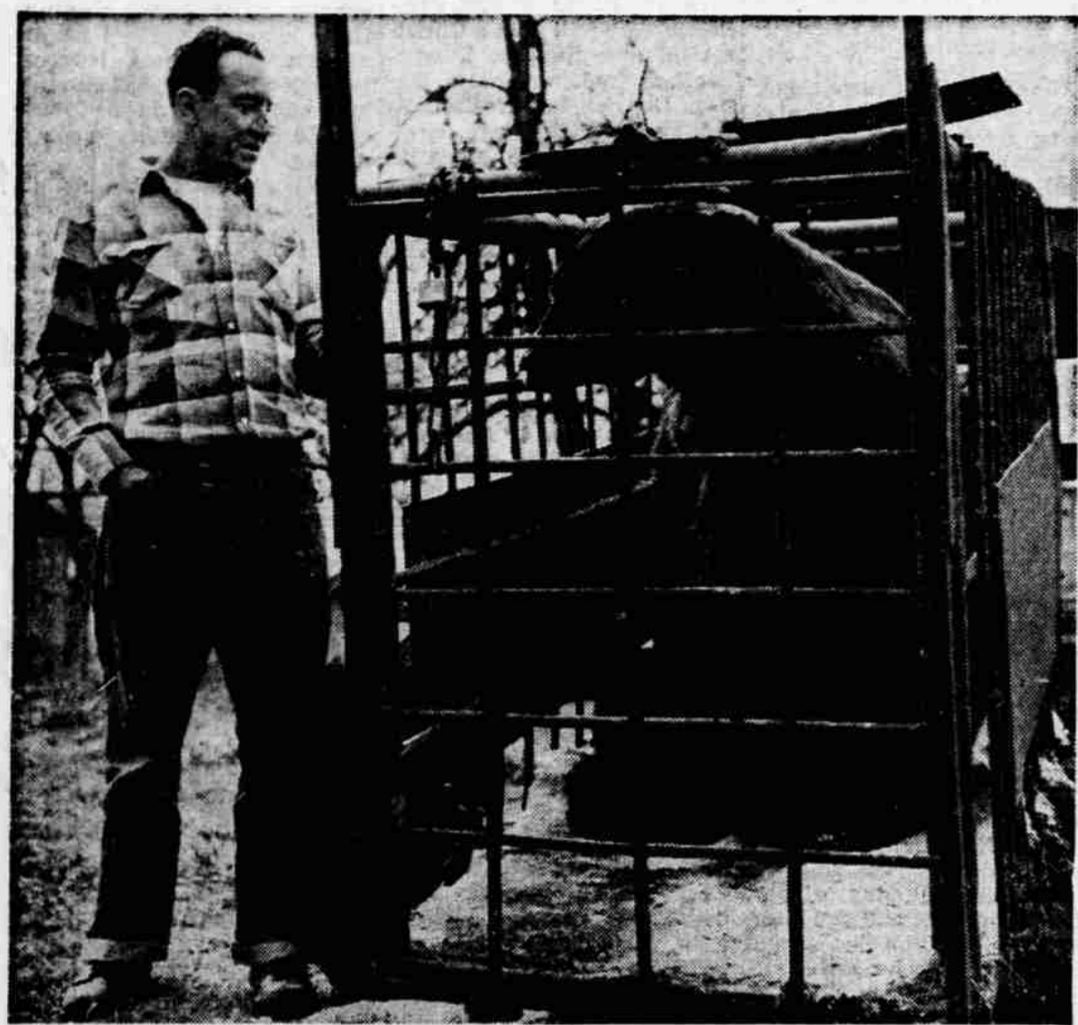


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## COUNCIL RECOMMENDS AMENDMENT APPROVAL



**BRUIN CAPTURED**—A large black bear that has been pestering orchardists and farmers in the Phoenix-Talent area for a number of years, was captured alive this week by Herman Cannon (above) and his son, Hank, of Talent. The bear was caught in a cage built by Cannon, which is mounted on a trailer. It is estimated that the animal weighs between 450 and 500 pounds and is at least 20 years old, according to some "bear" experts. The big bruin had gained a reputation in the area for eluding hunters. He refused to be treed and had mauled a number of hounds of various hunting parties in past years.

### Resolution Asks Voters to Pass Charter Measure

Election Will Be In City Wednesday

The Medford city council last night adopted a resolution recommending to the city's voters that they approve the charter amendment for off-street parking in the election next Wednesday.

The resolution was read by Councilman Donald Hansen, Ward II, and unanimously approved by the six other councilmen present.

It includes these principal points:

1. "A solution to the parking problem is necessary to the growth, development, adequate planning, and public safety and welfare.

2. "Postponing a solution to the parking problem will only increase the eventual cost and difficulties of a solution.

3. "The council deems the proposed amendment and bond authorization the only present or reasonably foreseeable method of solving the parking problem.

4. "The proposed charter amendment and bond authorization is the outgrowth of this council's insistence upon built-in safeguards to insure that the cost of facilities will be borne on a benefit basis, plus a fair portion of parking meter revenues, and not become a general tax or levy measure.

5. "This council is attempting to fulfill its solemn obligation to the citizens of Medford to provide for sound, efficient and economical municipal government."

Informed observers regard the council's action in recommending approval to the voters as unprecedented.

In other action, the council awarded the sale of \$114,116.31 in Bancroft bonds for miscellaneous improvement districts to the lowest of three bidders, Rogue Valley State bank together with Foster and Marshall.

Authority to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire the Lusk property necessary for the extension of East 10th st. across Bear creek was approved.

The council also approved a comprehensive list of liquor license applications. City Manager Robert A. Duff reported the Veterans club, 42 North Front st., did not intend to apply. Acting Mayor Paul Meyers said the council could take action later on controlling liquor violations. Councilman Ed Hall, Ward I, said action should be taken if violations continue.

Turned down was a request by Roy Picard that the city's sign ordinance be amended to permit a sign low enough under the Franklin building marquee to be visible. Such a sign would have been in violation of the height limits in the ordinance.

The council called for a public hearing Dec. 18 on a sanitary sewer for Eastover terrace and part of Hillcrest rd., and authorized plans and specifications for a sanitary sewer on portions of Springbrook and Delta Waters rds.

"Didn't I Meet You in Korea Once?"



### Four Men Perish in Fire at Portland

Portland - (UPI) - Four men died here late Thursday in a fire in a small hold of a landing craft utility (LCU) at Gunderson Bros. Engineering Corp.

The dead were identified as Clarence V. Tucker, 48, crane operator, Portland; Joseph G. Gredvig, 43, rigger foreman, Portland; Willard Akers, 44, crane operator, Hillsboro, and Norman R. Boucher, 33, electrician, Portland. All but Boucher worked for Gunderson. He was employed by the Electro-Mechanical Co., of Portland.

Worst in History  
Deputy Multnomah county coroner Tony Wald said the men may have died from suffocation, burns or even electrocution.

Leighton W. Johnson, chief engineer for the ship building firm said the accident was the worst in the history of the company.

Gunderson Bros. has been working on seven LCU crafts for the Navy and the vessel on which the fire occurred was due to be launched within two weeks.

Johnson said the fire started in a 440-volt electrical cable and spread to the painted bulkheads. Cause of the fire was not determined.

The fire burned only briefly but fiercely. The four victims apparently had no opportunity to escape from the small winch hold. Firemen had to cut a hole in the deck to remove the bodies.

The LCU vessels are 135 feet long and 30 feet wide. His aircraft crashed and was destroyed, the announcement said. It added that Mackin was found by youths who turned him over to East German border police.

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Howard District Mailing Ballots on Reorganization  
The board of Howard school district 100, at the request of the Jackson County Reorganization board, is mailing to all registered voters in the district a ballot asking them to indicate their choice of consolidation with the Central Point district 6C, or Medford district 549C.

The ballot is to be returned as indicated on or before Dec. 22, at which time the Howard school board will hold a special meeting to tabulate the ballots.

The county school reorganization board will then decide whether or not to change its previous recommendation for consolidation with Central Point district 6C.

Nick Gier, 2902 North Pacific highway, assisted by some other voters in the district and with the sanction of the Howard school board, is organizing a committee which will hold a special hearing sometime the week of Dec. 7-13, at Howard school. All registered voters are asked to attend. Exact date of the hearing will be announced later.

The committee is preparing tax comparison charts, and developing all pertinent information regarding the subject. The committee will point out advantages and disadvantages of consolidating with either district.

The committee also will have authorized representatives from both the Medford and Central Point districts to speak to the group comparing the respective curriculums of each system.

### Flier Parachuted When Light Plane Ran Out of Gas

Blackmail Attempt Seen by Authorities

Berlin - (UPI) - The East German press office announced tonight that missing U. S. Army pilot Lt. Richard Mackin parachuted into East Germany Wednesday.

The press office announcement said Mackin was not injured and was in the hands of East German authorities.

The announcement said Mackin told the East Germans he parachuted when his L19 light plane ran out of gasoline.

Mackin, 27, Washington, D. C., piloted an artillery-spotting plane for the 3rd Armored Division. He had been missing for 48 hours on a flight from Frankfurt to Grafenwoehr near the Iron Curtain border. U. S. authorities had speculated that he was being held by the Communists in another attempt to blackmail the West into recognition of the East German Communist puppet regime.

Today's announcement by the East German ADN news service said Mackin flew across the East German border without permission in the area of Sonneberg and Hildburghausen.

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### Jaycee Program Information Sent

Information regarding the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award program is being sent to churches, service clubs and fraternal organizations, Clyde Wheaton, chairman, has announced.

Enclosed with information sheets are application forms for those who wish to nominate candidates for the award.

Young men between 21 and 36 years old are eligible. The nominee must have taken an active part in community service programs or civic functions during the year. The activities must be outside of the work he is expected to do in his regular employment.

Wheaton said nominations will be accepted anytime from now until January 15. Application forms may be obtained from Jaycee members or by writing the Medford Jaycees at post office box 251, Medford.

All candidates will be judged by a panel of business and professional men, and the award will be announced at a banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club.

On the committee with Wheaton are Charles Henry, Hal Gardner, Garry Shuler and Ron James.

### Prineville Ex-Con, Fearing Return To Pen, Kills Self as Cops Close in

Prineville, Ore. - (UPI) - An ex-convict who feared he might have to go back to prison shot himself to death early today after holding a squad of police officers at bay for nearly 10 hours.

The ex-convict was Stanley Robinson, 27, the father of four children. Friends described him as "personable and charming, like the boy next door."

Served One-Year Term  
Robinson was released from Oregon State Prison three weeks ago after serving a one-year term for bad checks. A police officer came to his house about 3 p.m. Thursday to arrest him for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Picking up a 30-30 rifle, Robinson ordered the officer away. Another policeman turned in an alarm and soon 14 city and state officers were at the scene.

## Trees Cut Illegally In Region

Illegal cutting of Christmas trees has been reported in the Green Springs area on bureau of land management land and property owned by Weyerhaeuser Timber company, according to Ross Youngblood, district forester for BLM.

He reported that approximately 1,500 trees, more than one-third on government land, were discovered Thursday by BLM personnel stacked along roads on Jenny creek near Pinehurst and the Walters Cabin rd. on the way to Buck lake.

Youngblood stated that cutting in this area is particularly serious since there is not an excess of young trees in the area. He explained that the tree growth is slow in this part of the forest and any further cutting would make reforestation necessary.

Brought to Medford  
The local forester said the trees belonging to the government have been brought to Medford and will be sold Monday to the highest wholesale bidder.

The trees must be sold immediately, he said, and wholesale dealers interested in the trees should contact the BLM office prior to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. He added that the trees belonging to Weyerhaeuser Timber company were taken to Klamath Falls for sale there.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been contacted concerning the incident, Youngblood.

Cutting Christmas trees for home use on government land is allowed in limited areas of the forest, Youngblood said, but reminded residents that permits are needed. Forest service personnel with the Rogue River National forest added that individual use permits may be secured on the Prospect, Applegate or Beaver Creek districts.

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### \$25,000 Bail Set In Burglary Case

Bail was set at \$25,000 each by District Court Judge James M. Main for Homer Cloyd Brooks, 39, of Pueblo, Colo., and Albuquerque, N.M., and Lendel Carl Buttram, 21, Shady Cove, and recently of Albuquerque.

The two men were arraigned in district court Thursday afternoon on charges of burglary not in a dwelling and are lodged in the county jail. They are specifically charged with the theft of \$687.55 from the Crater Finance company, 135 East Pine st., Central Point, Dec. 3.

The two men were arrested by Medford city police following a chase with speeds up to 90 miles per hour from Medford to Talent, which ended on Hillcrest rd. The complaint was filed by Central Point police.

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## Moon Shot Waited

### Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Draft Starts

Geneva - (UPI) - The United States, Britain and Russia began drafting a nuclear test ban treaty today, but East and West still were split on the fundamental issue of controls.

The drafting party met in the Palais des Nations to draw up the preliminary articles of a treaty which would commit the signers to a nuclear test ban and an obligation to cooperate with a control organization.

The scope, powers and responsibility of the control group, however, remained the center of disagreement between the Soviet Union and the two Western atomic nations.

Russia has demanded a veto-bound tripartite directorate for any international control organization with membership limited to itself, Britain and the United States. This would bar possible future nuclear powers such as France and Communist China.

Western sources said the Soviet plan would give the Russians "a veto on every little thing a control organization can do."

The West is holding out for a truly international organization open to other countries but with special permanent status for the three current members of the nuclear club.

Deputies Arrest Man For Chain-Saw Theft  
Jerry Howard Dillard, 333 North Holly st., Medford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies yesterday on charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

Dillard is charged with taking a chain-saw from a garage belonging to Clyde A. Dunkin, Grants Pass, sometime during January. He was arrested after deputies learned he tried to trade the chain-saw for a car. He was lodged in Jackson county jail, deputies reported.

Chicago Burial School Fire Dead  
Chicago - (UPI) - Chicago buried its school fire dead today. Solemn last rites were held for the children who died Monday in the dreadful pyre of Our Lady of the Angels school.

School board that "... the board's decision ... is contrary to good public educational policy."

Sweetland said J. L. Turnbull, assistant state superintendent of schools, had cited a 1956 attorney general's ruling which said "district school boards shall admit free of charge to the schools of their district all persons between the ages of 6 and 21 residing therein."

### Presence of Von Braun Lends Weight To Report

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UPI) - Dr. Werner von Braun arrived here today to look over the Army's Juno II moon rocket and it appeared plans were proceeding on schedule to launch the stately space vehicle this week end.

The German-born Von Braun, chief Army missile scientist, visits the Cape only on special occasions and his presence strengthened reports that the Army's first moon bird would be fired as early as Saturday.

If the four-stage rocket does go Saturday, the world will know before the week end is over whether the team of scientists and rocketeers which put the first American satellite into orbit has succeeded in stabbing deep into space past the moon.

Although the Air Force set a new altitude record when Pioneer I hurtled 79,000 miles from the earth Oct. 11-12, the Air Force probes fell far short in three tries to reach the moon, 220,000 miles away.

The Army thus finds itself in a position similar to the circumstances that surrounded its triumph early this year. After the first Vanguard had failed, an Army Jupiter-C rocket thrilled the free world by putting Explorer I into orbit last Jan. 31.

Unlike the Air Force's moon probes, the Army vehicle is not intended to orbit the moon. Instead, as Von Braun has explained, the Army will aim the rocket at the moon with the expectation that it will skim past the lunar sphere and go on to become a satellite of the sun, 93 million miles away.

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Robert D. Holmes has urged all Oregonians to observe Sunday, Dec. 7 as National Civil Defense Day.

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