed a proclamation declaring a general emergency in the state of Oregon and designating the entire state as an emergency disaster area."

The governor went on to commend counties of the state for their effort and interest in developing a sound civil defense program.

Col. Arthur Sheets, state CD director, said that should nuclear weapons be "detonated" at Portland or Klamath Falls today the state would be relatively free of radioactive fallout.

Sheets added, however, that southern Oregon might receive some fallout from a nuclear explosion at San Francisco should one be planned as part of the exercise.

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Civil Defense Organizations Called To Crisis

Eisenhower Whisked Out of Washington

Emergency News Center, Operation Alert — The nation underwent a mock nuclear attack today with government and civil defense organizations deploying their forces to meet the imaginary crisis.

President Eisenhower was whisked out of Washington by helicopter as more than 100 American cities were subject to a theoretical nuclear pummeling in Operation Alert 1957.

The simulated attack kicked off the second phase of the alert designed to test the ability of civilian defense workers to cope with the havoc that would be caused by nuclear bombings.

Government Operations Moved

The training exercise also gave government agencies experience in manning emergency centers to evaluate "plans for the mobilization and allocation of manpower and material resources in a post-attack situation."

Government departments were relocated at sites in a wide radius away from Washington. The White House said Eisenhower's flight this afternoon was not directly connected with the alert but only to test helicopter travel and White House emergency communication.

First Phase Ends

The first phase of Operation Alert ended this morning. That phase began more than a month ago with the assumption of a "heightened international tension and deteriorating international relations."

The Emergency News Headquarters from which this is written will not come into being officially until the imaginary nuclear attack begins on the continental United States. Many government workers have flocked to this secret relocation center to test communications and transportation facilities.

After the hypothetical attack, news will flow into this center from affected areas, simulating a reporting system as it would actually be used in an emergency.

Hearing on Budget Scheduled Tonight

A public hearing on a general fund budget of \$810,912 for fiscal year 1957-58 for Medford will be held by the city council at 7:30 p.m. today in the council chambers.

The budget is within the 6 per cent allowable increase. Estimated receipts are \$453,699, and the estimated balance is \$357,213. The amount allowable under the 6 per cent limitation is \$304,848.

Dave Beck Indicted For Grand Larceny

Seattle — Teamsters President Dave Beck today was indicted by the King County Grand Jury on one count of grand larceny.

The amount of money involved in the indictment was not immediately available.

Beck was booked by Sheriff Tim McCullough and released after posting \$3,000 bond.

Beck told newsmen he had no immediate comments to make on the indictment but would hold a news conference in his office here at 4 p.m. (p.s.t.)

Salem Voters Approve Tax Levy of \$330,000

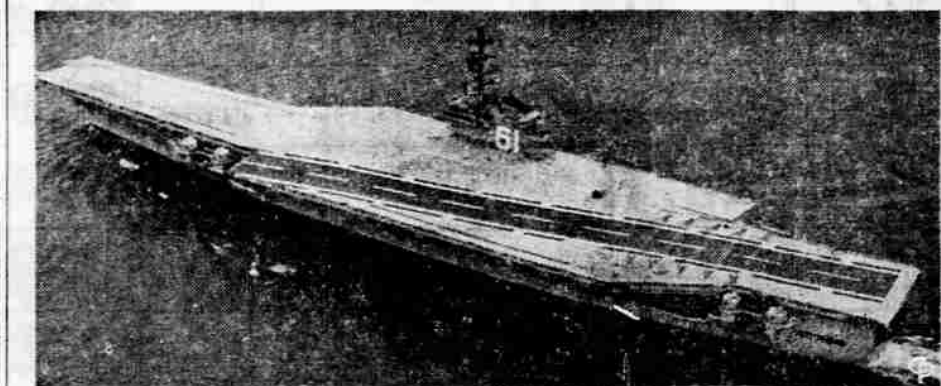
Salem — Salem voters, going to the polls in "fairly heavy numbers," Thursday approved a \$180,000 tax levy to repair two city swimming pools and a \$150,000 bond issue to improve city parks.

County Commissioner Gets Locked In Jail

County Commissioner Chester Wendt spent a short time in the county jail today—but it was all by accident.

According to reports, Wendt (who is courthouse building superintendent) and a group of plumbers went to the jail to examine a water leak. When they prepared to leave the detention quarters, they discovered they had been locked in.

After a brief delay, the jailer appeared on the scene to unlock the heavy door. Wendt and his companions were happy to be free, and generally none-the-worse for their experience.



LEAVING SHIPYARD at Newport News, Va., Carrier Ranger starts on sea trials with civilian crew of 1,000 engineering experts. She is 1,046 feet in length. (International)