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GOING UNDER—As the atomic submarine U.S.S. Nautilus plunges through the Chukehi Sea, an officer-of-the-deck inspects the edge of the polar ice cap, under which he will have to pass on his way to the Arctic ocean. This photo was made during the sub's historic voyage from the Pacific ocean to the Atlantic ocean, by way of the North Pole. The vessel passed some 400 feet under the ice cap at the pole. (Dept. of Defense Photo)

TRAIN CRASH FATAL TO FIVE

Sloatsburg, N.Y. — (UPI) — Two Erie Railroad passenger trains collided head-on today at a blind curve near an abandoned depot just south of this Rockland county community, about 40 miles from New York City.

State police said five persons were killed and about 40 injured, 12 seriously.

Three of the dead were believed to be passengers and the others trainmen.

Four of the dead were men and one was a woman, Miss Pauline Cronon, Tuxedo, N.Y. Her body was trapped in the wreckage for more than two hours after the trains telescoped near the unused Sterlington, N.Y., station between here and Suffern.

The other dead were identified as Robert Youchman, 41, of Four Corners, Warwick, N.Y., a passenger; Charles G. Mitchell, Union City, N.J., conductor; Samuel Nardo, 50, Glen Rock, N.Y., engineer, and Michael J. Walsh, 26, Jersey City, N.J.

State police quoted a baggage man on the westbound train as saying, "We were only going about 20 miles an hour—slow enough so I could have jumped off anytime without getting hurt."

Failed to Get Signal

The eastbound train, police said, was traveling about 50 miles an hour, "according to the best information available."

A spokesman for the Erie Railroad said the accident occurred when a westbound train, headed for Port Jervis, N.Y., failed to stop at Suffern station to permit the eastbound train, bound for Hoboken, N.J., to pass on the westbound track.

According to the spokesman, the westbound train was supposed to stop at Suffern, about five miles south, to permit the eastbound train to use the westbound track because a freight train was running on the eastbound track. The eastbound train, in turn, was to cross over to its regular track at a point about a mile and a quarter west of Suffern, permitting the westbound train to resume its run. Somehow, however, the westbound train failed to receive its instructions from the Suffern tower and barrelled through without stopping.

Because of the site—at a blind curve—neither train was visible to the other until practically the moment of impact.

The trains involved were a four-car passenger train headed from Port Jervis, N.Y., to Hoboken, N. J., and a four-car passenger-freight train, bound from Hoboken to Port Jervis.

Nations Prepare for Special UN Assembly

"Testing —Aggressor! Imperialist! Assassin! Testing—"

14 Week End Deaths Reported in Oregon

By United Press International

Oregon counted eight persons dead on its highways over the week end, two drownings, two killed in a rockslide and two other deaths for total of 14 victims.

Three traffic crashes Sunday claimed seven lives. A two car smashup 15 miles southeast of Eugene killed Mrs. Margaret Jean Hackleman, Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Greene, Clatskanie. The accident occurred at the junction of Highway 58 and Trent road.

Ralph Richard, 54, Agate Beach, was killed in a crash on Highway 101 just north of Newport Sunday night. In a head-on collision at the Baker east city limits, Sterling May, Baker businessman and Dewey Dunleavy, 25, of Huntington, died.

Other Sunday Victim

The other Sunday victim was a 26-year-old Echo woman, Mrs. Mary Margaret Maynard, who died in a Hermiston hospital after the car she was driving left Highway 207 eight miles south of Buck's Corner and overturned. The eighth traffic victim was August Strassel of Portland, who was fatally injured in a collision near Beaverton.

Drownings claimed two Portlanders, one of them an eight-year-old girl who had been wading in the Columbia river. Little Sonja Marie Alfsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alfsen of Portland, vanished in the water Sunday while wading with seven playmates. Her body was located in 12 feet of water at the south end of Government Island.

Frank Vernon Martin, 56, drowned in the Sandy river at Viking Park Saturday while attempting to save his 12-year-old son from deep water.

Two workers, Chester N. Walton, of Beaver, and Howard Stern, 30, McMinnville, were crushed to death Saturday when they were buried by tons of rock in a slide south of Tillamook. The men, employees of Murray Brothers Construction of Bend, were preparing to blast a wall of rock with dynamite when rock suddenly caved in on them.

Water skiing claimed two lives. A Reedsport man, Roderick Irving Bowman, was dead on arrival at a Reedsport hospital late Saturday after a spill while skiing on Smith river 21 miles from Gardner. The county coroner's office said an autopsy Sunday showed Bowman died of an internal hemorrhage caused by fractured ribs which punctured his lungs.

Monroe Cowin of Portland, 41-year-old aluminum company executive, died at Rooster Rock State park Sunday after water skiing on the Columbia river. He collapsed a few feet from the shoreline. He may have suffered a heart attack, according to sheriff's deputies.

Pear Picking Nears Peak Here; Tests Hold High

Bartlett pear picking should reach its peak this week, Cliff Cordy, county horticulture agent, said this morning, with all indications at this time pointing to a continued harvest of Bartletts through next week.

Pressure tests on the fruit are holding high, the agent reported, "probably because of the high temperatures we have been experiencing. If we have some moderate temperatures it is probable that the pressures will drop, causing a speed up in picking."

Beginning toward the end of next week, Cordy predicted, picking will begin on Seckel and D'Anjous.

Full Scale Basis

Today is the first day that pear picking has been on a full scale basis, according to John J. Patton, manager of the local office of the Oregon state employment service.

It is a little too early to tell if the picker supply is adequate for the season, Patton said. Picking is expected to hit the peak Tuesday or Wednesday, with approximately 2,000 persons employed in the orchards, he reported.

"So far we don't have any large number of people looking for work," Patton commented. "This is a normal start with more domestic help coming in looking for work than in recent years, probably due to a hard winter."

Patton reminded all orchardists that the telephone number of the farm labor office by the National Guard armory is SPring 2-3489. Many orchardists have been calling the main employment service office, he said.

New York—(UPI)—A team of daredevil thieves smashed open two display windows at swank Tiffany's on Fifth Avenue and lifted out jewels valued at $171,500 Sunday in one of the city's most brazen daylight burglaries.

Blind Staggers Hit Area Horses, But Not Serious

Recently reported cases of sleeping sickness (encepheomilitis) affecting some horses in the county do not indicate a serious situation, according to Dr. J. M. Starnes, Central Point veterinarian.

Three such cases have been reported, he said. These indicate the disease is of a sporadic nature. When enough cases are reported to indicate the disease is becoming widespread, veterinarians will start inoculating all horses in the area, Dr. Stearns said.

Cases Reported

Of the cases reported, one occurred near the Butte Falls Junction, one near Table Rock Road four corners, and one near Phoenix. The western strain of the disease appears to have infected the animals, Dr. Starnes said. This is not always fatal, whereas the eastern strain more often is, he explained.

The disease usually occurs in late summer or early fall when the mosquito carriers are more active, the veterinarian said. They bite infected animals and carry the disease to other horses.

Sleeping sickness usually appears only in horses. It is known to be transmissible to man, but only in rare cases, Dr. Starnes said. The disease is infectious to some rabbits and some rodents, he added.

Usually two or three cases of sleeping sickness or "the blind staggers" occur in this area each year, Dr. Starnes said.

Retail Stores Open Tonight

The majority of retail stores in downtown Medford will remain open until 9 o'clock each Monday night starting tonight.

Merchants not already remaining open recently agreed to start tonight. Other major retail outlets downtown have remained open Monday nights all year.

In previous years, merchants agreed to remain open one evening each week for the convenience of shoppers during the weeks just prior to school opening and before Christmas. Last year, an attempt was made to persuade the majority of the downtown stores to open Monday nights, but many smaller outlets found it could not be worked out satisfactorily, Retail Merchants association representatives said.

Merchants this year plan a "Harvest of Values" to promote Monday night shopping, and to start the fall shopping season.

No Evidence Seen Of Influence by Adams in Case

House Investigators Announced Verdict

Washington —(UPI)— House military investigators reported Sunday night their investigation failed to turn up evidence that Sherman Adams tried to influence a Pentagon board in an Army textile contract cast.

Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) of the subcommittee which investigated the case described the group's report as a "Scotch verdict."

This refers to a verdict, possible under Scotch criminal law, of "not proven," instead of "not guilty." It also is defined as "an inconclusive decision or ambiguous pronuncement."

Hebert told reporters there was "no doubt" that Adams, by forwarding inquiries to the Defense Department, succeeded in prodding the board to reach an early decision.

Members Conclude

But Hebert and nine other subcommittee members concluded that "there was no evidence presented to the subcommittee which indicated an intent by Mr. Adams or any member of Congress to influence the board."

The case involves a World War II contract to Raylajne Worsteds, Inc., to supply $653,500 of olive drab cloth to the Army.

The Manchester, N.H., firm was fined $49,753 by the Army in 1941 for failing to make deliveries on time. The firm unsuccessfully sought a $25,462 refund which was turned down by the Army and the comptroller general.

Last year, however, the comptroller general reversed his decision, paving the way for the Armed Forces Board of Contract Appeals to hear the case. Raylaine boosted its claim to $41,284. It was granted $40,382 last Nov. 27.

Hebert told reporters it was "unfortunate" Adams didn't testify because only he could "clear up the matter of whether it (the case) was handled routinely." Adams said it was.

Lack Appointments For Bloodmobile

Only 55 appointments have been made so far for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here Tuesday, Red Cross officials said this morning.

A total of 350 donors are needed to provide the 290-pint quota. The Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross building on Hawthorne ave. between 1 and 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Appointments may be made by telephoning the Red Cross office here, or donors may "drop in" without an appointment.

Prominent Logger Hurt As Timber Snag Falls

Steve Wilson, 47, box 382, Camp White, of Steve Wilson Lumber company, suffered head and back injuries this morning when he was hit by a falling snag in the Butte Falls area this morning, according to reports from Sacred Heart hospital and Medford Ambulance service.

Seriousness of the injuries was not immediately determined.

Salem — (UPI) — Carl W. Chambers, chairman of the State Tax Commission, said today that the timber tax hearings in progress would continue until all interested parties are heard.

Two Safe Burglaries Net $1,336 Total

Two safe burglaries last night, one in Ashland and one in Medford, netted thieves approximately $1,336, officers reported today.

Ashland police believe the two burglaries may be connected, it was reported.

A total of $282.05 in cash and $480.88 in checks was taken last night from the safe of Pacific Feed and Seed company, 9 East Fourth st., Medford, police reported. Entry was gained by cutting through the rear fence and prying open a door on the west side of the building, the report said.

The Ashland burglary, at Ashland Drug, 275 East Main st., netted burglars $574.82 in cash and 883 tablets of morphine and Dilaudid HCL valued at $50.

Entry was gained through the basement at the rear of the building, officers reported, and the burglars then went through a grate in the floor to get to the safe.

An attempt to punch open the safe with valve stems and a punch proved unsuccessful, according to reports, so the burglars peeled the front of the door to gain entry.

A number of new tools were left at the scene including a hammer, several punches, a chisel, and two valves. Officers are attempting to tie together the two safe jobs on the basis of methods used, Ashland police said this morning.

The Jackson county sheriff's office and Ashland police are cooperating in the investigation.

Suggestions Made To Ease Congestion

Suggestions aimed at easing traffic congestion on Riverside ave. between Eighth and Main sts. were offered today by Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

Thorpe recommended for Eighth st. traffic approaching Riverside ave.: that motorists planning to continue north after making the turn, or planning to turn west on Main st., keep to the left on Eighth st. after making the turn; and that cars destined to turn east on Main st. keep to the right on Eighth st. and to the right on Riverside ave. after making the turn.

For northbound Riverside ave. traffic, he suggested: that cars planning to continue north or turn left when they reached the Main st intersection keep to the left; and that cars planning to turn east keep in the right lane. He reminded motorists that the left lane of Riverside ave. north of Ninth st. was no longer a "Left Turn Only" lane—it now serves northbound thru-traffic as well.

Thorpe said the city planned to install a sandbag barrier soon to designate the right-turn lane for Riverside ave. cars turning onto Main st.

Hearing on Rezoning Set by City Planners

The city planning commission is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the city hall council chamber for a public hearing on rezoning the Neilson property in Berrydale.

Other business is expected to include a committee report on another Berrydale zone change, a report from the city manager on obtaining a 60-foot dedication for Poplar dr., two requests for public hearings on zone changes, and tentative approval of two subdivisions.

Aurora—(UPI)—An entire crop of 35,000 baby chicks was destroyed in a fire on the Delmer Stutzman farm near Butteville early Sunday.

Sports Bulletins

Portland — (UPI)— The Pacific Coast conference is terminating its Rose Bowl contracts with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, the Big Ten and the National Broadcasting Company after the Jan. 1, 1960 game, Acting Commissioner Bernard A. Hammerbeck announced here today.

Hammerbeck made the announcement following the conclusion of the special PCC meeting here Saturday at which members voted to dissovle the conference effective June 30, 1959.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Tuesday except some afternoon cloudiness. Low tonight 60. High Tuesday 95.

TEMP.	
Highest Yesterday	100
Lowest This Morning	61

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	7:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:14 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	2:42 a.m.
New Moon	Aug. 14
PROMINENT STAR	
Vega, high overhead	9:24 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Saturn, due south	8:05 p.m.
Jupiter, sets	9:34 p.m.
Mars, rises	11:10 p.m.
Venus, rises	3:39 a.m.

Reds Say Ike's Terms Would Be 'Waste of Time'

Khrushchev Note Delivered Today

United Nations, N. Y.—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today that Russia called a special session of the U. N. General Assembly on the Mideast because President Eisenhower's terms for a summit meeting would have produced nothing but a "fruitless waste of time."

The latest Khrushchev note was made public in Moscow and London as delegates of the 81 member nations converged on New York for an emergency General Assembly session called in response to demands from both the U. S. and Russia.

Ike, Dulles Work

In Washington, the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles worked together for more than two hours today on the U. S. proposals to be put before the special session.

The President had called for applying U. N. Security Council rules to any top level East-West talks.

This, Khrushchev said in a new letter, delivered today to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, would have produced no concrete results because of the present make-up and "shortcomings" of the council.

The new Soviet communication came as the U. S. and Russia worked behind the scenes to win support for their rival positions in the Middle East.

Main Aim

The main aim of the Soviets at the emergency session of the U. N. General Assembly was to get U. S. and British troops out of the area immediately. Moscow's delegates underscored possibilities of a new war to win support from uncommitted U. N. members to the Soviet position.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge were reported meeting with some of the uncommitted delegates today and Tuesday to seek support for their rival plans before Wednesday's emergency meeting of the U. N. General Assembly.

Gromyko flew in Sunday from Moscow wtih a warning the threat of war in the Middle East was "still very acute" and the determination to make the presence of Anglo-American troops in Jordan and Lebanon the scapegoat for the present Middle East crisis.

Local Firms Not Taking Orders; Await Meeting

Dock Merchandise Will Be Delivered

A shut-down of long-distance trucking which threatens 11 western states has already hobbled operations here.

Truckers report they have instructions not to accept any more freight orders nor pick up any loads. They await results of an Oregon Trucking association's meeting in Portland this afternoon.

The association has announced, through its attorney, Wilford Long, that the Oregon trucking industry will be shut down today or tomorrow. The meeting is expected to confirm this.

Long said that operations would cease as soon as merchandise presently on trucks or loading docks was delivered.

Long-Haulers Affected

Only long-haul freight appears to be affected. Local deliveries and furniture-moving operations will continue, it is understood.

The lock-out comes as swift reprisal to a strike by Teamsters in California's Central valley and western Nevada. The strike began at 6 a.m. today, following rejection of the union's final wage demands by a committee of employers.

The Western Truckers' Employers Labor Policy committee ordered a general shutdown in 11 western states. It announced that it considered a strike against one employer as a strike against all association member firms.

No New Orders

Local trucking employers reported receiving word from Portland about 8 a.m. not to accept new orders. While they said they regarded the measures as "tentative," the die appeared to be cast.

Spokesmen for Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight, Consolidated Freightways and Pierce Freight Lines said they were complying with the instructions.

Mayflower Van Lines, on the other hand, said that their operations, being under a different contract, would not be affected. This appeared to hold true for the Consolidated Freightways moving van service and others as well.

It is understood that hauling of such commodities as milk, bread and beer would not be affected since they are hauled by private fleets. Since most of the valley's pear crop is destined for local cold storage, the shut-down is not expected to hamper its harvesting to any great extent.

Delivery services here anticipate suffering from the shutdown since it would halt the flow of goods to and from town which they handle locally.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City	2	6	0
Detroit	3	9	0

Grim, Herbert (5), Gorman (8) and House; Bunning, Aguirre (9) and Lau. Homerun: House, Kansas City.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore	3	8	1
New York	2	7	0

Harshman and Ginsberg; Ditmar, Monroe (9) and Howard.

Colorado Water Suit Goes Into Final Session

San Francisco —(UPI)— The Colorado river water suit resumed today after a three-week recess for what was expected to be the final session of the 2-year-old trial.

Special Master Simon H. Rifkind, who is presiding, has expressed hope that the session be concluded by Labor Day. It will be devoted to rebuttal testimony.

The U. S. government, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah were to be given an opportunity to present rebuttal evidence during the first week. Then, California was scheduled to conclude its case.

The river suit, filed in 1952 is a dispute over proper division of the Colorado's flow in its lower basin below Lee's Ferry, Ariz.

It was begun by a complaint filed by Arizona against California in the U. S. Supreme Court. Arizona has advanced contentions in the case which would reduce California's claims of 5,362,000 annual acre feet of main stream flow by 1,500,000.

Most of the current session was expected to be occupied by California, which will attempt to refute recent Arizona charges that California wastes 1,500,000 annual acre feet in the Imperial and the Coachella water districts.

Arizona asserts the water is used unnecessarily to wash salts out of the soil.

So far, the marathon water trial has filled more than 20,000 pages of transcript and has included more than 4,000 books, charts and maps as exhibits.

It has been estimated that more than five million dollars has been spent by the parties in preparing their cases.

Dairy Maids Now New State Champs

Rogue Valley Dairy Maids last night won the women's state championship of the Oregon State Softball association.

(More details on tournament games are on today's sports pages.)

Barking Dogs Perplex Police

A city policeman was summoned to the Berrydale area Friday night in response to a complaint a barking dog was disturbing the neighborhood. But, he discovered on arrival, just about every house within earshot seemed to have at least one dog—and all were barking at each other. The policeman departed. Obviously, he reported later, nothing could be done.

Official Says Pilot Light Triggered Explosion Causing Kierdorf's Death

Flint, Mich. — (UPI) — A state police official explained today that a pilot light triggered an explosion in the rear of a Flint cleaning shop resulting in the death of "torch" Frank Kierdorf.

State Police Sgt. Ormal O'Farrell said the teamsters official, described as one who "had torch, would travel," became trapped in the rear of LaAtreille's Cleaners when fumes from the flammable liquid — probably gasoline — reached the pilot light of a small water heater.

"Kierdorf probably walked inside the small back room, was pouring the fluid over the plant, and whoom . . ." O'Farrell said.

"He found himself in the center of an inferno," he said, "and the only way out was the side door and he took it."

Kierdorf then was taken to his home by his accomplices, O'Farrell said, treated with a commercial salve and driven to Pontiac, about 40 miles south, where he was let out in front of St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Michigan Attorney General Paul L. Adams denied he had been asked to step out of the case.

The attorney general took charge of the investigation last Wednesday, two days after Kierdorf, 56, business agent for Flint Teamsters Local 332, staggered into a Pontiac hospital with burns over 85 per cent of his body.

Kierdorf, tough ex-convist who testified before the Senate Rackets committee, insisted he was "taking for a ride," by two strangers who turned him into a human torch by dousing him with gasoline. Investigators promptly riddled Kierdorf's story and Thursday, the day Kierdorf died, Adams theorized the burning was inflicted during a bungled arson job at the Flint cleaners.

Medford Stores Will Be Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight