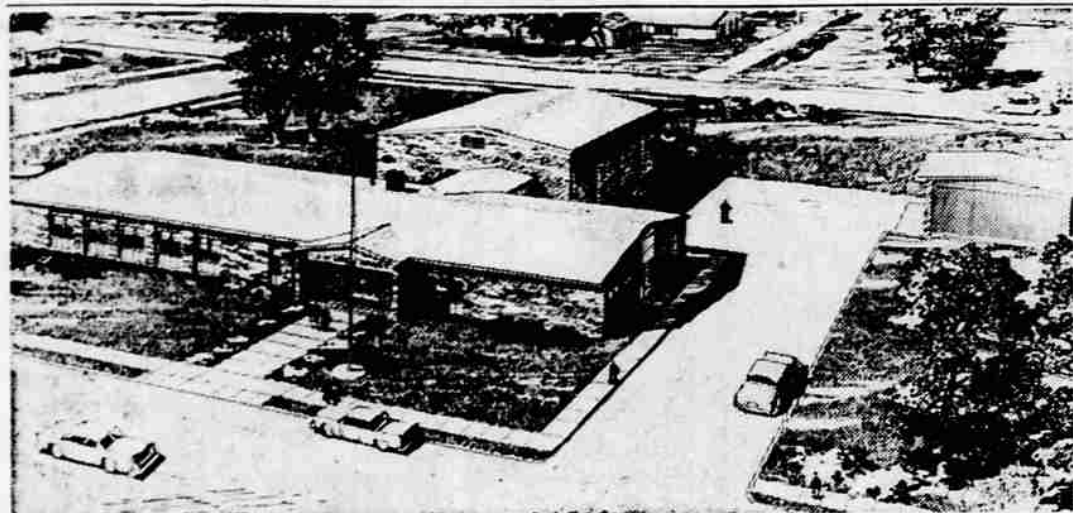


# Medford Stores Will Be Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight



**RESERVE CENTER**—This is an architect's sketch of the proposed U. S. Army Reserve Center for the intersection of McAndrews rd. and West Jackson st. Bids will be called on or about Jan. 26, according to word from Oregon's Congressional delegation at Washington, D. C. Installation is estimated at a quarter million dollars. Plans call for a main building with offices, supply rooms, classrooms, an attached assembly hall and a two-bay maintenance shop.

## Widespread Dissension Seen In Red China Over Communes

Tokyo—(UPI)—Peiping Radio indicated today that the beehive-like communes which have swallowed up most of China's half-billion peasants are a source of widespread dissension in the Communist-conquered country.

A Peiping broadcast said 99 per cent of China's farm population is now living in communes, while "some experiments have begun in the cities." It added, however, that large-scale development of city communes is likely only "when the skeptics and doubters have been convinced."

"In the cities, intellectuals still have misgivings about the establishment of communes..." the broadcast said. "The urgent task at present is to quickly achieve unity of views... among all members of the party and among the people."

This appeared to mean that Communists as well as non-Communists oppose the creation of the new institutions, which in effect are little more than forced labor camps.

Despite these shortcomings, the Red radio said, the Communist Central Committee in China endorsed the commune system at the meeting Dec. 10 at which Mao Tse-tung decided to quit his job as president of Red China.

There has been speculation that Mao actually was forced to resign because of serious opposition to the communes. The fact that the Reds waited more than a week before making a public announcement of the committee's endorsement of the system appeared to suggest trouble behind the scenes.

It waited almost as long to announce Mao's resignation, apparently in hopes of easing the shock to rank and file members of the party. Recent travelers in Red China have reported much dissatisfaction among the people over the commune system with its forced labor and destruction of the family life that has been the backbone of Chinese culture for untold generations.

George Theodore Cook, 84, of 153 Granite st., cabin 9, Ashland, was killed outright Wednesday at 5:50 p.m. when he was struck by an automobile on Highway 99 approximately a half mile south of Phoenix.

State police reported that Cook was walking north in the middle of the outside lane at the time of the accident. Joe Edwin Rutherford, 20, of 581 East Main st., Ashland, operator of the automobile, told police that he did not see him in the highway due to the heavy fog. Cook was reported to be wearing dark clothing.

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Buttram, who is being held in county jail on \$5,000 bond, waived the right to a preliminary hearing at the court appearance. He is represented by O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney.

Buttram was one of two men arrested Dec. 4 by valley police following a high speed chase. Arrested at the same time was Homer Cloyd Brooks, 39, of Pueblo, Colo. They were arrested in connection with the theft of approximately \$687.55 from the safe of Crater Finance company, Central Point.

Brooks was bound over to the grand jury earlier this month and is being held on \$25,000 bail.

Helmick was arrested recently on charges of being a fugitive from justice and for grand larceny.

Helmick was charged with taking \$170 from Blanche Kendrick, Medford, on Dec. 12. On Dec. 3, Ashland police received a warrant from Sherman, Tex., authorities charging Helmick with being a fugitive from justice and for forgery and passing bad checks. He is being held on \$2,500 bail on the fugitive charge. He had posted \$500 bail on the grand larceny charge.

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## Chamber Board Elected Today

Eight new members of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce were announced today, following tabulation of mailed ballots sent in by members of the chamber.

The new men on the 24-member board are Frank Benesh, California Oregon Power company; Hugh Coleman, Crater Lake motors; Ron Gander, Mail-Well Envelope company; Gordon Hudson, Hudson's pharmacy; Gene Orr, Weeks and Orr furniture store; Paul Selby, Selby's Glass company; Bert Theriot, Big Pines Lumber company, and Dick Woodcock, Pepsi-Cola Bottling company.

Each will serve a three-year term.

New officers of the chamber will be elected by the board early in January. Otto Frohnmayer is the outgoing president.

Paris—(UPI)—The United States and its 14 NATO allies tonight reaffirmed their determination not to yield to Soviet threats against Berlin.

The western resolution to stand firm came in a communiqué released at the conclusion of the three-day meeting of the NATO Council of Ministers.

The communiqué said the council gave first place to the question of Berlin during its comprehensive study of the international situation.

It said a solution of the German question linked with European security arrangements and an agreement on controlled disarmament are essential. It added, the NATO governments will continue to seek a just settlement of these problems.

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Journey To Be In Unofficial Capacity

Washington—(UPI)—The State Department announced today that Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan will be permitted to visit the United States in an unofficial capacity.

Department Press Officer Lincoln White said the American Embassy in Moscow has been instructed to give Mikoyan a visa for the purpose of coming to the United States "as the guest of Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov."

He added that the deputy premier will be given a visa of the type ordinarily granted diplomats "visiting the United States temporarily for unofficial purposes."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry requested the visa for Mikoyan from the American Embassy in Moscow Wednesday. White said the U.S. Embassy has been instructed "to inform the Soviet government that it is authorized to issue a visa for Mr. Mikoyan."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry said Mikoyan intends to come to the U.S. "at the beginning of January" and stay for "about two weeks."

White said no plans have yet been made for Mikoyan to talk with high American officials because he has not requested such conferences.

He added, however, that he was certain Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, as well as other officials, would agree to talk with the Soviet official if he wished to meet with them.

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## California Brush Fire Said Nearly Under Control

Rifleman's Tracer Bullet Gets Blame

San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (UPI)—Favorable weather conditions today came to the aid of 2,000 weary firefighters fighting a gigantic brush fire in southern California.

Firemen said complete control of the blaze which has blackened 60,000 acres including parts of the sprawling Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base was possible by at least Friday if winds and high humidity continue.

Nineteen homes and summer cabins have been destroyed in the blaze which erupted Sunday and roared through the western slopes of the Santa Ana mountains which run north-south parallel to the coast about 10 miles inland.

The western extremity of the brush and small tree-fed blaze was about five miles from this historic mission town and spreads over a three county area bounded on the north by the small community of Trabuco and to the south by 110,000-acre Camp Pendleton. To the east it extends high up into the mountains to within five miles of Lake Elsinore.

There was no present danger to any homes and the fire in an isolated area of Camp Pendleton was almost completely controlled.

Elwood Stone, U.S. forest fire investigator, said Jerry Stewart, 21, admitted firing a tracer bullet Sunday during target practice. Stone said the glowing-hot bullet touched off a fire which Stewart was unable to beat out.

Stone said Stewart was unaware that a tracer bullet was among the shells he was using. No charge has been filed against the man.

The county highway department has placed extra flasher-lights at all road construction projects throughout the county, County Engineer Paul Rynning reported today. The lights were added as a safety precaution due to the heavy fog, he said.

Motorists were particularly warned to be on the lookout for these signals on the North Phoenix rd., Rynning added. The four detours presently in use in that area are well marked with the flasher-lights, the engineer said, and drivers using the road should watch for them to avoid possible accidents.

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Portland—(UPI)—A Washington dispatch to the Oregon Journal said today that fellow senators were speculating that Sen. Wayne L. Morse might soon bolt the Democratic party and again become an independent.

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The Journal's dispatch said Morse had become an "irritant" to Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) and that his lack of party discipline had resulted in "virtually isolating" himself in the senate.

His recent open break with Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, the dispatch added, meant that he had walled himself off "from the one man who might have been his most ardent supporter."

The upshot may be, according to the Journal, that Morse will bolt the Democrats "to again become the lone wolf of the Senate."

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Write-in Winner May Face Probe

Washington—(UPI)—Little Rock's write-in election of a segregationist congressman was boiling up today into a national issue almost certain to split the House in a bruising fight at the opening of Congress on Jan. 7.

The issue was drawn by an elections committee's 3-2 recommendation Wednesday that the House refuse to seat Dr. Dale Alford pending a "thorough investigation" of his Nov. 4 election victory over veteran Rep. Brooks Hays, an avowed moderate on the school integration question.

Opinions were divided on the probable outcome of the House test. There was general agreement, however, it would be difficult now to avoid it, and that sectional and racial considerations, rather than alleged irregularities in the election, might decide the issue.

The House practically always accepts whatever members the voters may send. But, it does not have to. Under the Constitution, each house of Congress is the judge of its membership.

A clue to the probable cleavage on Alford's seating came in Wednesday's split decision. Two Northern Republicans and one Northern Democrat voted in effect against Alford while two Southern Democrats voted for him.

House Democrats, at their caucus on Jan. 6, also face a probable row over the Alford case. Caucus Chairman Melvin Price (D-Ill.), did not invite Alford to the party session, presumably because he ran against the recognized Democratic candidate, Hays, who had won the party primary.

Alford, in Little Rock, denounced the committee action and said, "further action will be taken in my behalf immediately." He declined to say what this action would be.

Hays welcomed the committee's call for a full investigation, but continued to insist he was "not a contestant." He pointed out that the complaint was filed not by him but by John F. Wells, a Little Rock weekly newspaper publisher.

The Little Rock moderate did not close the door, however, to the possibility he might accept the House seat should the House eventually declare him entitled to it.

Washington—(UPI)—The "liberal" revolt among Republican senators received a severe jolt today. Sen. Thurston B. Morton (R-Ky.) refused to join their drive to capture the Senate GOP leadership.

Morton announced he would support the "conservative" candidate, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), for floor leader unless his Kentucky colleague, Sen. John Sherman Cooper, sought the post.

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The United Medford Crusade 1958 deficit has been reduced to \$3,652, campaign leaders announced today. Total collected so far is \$127,378. The goal is \$131,030.

A total of \$10 was collected when Christmas cards containing cash were received at campaign headquarters, Dick Travis, campaign chairman, reported.

An additional appeal is going out for more Christmas cards and cash gifts to complete the \$131,030 campaign.

The cards are to be forwarded to the child care agencies of the Crusade to brighten Christmas for the less fortunate, spokesmen said.

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