



SHOCK WAVES—The picture above shows shock waves which built up in front of a Regulus 1 missile as it made a terminal straight-down dive on a target. The picture is believed to be the first of its kind. Taken by the Sandia Corporation in California and released by the department of the Navy, the photograph shows waves in front of the Chance Vought built missile's nose as it passed the speed of sound. Its speed has been estimated at Mach 1.1. The picture was taken through a 60-inch, F-5 reflective telescopic lens at a distance of 1½ miles.

WINDS WHIP FIRE

1,200 Men Fight San Gabriel Blaze On 25,000 Acres

Aerial Tankers Are Grounded by Winds

Yuba, Calif. — A sprawling forest fire, whipped by gusty 60-mile-an-hour winds, spread over nearly 25,000 acres of San Gabriel Mountain brush land today to force the evacuation of residents fringing the fire line.

More than 1,200 men were on the fire lines, including a specially trained team of Indians from Albuquerque, N.M. Their job was hampered by the winds which kept much needed aerial tankers grounded.

The fire and winds dumped a gritty mixture of ash and dust on much of Los Angeles, 35 miles southwest of the blazing mountainside.

However, diminishing winds, which washed across southern California from the Arizona border to the Pacific Ocean Thursday night, lessened the danger to nearby towns of Duarte, Arcadia, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, East Pasadena and this foothill city.

For a time Thursday night the fire verged on breaking the fire lines and sweeping down into the cities, but the country fire chief, Robert Klinger, said little danger existed now.

Only one mountain cabin was known to have been ravaged by the fire, though several others in the area were in the line of the fast-stepping blaze and were ordered evacuated earlier.

The winds raged at 90-mile-an-hour gusts Thursday night in the area of the Los Angeles International Airport and turbulence battered one airliner so hard over Ontario, Calif., that several persons were treated for injuries when the plane landed at International Airport.

Immediate aim of the fire fighting crews was to bridge the fire at a bulging line at the 5,000-foot high Angeles Crest Highway in the San Gabriels.

The L-shaped blaze swept up San Gabriel canyon on a two-mile front toward Devil and Bear canyons, a lush wild area that was described as inaccessible to fire fighters. It last was blackened by fire in 1924.

The Weather Bureau said the winds would continue through the day and resume Saturday after quieting somewhat during the night.

Jay Peterson, Forest Service fire prevention officer, said the blaze apparently started when a portable stove was overturned in a brush area at the convict road camp near the 7,500-foot elevation on Mt. Islip above Crystal lake. The convicts were using the stove to keep warm since the weather has been below freezing in the area, with snow on the north side of the mountain, Peterson said.

Salem — Spots of ice were reported on roadways near Government Camp, Warm Springs junction and McKenzie pass by the state highway department today.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday. Patches of valley fog early morning hours. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 55.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:11 a.m.
Sunset 4:44 p.m.
Moonset 5:39 p.m.
Moon rises low.
First Quarter Nov. 28
PROMINENT STAR Altair, high in southwest at moonset.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus, low in south-west
Jupiter, rises 6:15 p.m.
Mars, rises 5:32 a.m.

Meeting Dates Set On Basin Programs

Three future meeting dates were announced, and a look into the workings of the Jackson County Water Resources committee, given during a special meeting for press and radio information this morning in the Jackson hotel.

On Monday, Nov. 25, there will be a meeting in the office of the county court to consolidate the preliminary reports made by the eight subcommittees under the Jackson County Water Resources committee.

Following this a public hearing will be held for residents of Jackson county in the courthouse auditorium at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 on the findings and recommendations of the subcommittees. Bill Jess, Eagle Point, chairman of the committee, announced. At this time county residents will be asked to present their problems and recommendations in connection with development of water resources of the Rogue River basin.

A public hearing will be held Dec. 11, starting at 9 a.m. in the courthouse when members of the state water resources board will meet with water resources committees of Jackson and Josephine counties to hear reports and recommendations. A public hearing will be held for Curry county at Gold Beach for the same purpose. Consolidated reports and recommendations for development of the Rogue River Basin will be presented the state legislature later.

General Summaries

This morning, chairmen of three subcommittees under the county committee gave general summaries of their reports and stressed cooperation and education for development of Rogue River basin water resources and solution of its problems. Purpose of the meeting was to set up a press and radio information program on the work of the Jackson county water resources committee.

Representing the county committee were Bill Jess, Eagle Point, chairman; Ron Gande, Medford, chairman of publicity for the committee; Robert Lee, city water superintendent, and chairman of the domestic and municipal water users subcommittee; Manville M. Heisel, Medford, chairman of the pollution abatement subcommittee; and Kathryn E. Heffernan, Jacksonville, chairman of the watershed subcommittee.

Can't Point Finger

In correcting watershed abuses, Mrs. Heffernan said, it is impossible to point the finger at any one group as responsible. Cooperation among logging interests, farmers and the general public must be established and an education program set up, she said. As a starting point, her subcommittee has recommended parallel state and county laws be established setting up a governing board of the county of not less than five persons representing a cross section of interests. The board would hire a watershed management consultant, educational representative, enforcement officer and executive secretary.

One of the main abuses has been through poor logging practices, Mrs. Heffernan said. An educational program here should be aimed at the smaller operators as the large companies employ a full-time forester to maintain conservation practices. Regulations would probably have to be established through logging contracts to ensure better practices, she explained. Over-irrigation and over-grazing are other sources of polluting and cause of erosion, she said.

Robert Lee, Medford water superintendent, also emphasized

cooperation. His subcommittee estimates that 45,840 people are now served by municipal water systems. In 10 years the subcommittee estimates this will increase to 61,250, by 1977, to 77,400 and in 2007 to 122,400. The forecasts are based on the U.S. bureau of census figures, he explained. Present laws should be changed to allow industrial use of Rogue river water, it was recommended.

Pulp manufacturers, as future industry, would probably be the largest users of water in this area, he said. Pulp processing requires a high quality of water for manufacturing, he added. Under the present system, city water could handle the pulp industry, he added. Practically all major industry in the area is now on municipal water systems, Lee said.

Heisel stressed the potential danger of stream pollution in the county, particularly from the sanitation standpoint. People must be educated in installing and maintaining proper sanitation facilities in the outlying areas, Heisel said. Their cooperation must be obtained and teeth put into present sanitation regulations, he said. His subcommittee has recommended.

Suggests Authority

His group has suggested that a metropolitan sanitary authority be established along the lines of the state industrial accident commission. Then, permits should be required for all those building industrial plants or homes in the county. This would regulate installation of sanitation and waste disposal facilities.

A serious health hazard are the irrigation ditches in the fringe area housing developments which are actually open sewers carrying off wastes from improperly installed septic tanks, Heisel said.

Overflooding of agriculture lands with irrigation water further complicates the sanitation problem in subdivision areas, he pointed out.

The subcommittee chairman declined to say if a county subdivision ordinance would be the answer to the problem. County regulation on sanitation facilities is necessary, he added.

La Grande — Francis A. Shoupe, 54, Oregon City, died apparently of a heart attack about 7 a.m. while hunting elk in the Limber Jim area 35 miles southwest of La Grande.

"How Did You Say Their Election Came Out?"



Business License Upheld by Judge In Ruling Today

Says Ordinance Was Properly Presented

Municipal Court Judge Noreen Kelly today again upheld the city business license ordinance.

She said it was properly presented on the council agenda, properly introduced, and properly passed at the Aug. 15 council meeting. The use of proper procedure in passing the ordinance had been challenged by Ray DeMarrs, Medford barber, one of three businessmen charged with conducting a business without a license by the city.

DeMarrs, in evidence presented to the court Wednesday, declared the listing of the ordinance on the Aug. 15 council agenda had been improper. He had also maintained that since a similar ordinance had been vetoed by the mayor, a new ordinance could not be introduced and passed at the same meeting.

Judge Kelly ruled that under council procedure rule, it is necessary only to "list the matter on the agenda" to provide a framework for an orderly conduct of business.

She held the ordinance properly passed by a rule which permits passage of an ordinance without being read at a preceding council meeting if it passes by a majority vote. The ordinance passed at the Aug. 15 meeting by a 7 to 0 vote, one council member being absent.

DeMarrs, who purchased his business license Monday under protest, had challenged the ordinance as unconstitutional in court action last week. Judge Kelly in a 15-page opinion ruled the ordinance valid at the Nov. 15 court session.

She said DeMarrs had acted in good faith in challenging the license, DeMarrs' business license amounted to \$13.50.

Method of Setting Fees Changed by City

An amendment changing the method of setting fees for business licenses for hotels, motels and apartment houses was adopted by the city council last night. The amendment permits the fee to be assessed on a space rental basis.

The amendment provides that the number of space rental units used in setting the fee will be the average number of units occupied during the year before the license year. The number will be determined by dividing the number of days of occupancy for all units by the total number of days.

The city recorder will furnish each firm with a special form to comply with the new requirement. Businesses may also be inspected by the city recorder to determine if the form is correct.

The amendment, which goes into effect immediately, was requested by the council after some councilmen felt a rising license fee on the total number of rooms was unfair.

Seattle — Top Teamsters Union organizers met here again today to discuss further plans for expanding the union's organizing work.



VISIT LIBRARY—As part of a program to stimulate children's interest in books during National Book week, Nov. 18 to 23, about 40 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from Medford's West Side school held "class" this morning in the juvenile department of the Medford Public Library. Above, Mrs. Nora Jane McKay, head librarian of the juvenile department, instructs a group of students in

the use of the card file. After a lecture period, each child was given a slip of paper which had written on it the name of a book to be looked up. This special instruction in the use of library facilities is open to all schools in the county, as well as special groups as part of the function of the library, according to Head Librarian Miss Helen Webster.

Ashland Voters To Act On Program Of School Building

Ashland — A school building program costing more than \$1,250,000 will be submitted to voters in school district five Dec. 16, the school district board has announced.

The program is a long range plan which calls for \$1,263,000 in bonds. Two junior high schools, which will cost \$798,372, are the biggest items on the list. Also involved is the addition of elementary classrooms to the school system.

School Superintendent Dr. Howard Balderstone said the program, if approved by voters, would provide the basic needs of the system for about 20 years. This includes allowances made for expansion when needed, he said.

Advisory Committee

The district's citizens' advisory committee recommended the building program which is slightly different from the program recommended by Dr. Balderstone. However, the three year junior high school program was retained in the committee's plans.

Dr. Balderstone has made a study of school population growth since 1948 when the district was first made into the present size. He has estimated that school enrollment, which is now 2,378, will reach 2,810 in 1961. He also said that by 1967 junior high school enrollment will reach 1,568.

The 1957 enrollment gain over the 1956 amount was about 2.1 per cent, he said. This is about 1.1 per cent less than we expected, he added.

Amendment to Bike Ordinance Passed

An amendment to the city bicycle ordinance was passed last night by the city council. It will permit children under 12 years old to have limited use of sidewalks while riding bicycles.

The council requested the city attorney recently to prepare an ordinance which would permit children to ride bicycles on city sidewalks in residential districts only. The council also told City Attorney E. R. Bashaw to define residential, as distinct from downtown, sidewalks when preparing the amendment.

The amendment passed last night will permit children under 12 years old to ride bicycles on sidewalks in residential districts as defined by the motor vehicle code. The amendment requires riders to dismount when overtaking or meeting a pedestrian and to remain off the bicycle until the pedestrian is out of range.

The amendment is the second to the city bicycle ordinance within two months. An amendment permitting the municipal judge to impound bicycles up to seven days if a rider is found guilty of violation of the ordinance was passed in October.

Theater Firm Granted Closed TV Franchise

An ordinance granting California-Oregon Theaters a closed circuit television system in Medford was passed by the city council last night.

The action followed a report by the executive committee which studied the effect the system would have on "free" TV and whether or not the system would be practical to operate in Medford. The council requested the executive committee obtain more information about the system before action be taken.

The committee, headed by City Manager Robert A. Duff,

believed the council should not consider the matter from an economic standpoint but rather from a point of control of regulation to insure public welfare. The committee recommended adoption of the ordinance.

The ordinance grants California-Oregon Theaters a 10-year franchise. Installation of the system must begin within two years after the franchise is granted, according to the ordinance.

Any transfer of the franchise must be approved by the city. A fee of 2 per cent of the total gross receipts from subscribers and advertisers will be collected by the city each year.

The group will have 10 days to file a surety bond with the city for \$5,000 after passage of the ordinance. The group will also have 90 days in which to file a notice of agreement with the city.

The ordinance provides the city maintain the right to set fees and rates for service given subscribers.

The group plans to run feature-length movies to private homes. It is the first such franchise granted in Oregon. The group said how subscribers would pay has not yet been decided.

All But Two Tax Bills Are Signed

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes today completed signing all but two of the bills passed by the recent special session of the Legislature.

The remaining bills will be signed by the governor as soon as he receives them.

House Bill 1 is the major tax bill lowering state income taxes about 20 per cent.

House Bill 24 is a supplemental appropriation for expenses of the special session.

Earlier the governor had signed House bill 2 raising basic school support from \$95 to \$105 per census child and a bill raising the State Emergency Board's fund to \$1,500,000.

Air Force Plans New Base For Missiles in Wyoming

Washington — Atlas Intercontinental ballistic missiles apparently will be pointed squarely at Russia from a huge new missile base to be built in Wyoming.

The Defense Department announced late Thursday the 65 million dollar base will be built at Francis E. Warren Air Force base near Cheyenne.

The Pentagon said construction would begin "during the middle part" of next year. The base presumably would be ready about the time the United States has the Atlas fully perfected and rolling off production lines.

The missile is undergoing tests at the Cape Canaveral, Fla., testing center now.

The Pentagon did not announce the exact purpose of the new "missile site." But observers

Seasonal Drop in Food Prices Said Primary Factor

October Prices Hold To September Level

Washington — The 13-month climb in the cost of living has ended, the government announced today.

Consumer prices in October held to their September levels, the bureau of labor statistics reported.

The announcement followed a statement Thursday by Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell that the inflationary spiral has been checked.

A seasonal drop in food prices was primarily responsible for stopping the long upward push on family budgets which had occurred every month since August, 1956.

The good news was coupled with a warning, however. The bureau of labor statistics predicted there may be a slightly higher over-all price index this month because of higher price tags on 1958 autos. It said this gain will offset continued seasonal drops in food prices, which are expected to hit a low point in January.

The index for October, as for September, was 121.1 per cent of a 1947-49 consumer price average. It was 2.9 per cent higher than in October, 1956.

Lower Take-Home Pay

In a separate report the labor department said a half-hour reduction in factory work weeks in October chopped 85 cents a week off the take-home pay of production workers.

That drop, together with rising prices over the year, meant a 1 per cent loss in purchasing power from September and a 3 per cent drop compared with a year ago.

This loss of buying power, according to the commissioner of labor statistics, Ewan Clague, was one reason that the price index did not rise. He noted that some people are "not so prosperous as a year ago."

For a factory worker with three dependents, October take-home pay was \$74.78 a week. In September it was \$75.63 and in October, 1956, it was \$75.03.

Meat Prices Lower

Most of the 0.5 per cent drop in food prices from September to October, Clague said, was due to lower meat prices, especially those for hogs.

Mitchell said the leveling off of prices is a "good sign" because inflation "has been a concern of many people." It represents an end of the "so-called inflationary spiral," he said.

One big item in the nation's economy appeared certain to go up, however. That was defense spending—and with it a probable rise in the federal budget.

In another economic development, the Federal Reserve Board authorized three more District Reserve Banks in Kansas City, Minneapolis and Philadelphia to lower their discount—or interest—rates from 3½ to 3 per cent. Four other reserve banks dropped their discount charge last week.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 442.68, up 2.88; 20 railroads 103.46, up 0.76; 15 utilities 67.10, up 0.27, and 85 stocks 148.33, up 0.92. Sales today were about 2,850,000 shares compared with 2,900,000 shares Thursday.