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**BASHFUL** - Sitting on Santa's knee is a thrilling experience for a small tot, but there is something about being so close to the big expanse of white beard that often makes a child forget temporarily what it was he wanted for Christmas. Above, four-year-old Ronnie O'Conner takes the candy Santa Claus gives him but "clams up" when it comes to answering his questions. Hundreds of children received candy and had the chance to meet Santa in downtown Medford during the Christmas opening sponsored by Medford merchants Friday evening.

## Formosa Reports Renewed Threat Of War In Strait

### Red Chinese May Have New Mig-19s

Taipei, Formosa—(UPI)—Warnings that large-scale hostilities may break out again over the offshore islands were sounded yesterday after reports of increased Communist air activity over the Formosa strait.

There were reports also that the Soviets had supplied the Chinese Reds with Mig-19 jets, the newest in the Mig-jet family, and air-to-air missiles. Nationalist Chinese pilots scored their biggest victory of the pocket war with U.S.-built "Sidewinders" at the height of the battle for the offshore islands in September.

The official military information service and the Central News agency reported in separate dispatches from Quemoy that Soviet-built Mig jet fighters flew within sight of the offshore islands three times Friday. Eight Mig-19s were spotted in one flight during the morning, and two flights totaling more than 10 Mig-19s were sighted during the afternoon. No combat was reported.

The last Nationalist-Communist aerial dogfight took place on Oct. 10. There were reports that the United States and Nationalist China were observing an aerial "cease fire" within 30 miles of the Red-held mainland but they were officially denied.



JOEL BRUCE REEDER  
New City Attorney

## Joel B. Reeder Named Medford's New City Attorney

Joel Bruce Reeder, 30, has been appointed Medford's next city attorney, City Manager Robert A. Duff announced yesterday.

He succeeds E. Roy Bashaw, who assumes his new duties as district judge in January. Reeder, who lives with his wife, Mary Elizabeth, and four children at 512 South Oakdale ave., came to Medford last summer after graduating from the University of Oregon law school.

At the law school he was president of the student body and ranked second in his class. He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in September, and is now associated with Stanley C. Jones and the Medford firm of Jones and Reeder.

Reeder began college at Northeast Oklahoma State, but withdrew in February, 1948 after one and a half years to join the Air Force. He qualified as a B-29 pilot and served a combat tour in Korea.

Reeder is a younger brother of Thomas J. Reeder, district attorney of Jackson county. He was born in Tahlequah, Okla., July 18, 1928.

Reeder plans to start work in his new position Monday. He will have a month to work with Bashaw.

He has said he hopes to continue his job at city hall indefinitely. He is particularly interested in carrying out the task of revising the city charter, on which Bashaw has already done some work.

# Nixon Says Red Terms Will Stiffen Resistance

## Khrushchev Asks Roundtable Start By Next June 1

### Warns Alternative Would Be 'Free City'

Berlin—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev last night called for a roundtable conference of the wartime allies within six months on the future of Berlin.

In a statement at a Moscow diplomatic reception, Khrushchev stressed that if negotiations with the West had not begun within the six-month time limit set by Russia, then the Soviets would put into effect their "demilitarized free city" plan for West Berlin at the end of that time.

Khrushchev thereby apparently extended the Soviet deadline for West Berlin. Presumably, if the talks started, the deadline would be pushed back and would be held in abeyance until the talks ended.



"I'm Right Behind You, General"

## Reports Britain Ready To Stand Firm On Berlin

### Discussed Situation In Talk With Churchill

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## Sen. Neuberger Hatfield Meet For Tea, Talks

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Governor-elect Mark Hatfield met at the Neuberger home here Friday and discussed federal-state problems including power development, highway financing, unemployment compensation, fish protection, state matching funds for the University of Oregon medical school, and a Neuberger proposal of federal tax refunds to states.

The two men indicated they were in accord on the topics generally, but Hatfield said he could not disclose his opinions on some of the subjects because they would be covered in his inaugural address in January.

At the conclusion of the meeting Hatfield said he felt the session had been "very beneficial to me." Neuberger said that if Hatfield had occasion to travel to Washington, D.C., Neuberger would be "glad to arrange" for Hatfield to meet with members of the Oregon delegation, if possible.

## Local Pears Facing Stiffer Competition, Lowering Of Prices

Marketing of Rogue valley's 1958 pear crop is lagging considerably behind last year's schedule an official of the Medford Pear Shippers association reports.

A bumper crop of California Bartletts and large quantities of apples and bananas have put the squeeze on local fruit, the official states.

The California pears reportedly reached the markets first. And heavy storage holdings in that state, according to the report, have also contributed to the delay.

30 Days Behind  
Medford's Bartletts are only now being cleared out, some 30 days behind schedule.

A concerted sales effort, the official notes, has kept the winter varieties—D'Anjou, Bosc and Comice—moving. But these too are reportedly slower than usual, with the prices generally lower.

Price-slashing brought on by the large national apple crop has depressed the fruit market generally, it is understood. And sizeable imports of bananas has caused additional pressure.

Hopeful  
Local shippers are reportedly hopeful that retail promotion plus the usual brisk holiday trade may improve the situation, but they do not anticipate any rise in demand or price if the present market conditions hold.

A decrease in export trade of some 500,000 boxes under last year has reportedly matched the decrease in the winter pear crop, so that the number of pears that must find a domestic market remains about the same.

## Hundreds Attend Holiday Opening Of Local Stores

Hundreds of valley residents, including many youngsters, packed downtown Medford streets Friday night for the opening of the Christmas shopping season.

Merchants termed the opening, which featured a public treasure hunt, a "tremendous success," with the general reaction of all concerned "very good."

Over 100 prizes were made available for the event. The majority had been picked up at local businesses by the 9 p.m. closing.

C. O. Lovejoy, treasure hunt chairman, expressed the appreciation of the Retail Merchants association for the help of the McLoughlin and Hedrick junior high school bands, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Medford police and local publicity media.

Medford stores plan to remain open Mondays and Thursdays until 9 p.m. through the Christmas shopping season. The late closing also is set for Tuesday, Dec. 23.

## Chrisman Given Two Year Term

George Fredrick Chrisman Jr., Medford, in circuit court Friday afternoon, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon State penitentiary on charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

After pleading innocent to the charges at first, he changed his plea to guilty. He was charged with burglarizing Huffman Truck and Auto Supply in Medford on Sept. 5.

Also sentenced in circuit court Friday afternoon was Gerald W. Moore, who pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing a false check. Moore had been extradited from San Quentin prison upon his release there recently.

He was given a two-year suspended sentence to Oregon State penitentiary and given six months to make full restitution for all bad checks issued in this area.

## Frank C. Leaming, Central Point Man Killed In Collision

Frank Collier Leaming, 51, of 459 Grand st., Central Point, was dead on arrival at Sacred Heart hospital last night following a two-car collision on Highway 62 at the Eagle Point junction.

State police said Leaming was operator of an auto which collided with a car driven by John F. Henshaw, Butte Falls, about 6:35 p.m. Saturday.

According to the police report, Henshaw had slowed to make a turn from Highway 62 onto the road leading to Eagle Point when Leaming, trying to pass Henshaw's car, struck it. The Leaming car went through a guard rail and overturned.

Henshaw suffered bruises and his car was badly damaged, police said.

Leaming is survived by his wife at Central Point; two brothers, Ed, Shady Cove and Robert, Medford; and a sister, Mrs. Alton Hart, Medford. The remains are at the Jackson county coroner's office.

## Sports Bulletin

Portland—(UPI)—Vale won the Oregon A-2 football championship Saturday night by scoring a 13 to 6 victory over Willamina.

Merrill romped to a 60 to 7 triumph over Yoncalla to rack up the Oregon Class B championship.

## Ritchie Low Bidder For Ashland School

Medford contractor Loren Ritchie, was apparent low bidder for construction of an addition to Walker elementary school, Ashland, according to figures reported by Wayne E. Struble, resident architect at the Medford office of Architect James I. Payne.

Ritchie's basic bid was for \$85,994 for construction of a six-classroom addition and installation of an office partition.

Other bids were submitted by Myers Jones, Medford, \$86,100; Wiley Construction company, Ashland, \$88,500; H. Barnhart, Medford, \$89,000; Dwight Seely, Medford, \$89,000; Jack Batzer, Medford, \$89,406; and Salter and Klein, Grants Pass, \$101,367.

## King Hussein To Lift Jordan's Martial Law

Amman, Jordan—(UPI)—King Hussein announced last night he will lift Jordan's martial law, effective tomorrow. It was imposed 19 months ago.

The announcement was made after a special cabinet meeting. The young monarch imposed martial law on the country April 25, 1957 after an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow his government by leftists and pro-Nasser Arabs.

## Concession Cracks Deadlock at Geneva

Geneva—(UPI)—The four-week deadlock in the east-west conference on nuclear tests ban was cracked yesterday at a special weekend session in which both sides offered modified proposals.

Western conference sources said the moves brought the conference "on the threshold of being able to draft a treaty on a nuclear test ban."

A Soviet concession was said to have brought the op-

## Firemen Control 4,000-Acre Blaze

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Firemen yesterday controlled a fire which destroyed a house, cabin and house trailer, burned over 4,000 acres of brush, and injured two firefighters 30 miles northwest of here in the Calabasas area.

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## City's Councilmen, Planners Slated To Meet In Joint Session Wednesday

The first joint meeting of Medford's city council and planning commission under a policy advanced by Mayor John W. Snider last summer is scheduled for Wednesday night at city hall.

Mayor Snider himself is not expected to be here to preside. He is attending the annual convention of the American Municipal Association in Boston.

On the meeting's tentative agenda are consideration of the new proposal for a city subdivision ordinance and of a city policy with respect to issuing zoning ordinance variances for the erection of signs.

Tract In Berrydale  
A third item due for consideration is the zoning of a small but controversial tract in Berrydale. This tract, being purchased under contract by Harold Farr as an extension to his Valley Center Trailer court on North Pacific highway, was originally to be zoned light industrial to permit this use.

But William Doernbach, a Berrydale resident and recent candidate for the Ward 1 city council seat, contended at public hearings that deed restrictions on the property would permit only residential zoning and use. Several other residents supported him.

Mayor Snider's policy is an attempt to encourage harmony and—if necessary—compromise between the councilmen and the planners.

Matter Deferred  
Whenever a city councilman disagrees with a recommendation handed up to that body by the planning commission, he moves that a joint meeting be held. If the motion carries, the matter is deferred until the two groups can get together on it.

Previously, the council was known to reject a planners' recommendation from time to time. Such action, amounting in effect to a challenge of the commissions' competence or judgment, was inevitably a source of ill feeling.

The Berrydale zoning dispute was referred to a joint meeting Aug. 21, but officials evidently considered it insufficient cause in itself for calling such a session.

Sign Variance  
The sign variance issue was raised at the council meeting Nov. 6. The planning commission had recommended that a variance permitting a sign to advertise the Mont Crest subdivision be allowed. But Donald Hansen, Ward II, said he did not believe the city's zoning ordinance would allow variances of any kind unless severe hardship would otherwise result.

The other two sign variance requests, still before the planning commission, are for the First Church of the Nazarene and for Roy Wilkes' Brookhurst subdivision.

The proposed subdivision ordinance received its first public hearing before the planning commission Nov. 10. The planners heard criticism from two subdividers, Wilkes and Claude McIntyre, and decided to refer the controversial matter to a joint meeting.

## First Cold Wave Strikes As Traffic Deaths Mount

By United Press International  
The first major cold wave of the season mushroomed across the nation yesterday, plunging temperatures to sub-zero levels in the north and to freezing and below as far south as northern Florida.

The mammoth cold front covered about three quarters of the nation and was expected to reach near record proportions with the reinforcement of a second mass of bone-chilling Arctic air pouring across the Canadian border.

Meanwhile, heavy lake snows and near blizzard conditions swept across part of western New York in the aftermath of a record-breaking snowstorm that paralyzed traffic for the Thanksgiving holiday from the Rockies through the northeast.

A United Press International count last evening showed that at least 273 persons died in highway traffic accidents throughout the nation since the unofficial holiday period began at 6 p.m. Wednesday. In addition, 23 persons died in fires, 2 in plane crashes and 66 fatalities were attributed to miscellaneous causes for an overall holiday total of 364.

New York led the traffic death count by states with a total of 22. California listed 18 deaths along with Illinois, while Ohio had 14, Pennsylvania 13 and Indiana 12.

The National Safety Council did not issue an official prediction for the 102-hour period which ends at midnight tonight. But an average of 470 persons would die in a similar period at this time of year, the council said. During the 1957 Thanksgiving holiday the UPI counted 554 traffic deaths.

Not even the winter playground of Miami was to escape the cold. Weathermen predicted temperatures in the Miami area would drop to around 45 degrees by early today.

## Medford Firemen Answer Four Calls

Four calls kept Medford city firemen busy Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Firemen were called at 6:40 p.m. Friday to extinguish a fire at 1510 East Jackson blvd. No damage resulted. At 6:19 p.m. Friday a truck was dispatched to 1474 Grand ave., for a burning clothes hamper which had been pushed too close to an electric heater, and a fire. Damage resulted to the hamper, clothes and wall, firemen said.

At 8:25 p.m. a truck was sent to 2083 College way to extinguish a trash fire which was burning after hours. There was no damage. Saturday at 9:36 a.m. a truck was sent to 24 Ross court to extinguish a fire fire. No damage.

Kansas City, Mo.—(UPI)—Federal mediators and representatives of Trans World Airlines and the striking International Association of Machinists began a joint meeting late last night.

## Football Scores

WEST  
Air Force Academy 20, Colorado 14.  
Notre Dame 20, USC 13.  
Hawaii 40, Idaho State 19.  
SOUTHWEST  
Rice 33, Baylor 21.  
Oklahoma 7, Oklahoma State 0.  
Southern Methodist 20, Texas Christian 13.  
SOUTH  
Georgia 16, Georgia Tech 3.  
Clemson 14, Alabama 9.  
Florida 12, Miami (Fla.) 9.  
Clemson 36, Furman 19.  
Tennessee 10, Vanderbilt 6.  
Auburn 11, Alabama 8.  
Mississippi 21, Mississippi State 0.  
EAST  
Army 22, Navy 6.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness today and Monday. Fog patches during night and morning hours. High both days near 50, low near 32.  
TEMP.  
Highest Yesterday 33  
Lowest Yesterday 25  
Our Skies Tonight  
Sunset today 4:41 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:29 a.m.  
Moonrise tonight 4:57 p.m.  
PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS  
Cassiopeia, high in north 8:26 p.m. will be in northwest at midnight.  
VISIBLE PLANETS  
Mars, in the east 6:05 p.m.  
Jupiter, rises 6:00 a.m.