

# Fire Rages Uncontrolled in Southern California

He'll Show 'Em



## Official Reviews Medford's Traffic Safety Program

Several gratifying facts and at least one grim one concerning Medford's traffic safety program in 1957 were presented here yesterday by a state safety official.

Edward J. Warmoth, manager of the traffic safety division of the department of motor vehicles, complimented the traffic safety division of the department of motor vehicles, complimented the city in particular for gaining recognition from the National Safety Council.

This recognition, for an outstanding program of school education in traffic safety, is to be marked by the awarding of a plaque sometime this month.

**Bright Spot**  
Another bright spot Warmoth pointed out to the group of city officials is Medford's standing highest in the nine Oregon cities of comparable (10-25,000) population.

A third is the city's attaining an overall rating of 73 for its traffic safety activities, up three percentage points from 1956.

But supervision of pedestrian traffic safety, Warmoth said, is "very close to being the bottom of the barrel."

He pointed out that last year three of the city's four traffic deaths were pedestrians, and that 23 pedestrian injuries were recorded in addition.

**Six Injured**  
This year there have been no deaths, and six pedestrians had been injured as of June 30, but the holiday shopping seasons in November and December take the highest toll of pedestrians, statistics show.

Warmoth's presentation yesterday was the "wrap up" of a two-day visit in which he discussed various aspects of traffic safety with the city officials most concerned.

He submitted an "Annual Inventory of Traffic Safety Activities" for Medford, a study prepared by the National Safety Council and other national traffic safety organizations.

This study, he explained, is based on reports from officials here. Capt. Clyde C. Fichtner of the Medford police department is the "inventory coordinator" for this city.

**Public Support**  
Warmoth discussed the need for public support in improving traffic conditions.

City Manager Robert A. Duff spoke of the difficulty in gaining such support for

enforcement of the city's laws against jay-walking. Jay-walking is considered a prime cause of pedestrian accidents.

Warmoth discussed several recommendations for improvement of the city's traffic program. These recommendations and others were included in the annual inventory.

**Saturday Final Day to Register**  
Residents of Jackson county who have moved, and who have not re-registered, must do so before 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, according to County Clerk Bereth P. Hopkins. All voters must be registered by that time in order to vote in the Nov. 4 general election.

Those who do not re-register by tomorrow's deadline sacrifice their right to vote for county officials and measures, she added.

The law provides that those who have moved and who have not re-registered may return to their old precinct, sign an application for re-registration and vote for state and district candidates and measures only.

The Jackson county courthouse will be open until 9 p.m. Friday and until 8 p.m. Saturday, Mrs. Hopkins said.

A total of 34,793 persons had registered in Jackson county as of Oct. 1, she said.

The figure includes 17,495 Republicans, 16,539 Democrats and 759 persons with miscellaneous party affiliations. The new registration figure gives the Republicans a margin of 956 registrants.

**Crusade Dance Set Tonight After Game**  
United Medford Crusade will hold an after-the-game dance in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel beginning at 10 o'clock tonight.

Music will be furnished by a five-piece band, donated by the local musicians union. Admission price will be \$1 per person with all proceeds going to the UMC.

Arrangements were made with the Arthur Murray dance studio and Ken Brew, president of the musicians local. Jackson hotel is donating the use of the room.

UMC workers have collected \$31,159 of the 1958 goal of \$31,030 during the first two weeks of the drive.

**Dag Accused of Bowing To American Pressure in Middle East Withdrawal**  
United Nations, N.Y. - (UPI) - The 28-nation Afro-Asian bloc injected itself today into the Formosa crisis and a Soviet publication accused Dag Hammarskjöld of bowing to American pressure in the Middle East.

**Sharp Exchange**  
Pravda, official organ of the Soviet Communist Party, printed a dispatch from its New York correspondent saying "U.N. circles believed the secretary general yielded to State Department pressure and followed the lead of American diplomacy" on the issue of withdrawing troops from the Middle East.

Only Thursday Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko touched off a sharp exchange with American Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge by accusing the United States and Britain of "continued aggression" in the Middle East and of violating a U.N. resolution recommending their withdrawal.

**Delegates Summoned**  
At the same time the Afro-Asian bloc summoned delegates to a meeting Saturday to seek ways of easing tensions in the Formosa area. Indonesia requested the meeting.

Gromyko's blast at the West Thursday came despite an announcement that British and

## Parking Platform Proposal Presented To Medford Council

Preliminary plans for a self-service parking platform straddling the Southern Pacific tracks in downtown Medford were presented to the city council last night by Robert J. Keeney, local architect.

Keeney, who reportedly conceived and developed the idea of such a platform for Medford himself, described it as a means of providing the city with adequate off-street parking facilities for years to come.

He emphasized the platform's potential expansion, either in height or length or both.

He took as a basic structure a double-deck platform extending above the tracks from Main st. north to Fifth st. Each deck he said could accommodate 200 cars.

**Spiral Ramp**  
The plans call for a spiral ramp on the northwest corner of Front and Sixth sts. Elevators would be located adjacent to the ramp and on Main st.

Keeney showed how the platform could be enlarged when necessary by adding decks above the original ones or extending the platform up or down the tracks.

He gave as an estimated cost, \$1,277 per parking space.

"We have left methods of financing up to the city," he said. But he referred the councilmen to the city's 1954 report on off-street parking, which takes up possible financing methods.

**Successful Elsewhere**  
Downtown parking decks have proved successful elsewhere in recent years, Keeney said.

The purpose of Keeney's presentation was to acquaint councilmen with the plans. The council took no formal action.

Keeney is reportedly to make a similar presentation Monday at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce weekly roundtable luncheon in the Jackson hotel.

Following a public hearing at the outset, the council approved partial vacation of the Rogue Valley Heights Extension subdivision plat to permit re-subdividing into smaller residential lots.

**Public Hearing Set**  
It called for a public hearing Nov. 6 on annexation of an area south and west of Dakota ave. and Plum st., provided that if dedication of the 30-foot street necessary for the extension of Dakota ave. has not been received from all property owners concerned by that date the hearing would be postponed.

As a final item of business it approved the motion of Councilman Don Hansen that the matter of wrecking-yard regulation, currently under consideration by the city planning commission, be referred to the council as a committee of the whole.

In matters appearing on the agenda, the council authorized acquisition of sanitary sewer easements on the north side of property belonging to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and on property belonging to a party identified as DeRoo, on Corona ave.

**Action Deferred**  
On Councilman Hansen's motion, it deferred action on repealing the city's 1942 ordinance on storage of explosives pending further study. City Manager Robert A. Duff reported that the ordinance conflicted with the Fire Prevention code passed in 1957.

The council took corrective action on land belonging to Doyle Franklin which had been incorrectly deeded to the city by providing a quit claim

deed for the land and then accepting the correct property. It approved an agreement for the dedication of a 60-foot right-of-way for the extension of Stevens st. west from Crater Lake ave. across the Phipps tract to dead-end at the edge of the Eagles' property. The city, for its part, is to grade and gravel the extension and erect a fence along its north side, all by June 1, 1959.

**Plans, Specifications**  
The council adopted plans and specifications to provide a sanitary sewer and street-paving in Grandview Unit No. 1, north of Grandview market.

It approved A. W. Walker's request for a license to conduct public dances at Dreamland, on East Main st., through Dec. 31.

And it accepted the speeds for the Main st.-Eighth st. couplet proposed by the state speed control board.

Duff submitted a supplemental order from the public utilities commission concerning the operation of railroad trains and crossing signals in Medford.

**Nationalist China Told U. S. Would Talk With Reds**  
Washington - (UPI) - Nationalist China was on notice today that while the United States will not give ground under fire, neither will it refuse to negotiate with the Chinese Reds if they stop shooting.

Officials said that was the essence of the message Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sent U.S. Ambassador Everett Drumright in Formosa Thursday. Dulles authorized Drumright to convey the message to Nationalist officials including Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

**Lacked Equal Prominence**  
Aides said Dulles felt Nationalist resentment at his and President Eisenhower's news conference statements this week resulted from the fact some press reports played up the administration's willingness to make concessions under a truce. These reports did not give equal prominence to equally strong statements there would be no retreat under fire and no failure to honor commitments to Chiang.

**Confers With Nixon**  
Dulles himself, before taking off Thursday for a five-day vacation at his Duck Island retreat in Lake Ontario, said his message to Drumright was designed to counter "misconceptions" in Formosa based on an "exaggerated idea of a shift of position on our part."

Vice President Richard M. Nixon sought further to ally the "misconceptions" in a statement issued Thursday night in San Francisco. He said it had been prepared after conferring with Dulles by telephone.

Nixon said any interpretation of Dulles' and Eisenhower's press conference remarks as a change or "weakening" of the U. S. position in the Formosa crisis "is completely erroneous."

**Lumber Price Index Said Down \$1.97**  
Portland - (UPI) - Crow's Lumber Price Index slipped \$1.97 the past two weeks with most of the slump blamed on lower prices for green Douglas fir dimension. Kiln-dried fir suffered a much smaller price drop, the index said.

Sanded plywood maintained a steady price level and unsanded sheathing stock experienced a light tempering in demand but with no important price change.

**Faubus Says Schools Will Remain Closed**  
Little Rock, Ark. - (UPI) - Gov. Orval E. Faubus said today that Little Rock's four closed high schools will stay closed all year unless the U.S. government lets them be reopened as private, segregated schools.

Presidio, Tex. - (UPI) - The flooding Rio Grande held steady today as light rains again began to fall here.

## General Motors Still Idle Despite Contract

### Series of Local Level Walkouts Plague Company

#### Agreement Declared 'Good for America'

Detroit - (UPI) - Strikes kept General Motors, world's largest automobile producer, tightly shut down today in spite of a national contract signed with the United Auto Workers Union Thursday night.

The only effect so far of the agreement was to shift the strike from one overall walkout of 275,000 production workers to a series of local level strikes.

**To Reopen Bargaining**  
It did pave the way for the 126 individual plants in 71 cities to reopen as fast as local bargaining committees for both the company and the union could clear away local level disputes.

But General Motors reported no agreements had been reached this morning and all plants remained closed.

The GM-UAW agreement was signed Thursday night after 36 hours of almost continuous bargaining. UAW President Walter P. Reuther called it "good for all of America," and "non-inflationary."

It was similar in basic economic framework to the Ford and Chrysler settlements reached earlier.

Chrysler also was still beset with strike difficulties even though it signed a master contract for 75,000 production workers last Wednesday.

**Workers Must Ratify**  
GM Vice President Louis G. Seaton said the company hoped most of the plants would be back in operation by the middle of next week. UAW workers at all plants must ratify the agreement by Oct. 20 for it to become effective.

The basic-framework terms of the agreement were identical to those at Ford and Chrysler - a three-year contract; pay boosts of 10 cents an hour for the first year and at least 7 cents in each of the next two; an extra pay boost of 8 cents an hour for skilled workers; pension increases; increases and extension of supplemental unemployment benefits; and a severance clause paid from SUB funds.

In addition, UAW President Walter P. Reuther announced the union obtained improvements on other issues that applied particularly to GM workers.

**Police Investigate Girl's Report**  
Central Point - The story of a 13-year-old Central Point girl who reported to school officials Thursday that she had been molested by two young men Wednesday is being investigated by Central Point police, it was reported today.

The girl told school officials that two men, believed to be about 19 years old, forced her at knife point into their car Wednesday noon at the junior high school. She explained that they drove her around the valley for the remainder of the afternoon and that she was molested by both.

Police reported that the girl was examined by a doctor Thursday but the results of the medical examination are not known at this time.

**Lebanese Army Fires on Crowds**  
Beirut, Lebanon - (UPI) - The Lebanese army opened fire on mobs demonstrating against the new government Thursday night and today in action that turned the page back to the bloodiest days of Lebanon's summer rebellion.

At least three civilians were reported killed and 12 wounded in the past 24 hours of violence in Beirut.

U. S. forces were not involved in the bitter street clashes.

The Lebanese army fired on the demonstrating crowds under orders to crush efforts of supporters of ex-President Camille Chamoun to keep Beirut in turmoil.

**Registration Units Planned in Area**  
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The units will be at the Food Basket on South Central ave., and at Matlack's on West Main st.

A unit will be at the Big Y market in Medford between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

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## Beauty Gone - J. C. Collins was proud of the remodeling of his building at 104 West Main st. and was especially proud of the cactus "garden" which he had planted in a flower box at the front of the building. He had received a letter from the City of Medford congratulating him for beautification of his office. Collins felt he had contributed to the current "Make Medford Beautiful" campaign. But the other night vandals decided to do something about Collins' garden. They used a hatchet or long-bladed knife and "carved up" his cactus garden. The results are shown in the above photo. (Landis photo)



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**County to Receive \$116,584 from State**  
Salem - More than \$2.5 million in department of motor vehicles' receipts have been transferred to the state highway fund for distribution to counties, the department has reported.

The \$2,563,467.99 represents a portion of receipts for the third quarter of 1958. It compares with \$2,283,800.55 distributed during the third quarter of 1957. The distribution was from fuel taxes, motor vehicle registrations and drivers' license receipts only. Other receipts by the Public Utilities commission for weight-mile taxes will subsequently be added to make up the bulk of the total monies distributed.

Distribution is made on the basis of the number of vehicles registered by counties. From the total highway fund, 19 per cent of receipts is distributed back to counties for use in road building and maintenance.

The distribution by counties includes: Jackson \$116,584.17, Josephine \$51,089.99 and Klamath \$75,887.70.

**Deer Causes Crash On Butte Falls Road**  
A deer jumping on the highway caused a one-car accident about 2 a.m. today on the Butte Falls highway, four miles east of Highway 62, according to state police.

A car driven by John George Winters, 1468 South Columbus ave., Medford, was traveling east, police said. The car swerved to miss the deer, went off the shoulder, struck an embankment and rolled over, they said.

Winters was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service. He was treated for a broken leg, officials said.

**Eisenhower Enters Army Hospital for Check-Up**  
Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower entered the Army's Walter Reed Medical Center today for an overnight medical check-up.

Accompanied by Doctor The chief executive checked in at the hospital shortly after 10 a.m. (p.s.t.).

The President, accompanied by his doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, was welcomed to Walter Reed as he had been a number of times by Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, commanding officer

## Governor Asked To Declare Scene Disaster Area

### Hot Desert Winds Help Spread Flames

Monrovia, Calif. - (UPI) - An out-of-control brush fire spread a path of destruction today and Los Angeles supervisors asked Gov. Goodwin J. Knight to declare the scene a disaster area.

The flames were carried on hot desert winds to brushland made tinder-dry by low humidity and scorching temperatures.

The mercury soared over the 100-degree mark on the fire lines and in Los Angeles some 30 miles to the west where a spreading blanket of white smoke blurred the sun.

**Solution Dumped**  
Six aerial tankers, including two U.S. Forest Service converted Martin PBM bombers and four similar tankers leased from private companies, shuttled back and forth from a nearby base, dumping thousands of gallons of a borate-water solution on the flames.

Fire crews backfired at ridges in an effort to contain the blaze that sent embers floating over firebreaks to start new outbreaks.

County Fire Chief Keith Klinger estimated damage to homes and valuable watershed in excess of \$1 million with no indication of control.

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**County Fair To Be Discussed by Group**  
A meeting to discuss plans for the future of a Jackson county fair will be held at 8 p.m., Oct. 11, in Bigham hall on the fairgrounds, according to Mrs. Everett Gibson, president of the Jackson County 4-H Leaders association.

Those who have been invited include representatives of the fair board, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Kiwanis, Grange, Farm Bureau, Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, fruit growers, farmers, Jackson County Stockmen's association and various businesses.

Mrs. Gibson said that no particular sites for the fairgrounds will be considered although the posse grounds have been mentioned. The group also will discuss the possibility of improving the present fairgrounds.

"The past month has seen considerable interest build up in regards to the fairgrounds and the present fair being held in Jackson county," Mrs. Gibson said. "Because of this a representative citizens' group is meeting to evaluate the present set-up and discuss possible plans for the future of a Jackson county fair."

**Danger Stays High In Area Forests**  
Forest fire conditions in southwestern Oregon are more dangerous now than they have been any time during the summer, federal and state agencies said today.

Fire danger is high, boarding on the extreme, and conditions are expected to go unchanged during the week end, according to Carroll Brown, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, and Curt Neisheim, warden for the southwest district, state department of forestry.

They again asked hunters to use extreme caution while traveling in forests, and to report any fires that come to their knowledge.

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