

# TNT Explosion on Navy Vessel Kills Three

"Ah, Well, It's An Ill Wind—"



## PLANE SMASHES HOUSES

Worcester, Mass.—A jet plane crashed into a residential section here today and set fire to six houses. The pilot was killed. The unidentified military jet circled low before plowing into the houses. The crash touched off flames which engulfed the wrecked houses. Fire apparatus from throughout the city sped to the scene. The plane first hit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verner W. Nelson. The craft then slammed into the other houses. Mrs. Joseph E. Hannigan, whose house also was hit by pieces of the plane, said "the shock of the crash stunned me." "The whole house vibrated," she said. "I thought it was an earthquake. I ran to the window and saw flames and smoke. I could not tell whether anyone was injured. Then a lot of people came running from every direction."

## Five New City Police Officers in Training

Five new recruits are among those taking a special three-week city police training course, Capt. Clyde C. Fichtner reported today. The new officers who started work Monday are Roy Lee Thompson; Elvin Russell Renfro; Charles Preston Chisum; Bruce Rodney Long and Garnet Stoltenberg. Four other officers who have joined the department in recent weeks are also taking the course. Hiring of the five new officers was authorized by the city council Friday night. The five new recruits are taking the special instruction from 1 to 5 p.m. five days a week and spending the remainder of the eight-hour shift with experienced officers. Their practical experience includes both foot and car patrols. Captain Fichtner explained. Lecturers include those from the police department and from the outside. Among the latter are Don P. McNeil, chamber of commerce secretary; Inspector Alvin

## Boat Trip, Festival Beckon Gov. Holmes

Salem.—A boat trip down the Columbia river and the Oregon fish festival at Astoria beckoned Gov. and Mrs. Robert D. Holmes today. The Holmes' were scheduled to leave Portland today aboard the "Blue Water" for the trip to the mouth of the Columbia where the three-day festival and Astoria regatta get under way at 3:30 p.m. on their arrival. Later the governor will participate in coronation activities and issue a special fisheries proclamation for his home Clatsop county area. The governor will return to his capitol desk Friday morning to work on details of the new development program for Oregon. He will return for Saturday activities at the coast city. Sunday he plans to confer with leaders of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce at Salem.

## Council To Consider Rezoning Property

The Medford city council at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today will consider a request for a change of zone from single family to limited commercial for 28.3 acres of land at the corner of Jackson st. and Biddle rd. The change has been requested for a proposed \$1 1/2 million shopping center on property now owned by Dr. I. D. Phipps. A public hearing on the request was held July 5, at which time arguments for and against rezoning were presented. Several downtown businessmen opposed changing the zone and several residents indicated they favored the rezoning proposal. The council also will consider calling for bids on selling general obligation bonds for the arterial street and storm sewer programs. Both programs, and a sanitary sewer program, were approved by Medford residents in last November's election.

## Government Rests In Segregation Case

Knoxville, Tenn.—The government rested its case against 15 segregationists today admitting it could not convict four of them and the defense moved for directed acquittal of the other 11. The court overruled the dismissal motions. Defendants Thomas Sanders, Chris Foust, John Brown Long and J. L. Coley were dismissed. U. S. Attorney John C. Crawford Jr. asked the court to take action and U. S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor agreed. Robert L. Dobbs, Memphis, chief counsel for the remaining 10 residents of Clinton, Tenn., charged with interfering with school integration, then moved for "dismissal verdicts against these other defendants."

## Thornton Rules on County Purchasing

Salem.—County purchasing must be done through the county court or county commissioners as the purchasing agency of the county, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today. The opinion pointed out that authority to purchase is vested in the county courts or commissioners and may not be delegated by them to others.

## Clam Chowder, Pretty Girls Will Hold Spotlight at Seaside This Week End

Seaside.—Clam chowder and cheesecake are on the Seaside menu for this week end. The Miss Oregon Beauty Pageant here will feature for the first time this year a clam chowder feed that is expected to draw as many as 3000 persons on hand for the banquet. Oregon's representative at the Atlantic City Miss America con-

## News Coverage of Communist China Up for Discussion

Dulles, News Media Representatives Meet

Washington.—A compromise plan for limited American news coverage of Communist China was up for discussion this afternoon in a meeting of news media representatives and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The meeting may produce a long-awaited breakthrough in the "Bamboo Curtain," which was first created by the Chinese Communists and later maintained by a State Department ban on all American travel to the Chinese mainland. Ready to Compromise Dulles was said to be ready to agree to a compromise that would permit stationing in Communist China of one reporter for each of about a dozen American news-gathering agencies, newspapers, radio-TV networks and magazines which had correspondents in China in 1949.

Nearly eight years ago, the new Chinese Communist regime in effect evicted American newsmen by ordering them to stop filing dispatches. The State Department promptly denounced the ban as the act of a dictatorship fearful of "objective reporting."

"The Chinese order is not based on military security or censorship but solely on the ground of non-recognition of the recently announced Communist regime," the State Department said on Oct. 7, 1949. "It is evident that this order constitutes a crude effort on the part of the Chinese Communists to force recognition of their newly established regime."

Position Reversed When Red China offered last August to open its borders to American newsmen, the State Department reversed its position.

Dulles argued that to let Americans—newsmen or any other citizens—enter Communist China would weaken the U. S. policy of no contact with the Peiping regime, enhance its prestige, expose the State Department to demands of other Americans for passports to visit China, and play into the Communist's hands.

U. S. citizens could not be assured protection in a country that is still holding some American prisoners on false espionage charges, Dulles said.

## Oregon City-LA Run Planned by Indian

Oregon City.—Duncan Seymour, 36, a Blackfoot Indian, plans to run from here to Los Angeles. Seymour, a former bronc buster from Calgary, Canada, expects to make the trip in 24 days or less, starting today. He plans to follow U. S. Highway 99 to Sacramento, Calif., and then on to San Francisco. From there he will take Highway 101 on to Los Angeles. To toughen up his feet for the grueling run, Seymour walked from Calgary to Oregon City.

## Rhee Warns Western Leaders on Disaster

Soul, Korea.—President Syngman Rhee warned today that western leaders are inviting disaster by talking disarmament, relaxing trade curbs and speculating hopefully the downfall of the Kremlin's oldtime Stalinists will lead to a friendlier world. "The relentless goal of Communism," Rhee said, "is still conquest of the world and, accordingly, ultimate destruction of America."

## Dutch Girl, Principal Will Marry at Salem

Salem.—The romance of a 20-year-old Dutch girl with her 56-year-old high school principal will be culminated in marriage here at 3 p.m. Sunday. Susan E. W. Ginnebrugg and her fiance, Rudolph G. Arentsen, first met when she was a pupil and he the director of the G. P. Thyse school in The Hague, Netherlands.

## Congressional Groups Favor Pay Increases

Washington.—Two congressional committees, overriding President Eisenhower's opposition, voted today in favor of pay increases for the government's 950,000 civil servants. The President has urged against this and other federal pay increase proposals on grounds they would aggravate the inflation.

## SP BRUSHES ASIDE PORTER'S SUGGESTION FOR DIESEL UNIT ON EUGENE-ASHLAND RUN

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington.—The president of Southern Pacific railroad has brushed aside a suggestion from an Oregon congressman that the SP experiment for a year with diesel car passenger service between Eugene and Ashland. He indicated he thought the railroad couldn't afford the experiment.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) asked SP President D. J. Russell to try out the type of diesel car which many other railroads are employing for short passenger routes. Each car has a self-contained diesel power plant and can accommodate up to 90 passengers each. Other models are available for less seating capacity along with space for baggage, mail and express cargo.

"It is my opinion that, not only would you be doing your duty under your franchise, but you would develop a profitable service and, even perhaps more important to you, you would change the opinion of many people about the policies of the Southern Pacific," wrote Porter to the SP executive.

Porter pointed out that SP already has one car of this type but has never used it on any operation except the run from Sacramento to Oakland. When the railroad discontinued its passenger service from Eugene to Ashland in 1955, the Budd Co., maker of the diesel cars, tried to persuade the SP to try one on this western Oregon run, observed Porter, but was told that the railroad figured there wouldn't be enough travel to match costs.

Russell said SP dropped its passenger service because it was costing the company \$466,000 a year due to declining patronage. He added:

## Russell Visions Death of Part III Barring Pressure

Washington.—Sen. Richard B. Russell predicted today that Senate will kill the most controversial section of the civil rights bill unless "some unusual pressure is brought."

The Georgia Democrat, leader of the southern bloc fighting the bill, apparently meant White House pressure.

He referred to Part III of the administration's four-point rights bill. Part III would prevent the attorney general to seek federal court injunctions to prevent threatened violation of any civil rights. President Eisenhower indicated Wednesday he does not favor extending this power to school segregation cases unless local authorities ask for federal intervention.

Amendment Debate Continues Russell's prediction was made to newsmen as the Senate headed into the second day of debate on an amendment by Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) and Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), to knock out Part III. It is the 10th day of overall debate on the knotty civil rights issue.

Removal of that section would make the legislation mainly a voting rights bill. But it would not guarantee jury trials in contempt cases involving voting rights. Other sections would create a bipartisan commission to investigate voting rights violations; establish a new civil rights division in the Justice Department; and authorize the seeking of injunctions in voting cases.

## Lie Tests Continue In Sheppard Case

Deland, Fla.—A lie detector expert, unsatisfied after a three-hour session, resumed tests today to determine if convict Donald Joseph Wedler was involved in the sensational Sheppard murder case in Cleveland in 1954. "The results last night warrant additional tests," Alex Gregory of Detroit said just before starting another session with the 23-year-old convict, the latest of 25 "confessors" in the murder of Marilyn Sheppard. When asked if Wedler had "passed" the test, an associate of Gregory replied, "We are trying to determine whether he is telling the truth. You don't pass or 'fail' on the polygraph."

However, in Columbus, Ohio, Gov. C. William O'Neill was informed that the lie detector test showed Wedler told the truth. (See Story on Page 11)

## Slight Earth Tremors Reported in Damascus

Damascus, Syria.—Two slight earth tremors hit Damascus just before noon today but no damage or casualties were reported. Thirteen bulldozers were able to bring the fire under control in the new direction it had threatened the town of 1,000 inhabitants and a native hospital. Civil Defense Director George Guilsher said further plans to evacuate hospital patients by air to Anchorage were suspended. Bethel hospital was rebuilt in 1954 after being destroyed by fire in 1950. The latest tundra fire was one of several which have raged in the Alaskan interior for weeks.

## Wind Turns Fire From Alaska Town

Anchorage, Alaska.—A change of wind Wednesday night turned a raging tundra fire away from the little city of Bethel, 400 miles west of here. Thirteen bulldozers were able to bring the fire under control in the new direction it had threatened the town of 1,000 inhabitants and a native hospital. Civil Defense Director George Guilsher said further plans to evacuate hospital patients by air to Anchorage were suspended. Bethel hospital was rebuilt in 1954 after being destroyed by fire in 1950. The latest tundra fire was one of several which have raged in the Alaskan interior for weeks.

## San Francisco Elks Conclude 93rd Grand Lodge Convention Today

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## McKay Named To Joint Commission

Former Interior Secretary To Head US-Canada Group

Neskwon, Ore.—Former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said today he would be in Washington, D.C., July 30 to learn details of his new job as chairman of the U.S.-Canadian International Joint Commission.

President Eisenhower appointed McKay to the \$20,000-a-year position earlier today. The six-member commission has jurisdiction over all boundary water questions between the U. S. and Canada.

McKay said he had not been a candidate for the job. Had Hoped To Retire "I had hoped to retire right here in Oregon, but when the vacancy occurred and the White House called, I agreed," McKay said.

McKay, also a former governor of Oregon, said the commission job was very important to the people of both the United States and Canada, and particularly to the people of the Columbia Basin.

"The job will offer me a chance to serve both the people of the United States and the Pacific Northwest," McKay added.

McKay, who said he was familiar with the commission's work, said he would take a furnished apartment in Washington where the commission is headquartered.

McKay Resigns Alaskan Post McKay has been living in Salem, Ore., and his Neskwon beach home since his unsuccessful attempt to unseat Oregon Democratic Senator Wayne Morse last year.

He said he had to be in Washington anyway on July 30 for a meeting of the Alaska Railroad and Highway commission from which he will probably resign.

Yacancy on the commission occurred when Len Jordan, former governor of Idaho, resigned.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Friday morning. Partly cloudy Friday afternoon with possibility of a few scattered thunderstorms over mountains. Low tonight 46, High Friday 80.

Highest Yesterday 81  
Lowest this Morning 47

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:38 a.m.  
Sunset 7:43 p.m.  
Moonrise 10:31 p.m.  
Last Quarter July 19

PROMINENT STAR Arcturus high in the southwest at sunset, will be in the west at moonrise. The sixth brightest star, it is 36 light years from the Earth.

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Former Interior Secretary To Head US-Canada Group

Washington.—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today termed the appointment of former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay to the International Joint Commission by President Eisenhower as "incredible."

Neuberger said the appointment confirmed the need for his earlier recommendation that the post be made subject to Senate confirmation.

Senator "Disappointed" Eisenhower appointed McKay to the \$20,000 a year job to succeed ex-Gov. Len Jordan of Idaho. The commission has jurisdiction over boundary water questions between the U. S. and Canada.

Neuberger said he was "disappointed" by the appointment of "another foe of public power" to a commission responsible for negotiation with Canada to increase the capacity of the federal power system on the Columbia river.

He charged that under Jordan "our relations with Canada have deteriorated to the point where Canadians actually are considering a diversion of water out of the upper Columbia river."

Neuberger said Eisenhower should have named an engineer of "impartial standing" like Dr. Paul Raver, former head of the Bonneville Power Administration, or Gen. Samuel Sturgis, former chief of Army engineers.

## Ammonia Fumes Chase Residents

Red Bud, Ill.—About 1,500 of the 2,000 residents here fled their homes today when foul-smelling anhydrous ammonia gas enveloped the town.

Twenty five persons became ill, but none required hospitalization. Tree leaves, grass and garden plants in the northwest portion of the city, where the choking fumes were concentrated, turned black and will die. White houses turned brown.

The gas escaped when a hose broke as Claude Simpson was filling a tank truck with the fertilizer component at his bulk station. He repaired the leak in about an hour after finding a gas mask.

Mayor Walter Schuchmann said the night watchman at the bulk station called to tell of the leak about 5 a.m. Schuchmann turned on the fire siren and let it blast continuously.

He then went to the town telephone switchboard and answered dozens of inquiring calls, warning them to leave town.

Police Officer Henry Braun raced up and down the street in the hardest hit section to warn the residents.

## Coloradoans Flee Threat of Dam Break

Capulin, Colo.—Another 1,200 Southern Colorado residents along the Alamosa river were warned to "stand by to evacuate" today below the crumbling Terrace reservoir dam after 400 residents of this community fled to higher ground.

Capulin was evacuated shortly before 10 a.m. when officials warned a wall of water would flood the small community if the dam gave way.

Warnings were out before noon to residents in nearby La Jara Sanford, and Manassa, Colo., to "be prepared to evacuate on short notice."

Officials still held out some hope that bulldozers could save the dam, but no official would be quoted as saying the structure would hold.

## Representatives Discuss Kiwanis Show, County Fair

Representatives of the Kiwanis Club and Country Holiday is Town and Country Holiday met recently with representatives of 4-H and Future Farmers of America clubs to gain their cooperation in use of the Medford National Guard Armory next month. Both the "Holiday" and the 4-H and FFA fair will be staged at the same time. The fair opens Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 20, and will continue through Saturday, Aug. 24. The Kiwanis Holiday opens Thursday, Aug. 22, and will close Aug. 25. Ray Johnson, vice-chairman for the event, told members of

## Eight Others Hurt As Blast Occurs During Test Work

Liner Queen Mary Makes Doctor Available

New London, Conn.—A 2 1/2-pound charge of TNT used in experimental work exploded on the deck of the escort vessel Somersworth Wednesday night killing three sailors and injuring eight others, four seriously.

The blast occurred on the forecastle deck at 1:45 p.m. (PST) when the ship was off Montauk Point conducting "test operations" with the submarine Tiranite, the Navy said. The ship was not damaged.

Investigation Started First indication caused Navy investigators to believe that a time fuse on the charge may have been defective, the Navy said. A board of officers from the New London base began an investigation of the accident when the ship arrived here shortly after midnight (PST).

The charges are used in "investigations of transmission," in underwater work, the Navy said.

The four seriously injured sailors were transferred to the British liner Queen Mary, who halted her eastward Atlantic crossing to make her doctor available.

Treated Aboard Ship They were treated aboard the passenger liner and then lowered to the deck of the Navy submarine rescue ship Sunbird which had sped to assist the injured with two doctors aboard.

The dead were: Anthony Focca, Pipefitter 1C, Groton, Conn. John R. Turley, quartermaster 1C, New London, Conn. Francis P. Brophy, 1B, seaman, Malden, Mass.

Critically injured were Norman C. Bradford, 19, seaman, Columbus, Ohio; Irwin Zelanko, 20, fireman, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Marlin K. Fisher, 21, Electronic technician 2C, New London, Conn., and Delbert Littlehale, a civilian employed at the Underwater Sound Laboratory in Groton, Conn.

## Syrian Troops Moving to Border

Beirut, Lebanon.—Highways leading to the tense Syria-Israeli border are clogged with Syrian troop reinforcements moving into the area, reliable sources said today. Syria also was reported to have cancelled all army leave.

The same sources quoted Syrian army officers as saying Israel had massed artillery and men at its border with Syria and in the demilitarized zones where Israel used tanks last week against Syrian guns in a ten-hour border battle.

An report from Damascus said in Syria at start of the troop movements, but it was not established here whether the alert was regional or nationwide.

The Damascus reports said the Syrian government attitude was to expect the worst — another Israeli attack—and not to be caught unprepared if a major attack comes.

## Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Washington ..... 4 13 2  
Cleveland ..... 0 3 2  
Pascual and Berberet; Pitu-  
la, McClish (7) and Nixon.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Cincinnati ..... 2 7 1  
New York ..... 1 8 0  
Klippstein, Sanchez (9) and  
Bailey; Miller, Grissom (8)  
and Thomas, Katt (5), Westrum  
(8).  
Chicago ..... 5 11 0  
Pittsburgh ..... 6 13 1  
Drott, Lown (7) and Neeman;  
Purkey, Arroyo (8) and Rand.

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