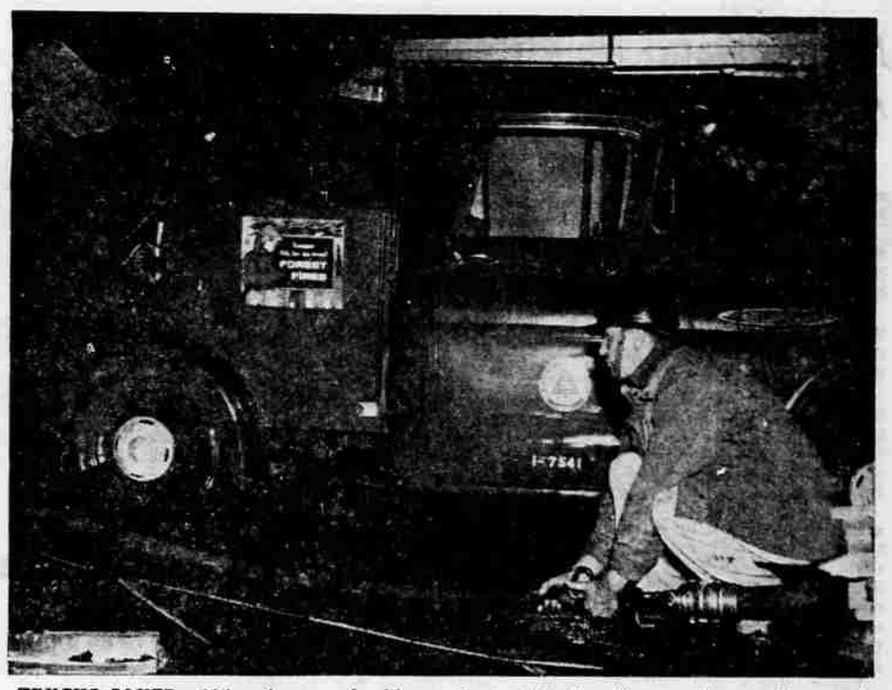
FLAMES CONTROLLED—Firemen, working with three trucks with an aerial ladder truck, brought last night's fire in the Palm building, Medford, under control after battling the blaze for more than an hour. Above, an unidentified fireman on the aerial ladder plays a stream of water onto the roof while another fireman mans the hydraulic ladder controls. The fire originated in the back of the Tri-County Office supply on South Fir st. At one time, the flames flared up to a height of 30 feet or more, firemen said.
—(Mel Scott Photo).

MAN FIRE HOSE—With smoke pouring out the front entrance to the Palm building at 16 South Fir st., firemen work a four-inch hose into the building to get at the flames from below. The building housed a number of trucks owned by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. A total of 39 men, including 10 volunteers, answered the general alarm, which was turned in about 7:45 p.m
—(Mel Scott Photo).



TRUCKS SAVED—Although covered with a mass of charred lumber and tin roofing material a number of trucks belonging to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company were only moderately damaged when the roof of the Palm building collapsed during last night's fire. Above, a fireman disconnects a hose beside one of the trucks after the fire had been extinguished. All of the vehicles are repairable, according to Jack Creager, manager of the telephone company.
—(Bob Vroman Photo).

INSPECTS DAMAGE—Fire Chief Gordon Barker, picking his way through debris, inspects the damage to the Palm building and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company trucks after last night's fire. The roof and ceiling of the building collapsed but comparatively little damage was done to vehicles inside. The fire, confined mostly to the roof, did not ignite any of the gasoline tanks or tires on the vehicles.
—(Bob Vroman Photo).

Fire Damages Palm Building; Cause Is Yet Undetermined

Telephone Service Trucks in Building

Fire last night extensively damaged the Palm building, 16 South Fir st., which housed the Tri-County Office supply and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's service truck storage.

A total of 39 men, including 10 volunteers, fought the fire about two hours. Three trucks and the aerial ladder truck answered the general alarm.

Originates in Storeroom

Firemen said the blaze originated in a small storeroom back of the Tri-County Office supply space and about mid-way of the building on the north side. Cause of the fire had not been determined late this morning, they added.

When the alarm was turned in at 7:47 p.m., flames and smoke were streaming from the roof, firemen said. The alarm was turned in from the Labor temple, which is across the street from the Palm building.

Flames extended through a false ceiling in the northeast corner, a sheet metal ceiling and through asphalt and paper covered wood roof over the front part of the building, firemen said.

Nine Lines Used

Firemen fought the blaze from the aerial ladder truck, the ground and rooftops of nearby buildings. Nine lines were used in controlling the fire, and one in mopping up operations, firemen said.

At its height, flames and smoke were visible for several miles. Several hundred spectators watched as firemen controlled the blaze.

Firemen said there was no extensive fire damage to contents of building, but water and heat damage was extensive. Jack Creager, local manager of PT&T, estimated damage to trucks between $2,500 and $3,000, but pointed out it was a "rough estimate."

Power Wagon Damaged

He said a power wagon for transporting personnel was extensively damaged, and glass in three service trucks was broken, paint was scorched and ladders charred. Little damage was done when the roof fell in, he said.

Four trucks were removed with minor damage, Creager added. All the damage to trucks is repairable, he said.

The first fire truck returned to the central fire station at 9:01 p.m., and the last truck left the scene about 9:49 p.m., firemen said.

Klamath Falls — (AP) — Mrs. Richard M. Smith of Klamath Falls has bee nappointed to the Klamath County Welfare commission.

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Alley Closure Adds Emphasis to Slump In Lumber Market

A higher than average level of unemployment and a fairly wide closure of small mills in southern Oregon were indicated today in a survey of lumber officials and the Oregon state employment service.

Emphasis to the situation was added this week with announcement that the 150-employee Alley Brothers mill at Phoenix will close Aug. 2.

R. H. Alley, president, said the large plant is expected to shut down after a two-week period to prepare for ending the operation. Alley and his brother, Frank (Bob) Alley Jr. Los Angeles, began operation of the mill about 1940.

Unable to Compete

The president, who is in Los Angeles to study the firm's remanufacturing plant there, was quoted as saying the local closure resulted because "it has come to the point where log-buying mills are unable to compete." Hunter and Best Mills, Applegate, shut down May 13 affecting more than 100 workers in the industry.

Other industry spokesmen confirmed Alley's explanation that the cost of logs and the cost of preparing them for market exceeds the marketing price.

One mill operator estimated that less than half of the 70 mills employing between 10 and 30 men which were operating in southern Oregon last year are now in business.

He said the effects of the closures reach thousands of workers locally. Larger mills with large holdings of cheap stumpage are able to continue operation, he maintained.

Unemployment Doubles

John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the Oregon state employment service, said unemployment for July while still not serious is about double that of last year.

At the end of June, the county had an estimated 1,150 unemployed compared with 505 last year.

Although a large number of those seeking work are experienced in logging and lumber occupations, Patton said most of the unemployed represented a general lack of work which might be related to the lumber shutdowns.

Speaking of the Alley mill closure, the firm's president said every effort will be made to relocate workers who become jobless.

Patton said the number of unemployed, while lower than past years, is not alarming. Employment has just failed to rise as high as it usually does when seasonal work is at its peak in the valley he stated.

Sailor Takes First Flight in Plane Stolen in Medford

Sheriff's deputies at Ukiah, Calif., are holding a 17-year-old Navy seaman for the theft last night of a 1957 Cessna single engine light plane from the Medford airport.

Ukiah officials said that Charles Wheeler Highsmith, who is AWOL from Hunters Point in San Francisco, had never flown an airplane before. The plane clipped the tops off two trees while landing at Ukiah airport, they said.

Medford police were notified by Ira G. Parish, control tower operator, of a plane flying low over the city shortly after 10 p.m. yesterday.

Investigation Conducted

An investigation which followed at the airport showed the $10,000 Cessna 170, owned by the Rogue Flying Service, Inc., had been removed from a hangar, officers reported.

Entrance was made after a window pane had been broken on a locked hanger door, police said. Officers were told that a sailor had been seen around the airport during the afternoon.

The plane had enough gas for about four hours' flight, the flying service told police, and landed at Ukiah with the fuel indicator registering "empty," reports from there said.

Met by Sheriff

Highsmith, a native of Fort Worth, Tex., was met by the Mendocino county sheriff. The Ukiah report said that Highsmith hitchhiked to Medford with a friend, who suggested they steal a car.

When Highsmith decided a plane would be better, the "friend dissolved the partnership when he found Highsmith would be making his first flight," officials said.

Medford police said they did not know if or when Highsmith might be returned here.

"Look—I'll Let A Few Of You Have Dates With Her"

LSW Union Discusses Strike Against Medco

Members of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, Local 2715, AFL, last night discussed the strike of about 130 woods and railroad employees against Medford corporation, and expressed dissatisfaction with Medco's position.

The strike began Monday and was called following failure to agree on wage and other negotiations which have been under way since April. The union, whose members approved the strike, is Local 6-221, International Woodworkers of America, AFL-CIO.

Pass Picket Lines

The Medco mill is operating with members of the LSW who have passed the picket lines established by striking workers. The woods operation and railroad are shut down.

Warren Davis, business agent of Local 2715, LSW, said union "employees of Medco indicated that they were highly dissatisfied with the actions of the company in not granting a wage increase like many of the other mills of the Willamette valley district council have already granted since June 1."

They further "indicated that a strike action may be taken at a later date," Davis said.

B. L. (Bud) Nutting, Medco manager, earlier said the company feels that no cost increase is justified in view of the present lumber market slump.

Davis said last night's meeting of Local 2715 was well attended. No date has been set for any possible strike action, he added.

Harry Finley is president of Local 2715.

Police Investigate Four Burglaries

Medford police today were investigating the burglaries of four business concerns on Court st., which took place sometime Tuesday night.

Approximately $20 in change and small currency was taken from the Trowbridge and Flynn company warehouse, they said. Other buildings entered housed the Westinghouse Electric company, Sherwin-Williams company and the Schmidt Distributing company, officers said.

Similar entries were made into the firms by breaking glass panels, according to police.

Injunctive Powers Of Civil Rights Bill Voted Out

Washington — (AP) — The Senate today killed a provision of the civil rights bill that would have given the attorney general sweeping injunctive powers.

The action was by a roll call vote of 52 to 38 for the amendment knocking out the injunction provision.

The action cut out of the bill what some supporters of the civil rights bill called the "heart" of the measure.

Defeat for Eisenhower

The vote was a major defeat for President Eisenhower.

It left the bill primarily a voting rights measure.

Administration forces, fearful that the provision would be killed otherwise, had tried unsuccessfully trying to soften it so that part of its provisions would be retained.

Dixie foes of the legislation had made the injunctive provisions of Part III one of their main targets. The other was a failure to provide for a jury trial for persons held in contempt for disregarding civil rights injunctions of federal courts.

Fish Screen Bid Opening Postponed

Bids for constructing a fish screen structure at Savage Rapids dam have been postponed from 10 a.m. July 25, to 10 a.m. Aug. 14, according to the bureau of reclamation.

Figures will be received in the office of the bureau at Camp White.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City	5	8	2
Boston	6	10	1

Terry, Urban (4), Cox (7) and Thompson; Brewer and White.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	2	7	0
Chicago	2	8	1

Antonelli, Grissom (8) and Westrum; Elston and Neeman.

Ninth Nuclear Device Exploded in Nevada

Atomic Test Site, Nev. —(AP)— "Kepler," the ninth nuclear device fired by the Atomic Energy Commission in its summer series, was triggered atop its 500-foot steel tower at 3:50 a.m. (p.s.t.) today and the earth was shaken from a yield estimated at more than 10,000 tons of TNT.

Tower Disintegrated

The resulting thunderbolt disintegrated the tower and unlocked new secrets of nuclear fission for AEC scientists. Some 700 military observers got first-hand experience in atomic warfare as they crouched in trenches some 3,000 yards from ground zero.

The AEC had been holding up announcement of the test pending last second weather briefings and at shot time the AEC headquarters in Las Vegas, Nev., some 70 miles to the southeast still had not been notified Kepler would be fired.

Reporters did not know the test was going off until they heard the count-down signifying all was ready.

Observers in Los Angeles and San Francisco saw the flash from the explosion in the dark sky, lighted only by a thin sliver of the new moon.

The fireball from Kepler resembled that of the famous dud bomb "Diablo," which failed to fire June 28. A group of daring scientists scaled Diablo's tower and removed its string. Diablo finally was fired on July 15.

Court Discusses Park With Civic Group

The county court met with a civic group this morning and approved plans to rehabilitate a grove of maple trees at the fairgrounds as a public park.

The project is sponsored by the Kiwanis club, with cooperation of city and county governments.

The county will construct a foot grade road at the site. The Kiwanians will now have the trees trimmed and the ground prepared for seeding with grass in early fall.

The grove adjoins the extension of Stewart ave. on the east side of South Riverside ave. Tree were planted shortly after World War I as a memorial to servicemen. Donated funds made the grove possible.

Federal Hells Canyon Dam Project Officially Killed by Vote of 16 to 14

Washington —(AP)— The House Interior Committee formally killed the federal Hells Canyon Dam project today by a vote of 16-14.

The action, anticipated for the past three weeks, came after sponsors of the highly controversial public power proposal made brief speeches defending it. One called it "the only legitimate development of the peoples' resources" in Hells Canyon.

Fourteen Republicans and two southern Democrats, Reps. James A. Haley and George A. Shuford of North Carolina, cast the votes that spelled final defeat for the proposed federal dam.

The bill would have authorized federal construction of a high federal dam in the Hells Canyon reaches of the Snake river on the Idaho-Oregon border. It was opposed by the administration. The Federal Power Commission has authorized the Idaho Power Co. to build three low dams in the canyon.

Today's vote came half an hour after the committee convened its regular Wednesday meeting. Democratic supporters of the federal project, who had successfully headed off a vote at the previous two meetings, made no attempt to delay the action today.

The 14 members voting for the project were Democrats.

In contrast to previous stormy Hells Canyon meetings in the committee, the session in which the long-debated issue was finally settled was quiet.

Reps. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) and Gracie Pfost (D-Idaho) made short speeches before the committee voted.

Ullman said that the campaign for the Hells Canyon dam was "one of the most sincere grass roots fights ever waged on behalf of a peoples' project."

"Regardless of the outcome of this morning's vote I am sure that this will go down in history as one of the greatest battles for full development of a public resource," he said.

Mrs. Pfost said that in killing the Hells Canyon dam the committee was "strangling the life blood of the Pacific Northwest."

Ullman said that killing the federal proposal would give Idaho Power "an economic stranglehold" on the Northwest.

"This is a sad day, a sad day," the congressman said.

Ullman and Mrs. Pfost were sponsors of separate bills which would have authorized the Bureau of Reclamation to erect a high dam in the deepest river gorge in North America.

Democratic supporters of the federal project, who had successfully headed off a vote at the previous two meetings, made no attempt to delay the action today.

Mountain Sheep, Pleasant Valley Dams OK'd

Washington — (AP) — A Federal Power Commission examiner Tuesday recommended a 50-year license to Pacific Northwest Power Co., Portland, Ore., to build two dams on the Snake river in Idaho and Oregon.

The dams, Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley, would have a combined installed capacity of 1,002,000 kilowatts of power initially, with an ultimate installation of 1,240,000 kilowatts. Estimated cost of the project ranges from about $167 to $172 million.

The application to build the two dams was opposed by the National Hells Canyon Association and other public power groups which also opposed building of the three Hells Canyon dams by the Idaho Power Co.

They wanted a high federal dam at Nez Perce instead of the two proposed dams by Pacific Northwest. But Examiner Edward B. Marsh, who handed down the decision, said further development of this reach of the Snake river "should not be undertaken by the United States itself."

Marsh said none of the alternative projects considered in the proceeding have ever been recommended for federal construction by U. S. responsible agency.

The EPC staff in a brief filed last March recommended that Pacific Northwest's application be denied. It said that there was an urgent need for flood control storage by a high dam at Nez Perce.

Marsh's decision is subject to review by the commission or repeal by the parties within 30 days. If no review is started by then, the decision becomes final.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 55. High Thursday 94.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	90
Lowest this Morning	52

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	4:56 a.m.
Sunset	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	3:23 a.m.
New Moon	Friday night
PROMINENT STARS	
Square of Pegasus, in the east	11:14 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Venus, low in west	8:45 p.m.
Jupiter, low in west	9:36 p.m.
Saturn, low in west	9:36 p.m.
Saturn, low in southwest	11:34 p.m.