

# COLD WAR CRISIS GROWS



**TWO DIE**—The automobile in which two persons were killed Tuesday evening rests on the bank of Neil creek after it was pulled from the creek bed this morning. The vehicle, according to state police, struck the bridge abutment and went into the creek, landing on its top. The late model automobile had to be pulled from the creek bed before one of the bodies could be removed, police said. The victims, tentatively identified by police, are Denzil Hubert Shilts, Blue River, Ore., and Mabel E. Lilja, Redmond, Ore. The automobile was not discovered until this morning. The two deaths bring to seven the number of persons killed on Jackson county highways this year. The seventh traffic fatality during 1958 occurred during July. (Knackstedt photo)

## Two Killed in Crash

### Vehicle Strikes Neil Creek Bridge, Goes Into Water

Two persons were killed, apparently sometime last night, when the car in which they were riding went out of control, struck Neil Creek bridge southeast of Ashland and went into the creek, state police reported today.

The victims have been tentatively identified by police as Denzil Hubert Shilts, 42, general delivery, Blue River, Ore., and Mabel E. Lilja, 64, Redmond, Ore.

Police said a check on license plate numbers showed that the automobile was registered to a Mabel E. Lilja, of Redmond.

They said the accident occurred when the vehicle, headed west on Highway 66, traveled 219 feet along the north shoulder, struck the bridge abutment and went into the creek, resting on its top. One of the victims was pinned in the vehicle, police said.

### Eisenhower Sees Hopes Lowered for Talks on Germany

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's obvious and palpably intransigent attitude lowers hopes for any really successful negotiations on Berlin and Germany.

The President also threw cold water on Khrushchev's suggestion for a summit conference. He said such a meeting would do more harm than good unless it was prepared in such a way as to promise some hope of accomplishing something.

He told a news conference that Khrushchev's rejection of the West's proposal for a Big Four foreign minister's conference on Berlin and Germany was not a hopeful development, particularly since it came at a time when British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is in Moscow trying to create a good atmosphere for negotiations.

Khrushchev's rejection came in a Kremlin speech Tuesday.

Eisenhower, in one of his toughest statements in recent months about the Soviet leader, said he could not, in fact, see much use in trying to hold East-West conferences of any kind if the Allies get a negative answer before negotiations even begin.

### County's Share of Welfare Budget Increases \$80,000

Jackson county's share of the 1959-60 welfare department budget will be \$80,000 more than that of the current year's budget according to James Pullman, welfare department administrator.

The county's share for the new year is \$336,873 compared to the current total of \$256,839.

The total budget approved by the Jackson county welfare commission yesterday is \$1,841,344 representing an increase of \$320,168. This compares to the budget the state welfare commission certified for the current year of \$1,521,576. The total budget for the new year will be sent to the state welfare commission for its approval and revision, Pullman said.

### League Changes Attitude on Dam

Portland—(UPI)—The Izaak Walton League of Oregon said today it no longer endorses the Oregon Water Resources board's proposed embargo which would block a high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river below the mouth of the Imnaha.

The league, in announcing its change of attitude toward a proposed moratorium on Snake river dam construction, said that "we don't want to be in a position of stalling so long on high Mountain Sheep that we'll end up with Nez Perce." The latter would hurt important fish runs on the Salmon river, the league said.

### DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 601.18, off 1.73; 20 railroads 163.09, off 1.43; 15 utilities 91.57, off 0.35; 65 stocks 207.81, off 0.89. Sales today were 3,780,000 shares compared with 4,430,000 shares Tuesday.

### Thornton Loses Appeal On Investigation Records

Salem—(UPI)—The State Supreme court ruled today that the attorney general has no powers to undertake criminal investigations or prosecutions unless he is directed by the governor to do so.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton had demanded that a former Liquor commission turn over records from a special investigation made by a previous commission. When the commission refused to turn over the report Thornton brought suit in Circuit court here. Judge George Duncan upheld the commission and the case was appealed to the Supreme court.

In the opinion, the high court noted the common law powers to investigate and prosecute criminal violations are given the district attorneys rather than the attorney general.

The special investigation report sought by Thornton had been made at the request of the late Gov. Paul Patterson.

### Mrs. Day Receives Suspended Sentence

Mrs. Hazel Pauline Day, 417 King st., charged with unlawfully obtaining public assistance funds, yesterday in circuit court was placed on probation and sentence was suspended for two years.

Appearing before Circuit Court Judge James Main, she withdrew her previous plea of innocent and pleaded guilty to the charges.

Her husband, Marion Ben Day, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon state penitentiary Feb. 19 on the same charges. Day was found guilty Jan. 13 following a circuit court jury trial. He was sentenced by Judge Main, also.

Judge Main also sentenced Daniel E. Roach, 922 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, to three years in the Oregon state penitentiary on charges of uttering and publishing a false check. He had pleaded guilty to the charges.

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Dr. Lynn Rodney, head of the recreation and outdoor education program at the University of Oregon, will be unable to be in Medford today, City Manager Robert Duff reported.

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The recreation and parks commission will not meet tonight as previously planned, due to the official being unable to attend.

## Suggestions Are Made for County School Districts

The Jackson county school reorganization committee last night took a major step toward reorganization of many of the county's school districts.

At a meeting attended by approximately 25 persons in the county courthouse auditorium it decided on tentative recommendations which would combine Evans Valley with Rogue River; most of the Phoenix district with Medford; and Talent, Pinehurst and the Wagner Creek section of the Phoenix district with Ashland.

The committee voted down a proposal of Bob Gail, Rogue River member of the committee, to form a district in the northwestern corner of Jackson county, from the Dardanelle overpass to the Josephine county line. This would include a portion of the Gold Hill area, which is now a part of District 6C, and Evans Valley and Rogue River.

Evans Valley district school board will meet Thursday and may direct a letter to the reorganization committee stating the majority of the board is opposed to consolidation with Rogue River.

However, another Evans Valley board member said after last night's meeting that this reflects the opinion of only a few district residents. He said the minority would favor sending their students to Grants Pass High school.

The committee voted to acquire of Josephine county school officials how they would react to a proposed reorganization of Evans Valley with Josephine county.

The tentative recommendation for the Phoenix district to join with Medford, came after a motion by Jack Hoffbuh, a member of both the Phoenix school board and the reorganization committee.

Hoffbuh said he felt that Phoenix might soon lose a large section of its tax support since residents of the district around Barnett rd. seem more interested in sending their youngsters to Medford than to Phoenix.

Earlier, the board had recommended that Phoenix and Talent be combined. D. H. Barber, McLeod committee member, pointed out no vocational agriculture program has been provided for Phoenix students if reorganization with Medford occurs. Phoenix would lose a good high school, he added. An it would be going against "natural proposition" of uniting Phoenix with Talent.

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Alf B. Mekvold, county schools superintendent and secretary of the school reorganization committee, last night explained steps tentatively proposed for the voluntary consolidation of six school districts.

A proposed boundary board hearing on annexation of the north section of the Howard school district into District 6C has been scheduled March 4, he said.

Following that, petitions for the proposed consolidation can be circulated in each of the districts, Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville, Ruch, the remainder of Howard district, and Medford.

Petitions will be prepared by the county school superintendent's office and must be signed by a minimum of 50 registered voters in each second class district and a minimum of 100 in the first class district (Medford), according to state law.

Earliest date for consolidation elections would be April 6, Mekvold said. However, this schedule "could be telescoped somewhat," he added.

If consolidation is approved, the county boundary board notifies each district and declares the consolidation effective, tentatively set for May 1. This would allow return of election results by April 11 and allow a 10-day period in which to canvass the results. The boundary board is allowed a 10-day period in which to declare the consolidation.

If non-high districts consolidate before July 1, they will not be responsible for tuition and bus transportation costs for students sent to high school districts. However, the county boundary board can set the effective consolidation date at the start of the school year. Then non-high districts would be responsible for such costs, he added.

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## Oregon Daylight Saving Discussion Draws Crowd

Salem—(UPI)—An old perennial was back in the Oregon Legislature today after a hearing on a daylight savings time proposal drew a good crowd.

The bill would allow setting up of Oregon clocks one hour from April to September.

The state made daylight savings possible in 1950, then repealed the law in 1952 and the people rejected it in 1954.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce, represented by William Boon, said there was a commercial angle to daylight savings in that it would give Oregon commercial people another hour in which to deal with eastern financial interests such as lumber brokers.

Tom McCall, representing KGW-TV, KOIN-TV and KPTV argued that remaining on standard time while the rest of the country went to daylight time meant serious financial losses for Oregon television during the summer months. Network programs have to be taped so they can be shown at

their regular time or films must be obtained for delayed release, McCall said.

Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange, protested on behalf of farmers. He said that many farm workers now come from cities and if they were on fast time, they would be an hour too early for work to begin.

McClure also said that in parts of Oregon there were fog belts where work could not begin before a certain time anyway.

J. T. Marr, representing the Oregon AFL-CIO, said his organization opposed daylight savings until the whole country made up its mind whether it should be on daylight or standard time.

Harold Smith, McMinnville, said standard time was best because railroads and communications facilities used it. He maintained that if daylight savings were desired, businesses could just go to work an hour earlier without "fooling with the clock."

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### President Warns Against Heavy Taxes on Profits

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower today warned emphatically against taxing profits to such a dangerous point that the nation would have to find a new way of financing the federal government.

The President told his news conference that too many people were prone to decry profits and their place in the American economic system when actually the operation of the government was based squarely on successful profit-making private enterprise.

Strong Language

Eisenhower used some of the strongest press conference language ever employed to attack the current policies of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev toward the West. He declared they were palpably intransigent and of such a nature as to cast a mood of hopelessness over present diplomatic negotiations.

—He threw down the idea of a summit meeting under the present East-West climate, expressed the viewpoint that a non-aggression pact with Russia right now would not be worth much and said determinedly that the United States would not give one single inch in the preservation of her rights and responsibilities in Berlin.

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### No Word Received On Pollution Study

The city has received no word as yet from the state about an engineer coming to Medford to train local staff for an air pollution study, City Manager Robert A. Duff reported today.

Duff received approval from the city council last month to proceed with a joint city-state air pollution study here. He said that at that time the state had said it would send an engineer within two weeks to Medford to train the local employee.

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### Titan Blasts Off In Test of Range

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—A bullet-shaped Titan, the nation's newest and most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile, shot aloft on twin jets of flame today in its second flight test.

The 90-foot Titan was aimed at an impact point only about 300 miles down the Atlantic tracking range. But the test was considered an important "baby step" toward achieving the weapon's ultimate range of more than 8,000 miles.

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### Army Reserve Units Being Reorganized To 'Pentomic' Idea

Two Army reserve units in Medford will be deactivated and four units reorganized under a change to the "Pentomic" concept of the regular Army, Maj. Gen. Francis M. Day, commanding general of the 10th Army corps, reserve, Seattle, has announced.

The Medford units which will be deactivated are headquarters company, 417th Engineer Brigade, and headquarters company, second battalion, 413th infantry regiment.

### Dulles To Make Decision On Future in Cabinet

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower indicated today that after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles completes radiation treatment for cancer, he will confer on whether the cabinet officer wishes to continue on the job.

The President, at his news conference, emphasized again however, that Dulles himself will make the decision.

Eisenhower reported that Dulles, who marked his 71st birthday today at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, is responding remarkably well to radiation treatment for the abdominal cancer.

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### Showdown on Fate of Germany Appears Nearer

#### Success Doubted for Macmillan Mission

By United Press International

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