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Fiery Object Said Not Sputnik Rocket

Fairbanks, Alaska — The fiery object, seen falling into the confines of Ft. Greeley, Sunday was not the rocket from Sputnik 1, officials at the University of Alaska Geophysical Institute maintained Saturday. Ft. Greeley is 100 miles south of here.

Scientists who saw the flashing object fall in the area of

the Army post Sunday said they are certain the object was a giant fireball or meteor.

An aerial search was conducted to locate the fallen object without success. Officials said there is no damage to trees or brush in the area to indicate anything crashing to the ground.

Skywatchers in three states and Alaska reported Saturday they saw something flash across the northern horizon at the time the Russian's claim their Sputnik rocket fell to earth.

No Concrete Proof
But none of the reports provided concrete proof of Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev's charge that the rocket came down somewhere in Alaska last Sunday and the U. S. is refusing to give it up.

Several sightings of a flaming object in the sky were reported in the Fairbanks, Alaska, area. They came within five minutes of the time University of Alaska officials had predicted the rocket would pass over the area.

One of the witnesses, Victor Carrado, said the object swooshed down, ricocheting between trees and forcing him to duck for safety.

The university's geophysical institute, however, said it doubted the object sighted was a rocket, judging on its direction and short visibility, a spokesman said it probably was a giant fire ball or meteor.

Russia said Saturday night the burned and broken remnants of the Sputnik 1 rocket fell "in the territory of Alaska and the West coast of North America" last Sunday. Soviet scientists "requested" the return of the pieces.

In Cambridge, Mass., Dr. Fred L. Whipple, director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, said he still believed the rocket fell outside North America. He said scientists in Alaska told him the flaming object last Sunday was a fireball, a rare natural phenomenon. British scientists also said they were "very suspicious" of the Russian report.

The U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences asked that the pieces of the "not completely burned out" rocket be returned.

"The analysis and examination of the not-completely burned out remains of the carrier rocket and the establishment of the site of their fall are of great scientific interest," a communique issued by the Soviet Tass News agency said.

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County Tax League May Form Here, Meeting Scheduled

All Jackson county taxpayers interested in joining or learning about the Jackson County Non-Partisan Tax League are invited to attend a public meeting in the Hedrick junior high school cafeteria in Medford on Monday evening, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., according to Russell DeForest, co-chairman of the local group.

Principal speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Josephine Kittredge of Klamath Falls, chairman of the Oregon Non-Partisan Tax League.

DeForest said that an outline of both the county and state league activities would be given at the meeting and that a general discussion of county and state taxes would follow.

This will be Mrs. Kittredge's second visit to Jackson county in recent weeks. Her previous appearance before the Jackson county chamber of commerce roundtable led a group of interested taxpayers to begin formation of a county tax league, DeForest said.

One of the matters on the agenda Monday evening will be the selection of two persons to represent the county at the first meeting of the state tax league, to be held in Salem on Dec. 14. DeForest stressed the fact that the local chapter is still in its preliminary stages, and that he and his co-chairman, Mrs. Dwight Houghton, are serving until permanent chairmen can be named.

"We feel that it is important to have as many taxpayers as possible affiliated with our league from the outset," he said. He said that the purpose of the county tax league would be primarily educational, with its ultimate aim being recommendations of tax reforms and government economies both on the state and local level.

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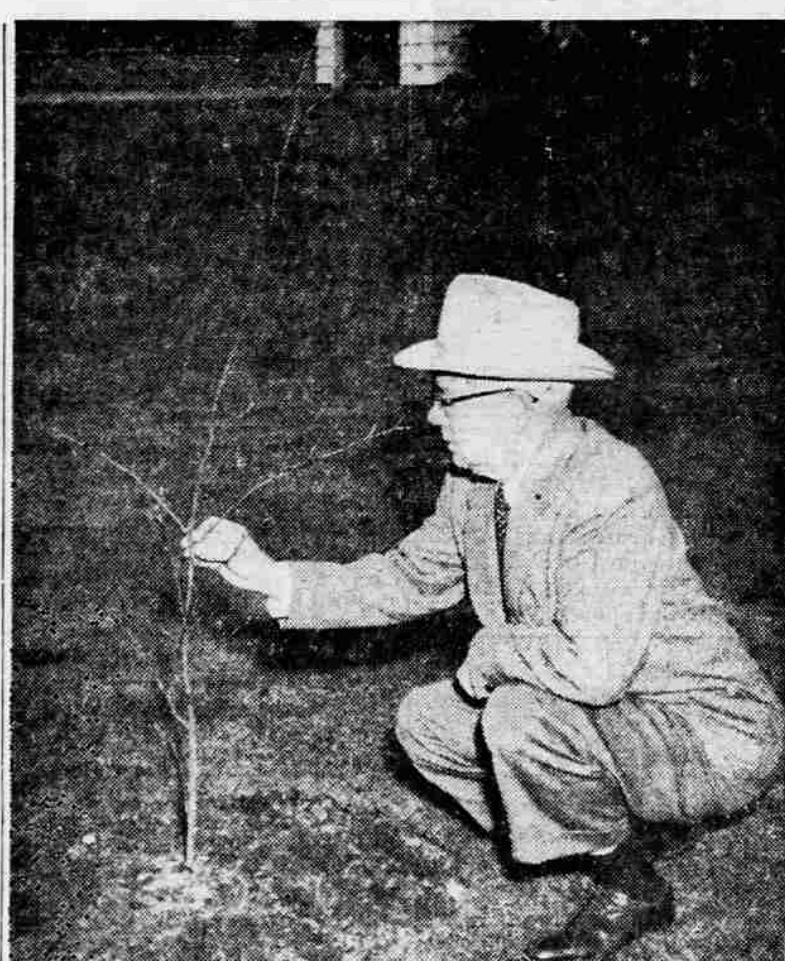
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SETS UP STREET TREE PROGRAM — Ed J. Parsons, 2212 Ruhl way, looks over one of about 40 to 50 trees planted on Ruhl way recently. Parsons said he helped in organizing the street into a tree planting program under the city ordinance passed last spring. The ordinance sets up a formal program for tree planting on city property in Medford. Trees planted on Ruhl way are tri-colored Beech trees.

Tree Planting Work In Preliminary Stage

Preliminary work has started on planting of trees on O'Hara place on the west side of Medford, according to Mrs. O. A. Eden, one of a committee of three working with the Medford

planning commission in selection and planning of trees.

Residents of the area can plant trees along the street which comply with the city tree ordinance anytime trees are available, she said. The ordinance permits residents to plant any type of tree they want on their property but if trees are planted along the street they must conform to the city's program.

Trees have been recently planted on Ruhl way and Valley View dr. About 40 to 50 trees were planted in the area, according to Mrs. Eden. The trees planted on the streets are tri-colored Beech.

The first step in planting trees is for the city engineers to establish a property line on the street. A contact is made with the planning commission to find which kind of tree is best for the area. Stakes are then driven into the parkings at the required distance and trees are planted by the property holders at the stakes.

Other Rules Given
Other rules by the city for planting trees require they must be planted at least 25 feet from the curb line at intersections, no trees may be removed from the parkings or from city property without permission of the city manager and selection of a tree name for a street would not mean that this type of tree must be planted instead of existing trees because of their condition.

The landscape committee has studied each street to find which type of tree would be correct, taking into consideration architecture, lot landscaping, contour of land, view and soil condition. This time is donated by the committee members.

Mrs. William Tucker assisted by John Gribble are now taking an inventory of all existing trees in Medford. A map is being kept which tells the size, condition, spacing, location and identity of the trees.

Paul Jorgenson, 324 South Groveland ave., last spring was the first person in Medford to organize his street for tree planting under the city ordinance which was adopted in mid-February. A few days after Jorgenson organized his street Mrs. James Dunlevy, 408 Ardmore ave., organized her street and Lynnwood ave. Under the present street tree planting program South Groveland and Ardmore aves. have the most complete plan in Medford, Mrs. Eden said.

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Freight Rate Boost To Benefit Oregon Lumber Shippers

New Order Effective In Period After Jan. 1

The Interstate Commerce commission recently issued an order to the California Public Utilities commissioner to increase intrastate freight rates.

The order, which will become effective after Jan. 1, will increase California freight rates to a more favorable competitive basis for lumber industry shippers from Oregon to southern California markets, according to lumber industry spokesmen here.

The action resulted from a complaint filed by four major railroads, with the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association as an intervenor, with the ICC charging discrimination in the matter of interstate vs. intrastate freight rates in California.

Intrastate rates in California were lower than interstate rates and shippers of lumber from Washington and Oregon had to absorb a \$3 to \$3.50 freight differential which meant a cut in lumber prices.

William Sweeney, examiner for the ICC, found in favor of the railroad companies and SOCTFA San Francisco last March. Th after a week-long hearing in ICC sustained the ruling.

Besides testimony by railroad officials and representatives, William Adams, Portland attorney retained by SOCTFA, presented the association's case, along with Paul Hochelle, Portland, rate consultant, who also was hired by the association. Witnesses for the association included Russell Hogue, Medford corporation; James Pack, Moore Timber products, Grants Pass; Al Beals, Klamath Basin Pine Mills, Klamath Falls; and Art Quirin, general sales manager of Willamette Valley Lumber company, Dallas, Ore.

L. L. (Doc) Simpson, secretary-manager and forester for SOCTFA, said the Willamette Valley Lumberman's association and individual companies as far north as Tacoma, Wash., contributed time and financial backing in the case.

Railroads filing the complaint included Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and Union Pacific and all subsidiary railroad companies in California. Railroad officials and attorneys provided a large amount of testimony at the examiner's hearing, Simpson said.

The case was spearheaded by the traffic committee of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, which was established several years ago. Pack is chairman of the group. Other members are Hogue, Beals, Carl E. (Bud) Wimberly, Western Lumber company, Medford; E. B. DeVoe, DeVoe Lumber company, Medford; and Walter Tomlin.

Seaver was arrested by Medford police about 40 minutes after he is said to have attempted to holdup the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland on Thursday evening. Seaver was seen walking on South Central ave. by city police and stopped for questioning following the holdup attempt.

Police said a toy cap pistol, similar to the one used in the holdup, fell from his coat while he was being questioned.

Police said the holdup failed when a teller recognized the gun as a toy and went to summon the bank manager. When he returned, the holdup man had disappeared. Seaver made no formal admission to the crime but told police and FBI agents he wrote the holdup note which read, "I want the paper money or death for you me."

County sheriffs said Seaver is being held in the Jackson county jail before being transported to the state hospital in Salem.

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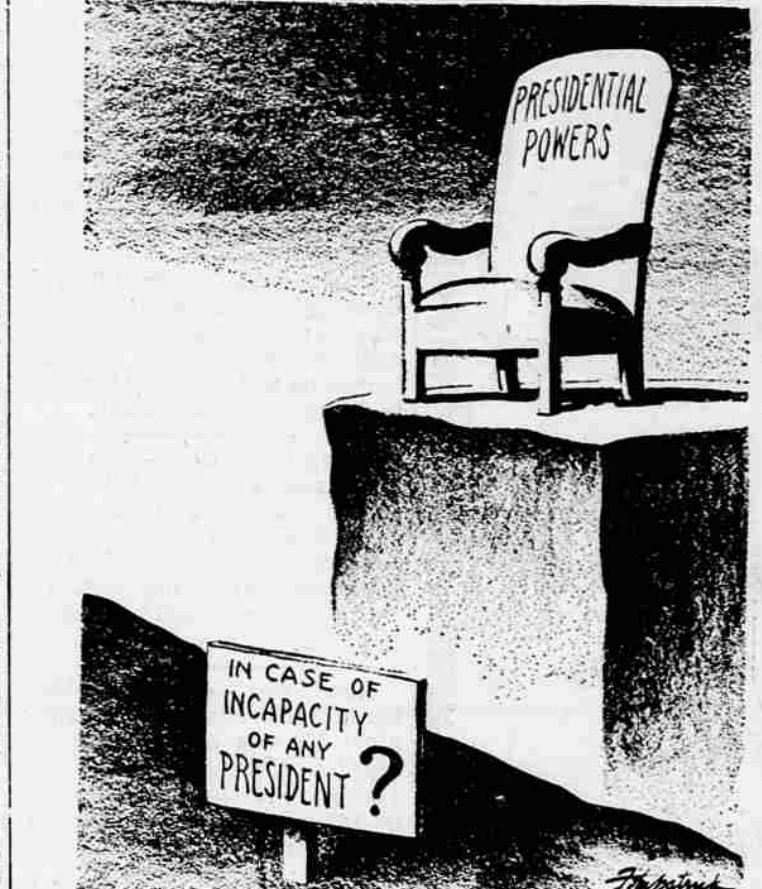
Gov. Robert Holmes will arrive in Medford by plane at 11:25 a.m. next Sunday, Dec. 15, for a luncheon and dedication of the new county juvenile detention home.

Jim Redden, chairman of the Democratic Central committee, said Saturday the governor will be met by a group of local Democrats, and will be guest of honor at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Medford hotel, sponsored by the county Democratic Social club. The public is invited to attend, but should make reservations by sending a card to the E. M. Madden Agency, 103 First st., Phoenix, or telephoning KEystone 5-1468.

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Air Force Missile Falls Short Of Intended Target

Dangerous Gap In Our System



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New Missile Age Pact Planned By 14 Allies

Washington — The United States and 14 European allies are drafting a new missile-age pact to fight back if the Soviet Union attacks any member of the Atlantic Alliance, it was learned.

A renewed American promise to come to the aid of the Western allies is to be given personally by President Eisenhower at the Dec. 16-18 NATO meeting in Paris. Only a strong stand by his doctors next week will keep the President away from the

conference, administration officials said.

The new pledge is designed to strengthen allied unity under the 1949 NATO treaty, which provides that an attack on a member will be met by such action as the signatory powers deem necessary, "including the use of armed force."

To Hear U.S. Offers
The NATO summit meeting also will hear American offers to stockpile nuclear weapons at European bases for joint wartime use and a proposal to station 1,500 - mile intermediate range ballistic missiles in Europe.

From British and Continental bases, IRBMs could hit Russia and counter-balance the Soviet advantage in 5,000-mile intercontinental and 800-mile range missiles.

Administration officials disclosed Saturday that the United States and Britain already have agreed tentatively to begin building bases in the British Isles soon for four squadrons of IRBMs. Three of the squadrons would be British, and the fourth would be American.

The estimated 84 million dollar cost of the base construction would be shared by the two countries.

There is assurance, however, that Germany, France or other continental allies will permit basing big U.S. missiles on their soil. Strong political groups in Europe argue that such bases invite Soviet retaliation and only aggravate the cold war.

A state department spokesman said the United States had agreed at the Bermuda conference in March "in principle to furnish the United Kingdom with IRBM bases and missiles."

At the NATO meeting, the Allies also are scheduled to take important new steps to coordinate and standardize weapons production, to set up a liaison system with other Allied defense groups in the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America, and to tighten scientific and technical cooperation.

The Allies are planning to set up a new system of pooling scientific information to exploit the West's brainpower in the technological race with Russia.

Two Atlas Missiles Scheduled For Test By Air Force Crew

Examination Given Vanguard Recordings

Washington — The Air Force announced Saturday night the Thor fired at Cape Canaveral Saturday had "landed short of the intended target area." The nine-word statement was issued at 7 p.m. (EST) without elaboration. Earlier the Air Force had announced that the test firing itself had been successful.

The big military missile rose slowly with a burst of flame and a tremendous roar from a launching pad and knifed upward through a partial overcast into clear blue sky.

The missile center made this test of the 1,500-mile Air Force missile while technicians were scanning data from telemetering tape to determine the cause of the Vanguard's failure.

The Defense Department in Washington said the Thor test was part of "a series of IRBM and ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) tests."

Two Atlas missiles, Air Force ICBMs which have never successfully been fired, also are awaiting tests. During the day launchers pulled gantry cranes away from them, apparently to do routine work on them.

The Thor has been successfully tested before and, with the Army's Jupiter, was about to go into production.

Saturday's launching, to the newsmen from a distance, contrasted with the advance tension of the Vanguard attempt because they were told nothing of the "countdown" frustrations and delays, if any.

The huge white missile took off with a brilliant flash and thunderous roar here from the Vanguard's launching pad.

The Thor, one of the most spectacular of the missiles fired here, rose slowly off the ground over a bright orange flash of fire at 5:15 p.m. (EST).

It accelerated slowly at first, then gained momentum and shot straight up for some five miles, passing through two layers of white clouds.

Nominations Asked For Jaycee Award
Nominations are now being accepted by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce for the annual Distinguished Service Award, according to Hal Gardner, Jaycee president. This award will be presented to the young man, 21 through 35, who has made the outstanding contribution to the community during the past year as judged by a panel of three senior citizens. Recent winners have been Clifford McGinty, Richard Henselman, Otto Ewaldsen and John Dellenback.

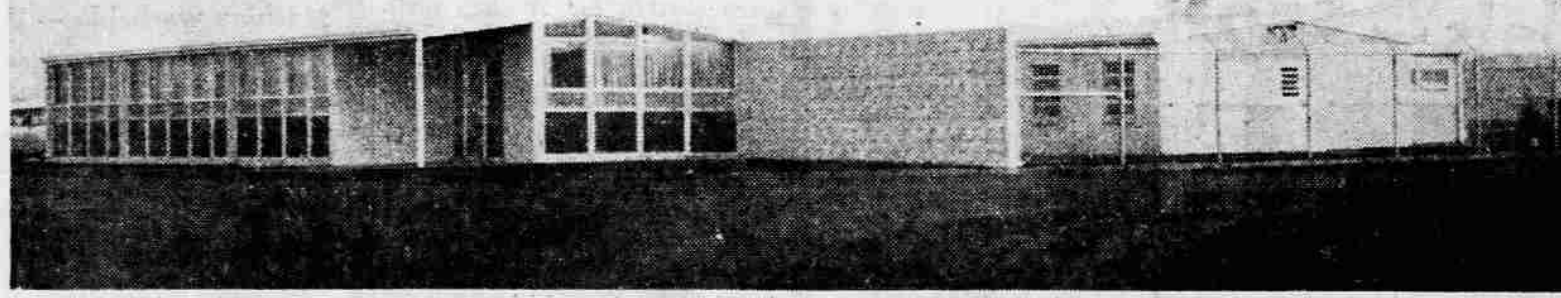
Nominations may be submitted by any person or organization and official entry blanks may be obtained by writing P.O. Box 251, Medford.

Entrants are judged on their contribution to community welfare during the past year, leadership ability and personal or business progress. Nominations must be in by Jan. 6, 1958 and the Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the DSA banquet to be held late in January at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Jack Flanagan, Pacific Motor Trucking, has been appointed Chairman of the DSA committee and will be assisted by Brian Mullin, Jack Foster, Ron James and Don Carlon.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Valley fog clearing about noon, increasing clouds with chance of few showers this evening, valley fog Monday morning becoming fair Monday afternoon, high today 52, low tonight 37, high Monday 46.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:28 a.m.
Sunset 4:39 p.m.
Moonrise 6:32 p.m.
Moonset 1:01 a.m.
Evening stars: Venus, low in south west 6:33 p.m.
Mercury, low in southwest just after sunset for the next few nights, is now making its last appearance of the year.



DETENTION HOME — Pictured above is the new Jackson county juvenile detention home, located east of the Medford armory on the old fair grounds site, which will be dedicated at a special ceremony later this month. The structure is of poured concrete and basalt and has a white gravel roof to fit harmoniously into its surroundings. Open courts, enclosed by high wire fencing, will serve as recreation areas for girls and boys being held at the home. (Story on page 14)