

# Gas Truck Blast Leaves at Least 10 Dead

## HST Sees Visit By Khrushchev As Beneficial

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I think the sooner Khrushchev comes to Washington—as I hear he wants to—the sooner we might clear the air and get down to a realistic approach on the critical issues that plague the world.

There are some who believe everything could be settled if only Khrushchev sat down with the President of the United States in a man-to-man talk.

These are people who obviously have had no experience in dealing with Soviet Russia or have short memories of the long list of Soviet betrayals and failure to keep commitments.

I believe, nevertheless, that no door should be closed even to the remotest chance in pursuit of peace.

**Must Give No Opportunity**  
We must not give the Communist propagandists any opportunities to raise false hopes about their peaceful intentions by exploiting any failure of Khrushchev's realizing his wish to come here.

I do not see why anyone should be afraid to have Khrushchev come here at this time. Let Khrushchev see for himself what we are and how determined we are, as a people, to retain our freedom and resist any attempt to separate us from any of our allies and the free world. And when it comes to blandishments and the new grin, he will see that we are all from Missouri and have to be shown.

If Khrushchev means business and genuinely wants peace, he will find the nations of the free world always ready to act and act swiftly.

**No Room Left for Appeasement**  
Khrushchev will see here what Mikoyan saw, that the resoluteness of the United States to remain free and the might of the United States to back up its determination to be free leaves no room for appeasement or expedient compromise at the expense of any people anywhere. But this resoluteness must not be misunderstood by the Communists who adopted in their program for world domination.

We have never sought to dominate the world, or exploit any people, or force our will or our system of government on any nation, firm and dedicated as we are in our democratic institutions. Russian intransigence and their abuse of their membership in the United Nations has made it almost impossible to discuss any issue with them on a plane of reason and in an atmosphere of quiet and understanding.

**Forced to Look to Strength**  
Because of this and the Communists' persistent plotting and trouble-making around the world, we have been forced to look to our strength, military and economic, as the only practical recourse to protect our freedom and our security.

And that is why we have had to make great sacrifices and set aside vast portions of our resources to help keep other nations of the free world free. And Khrushchev should remember that we will never falter nor tire—no matter what the cost nor how long it may take—in our efforts to remain free.

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## Nicaragua Invaders Said Pushed Back

Managua, Nicaragua—(UPI)—President Luis Somoza said today government troops were pushing back two small groups of airborne invaders who landed in Nicaragua in an attempt to overthrow his regime.

Fifty to sixty rebels were reported killed when their invading plane was shot down by Nicaraguan fighters.

**Few Details**  
There were few details of the fighting available. But Somoza said in an announcement that the rebels were falling back under loyal attacks.

He said the invaders were fleeing into the hills of central Nicaragua, closely pursued by government forces.

"The situation is under control," Somoza said Monday night.

In Washington, informed sources said Nicaraguan Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa will complain formally to the Organization of American States about the "foreign-backed" invasion later this week.

They said Sevilla will denounce the invaders' foreign

friends as "disturbers of the peace in the Caribbean area," but will not ask the OAS to intervene directly as it did recently in Panama.

**Two-Pronged Invasion**  
A communiqué said the invaders, arriving by air from Costa Rica, came in two groups—50 men who landed Sunday near Los Molejones in Chontales Province, and 50 to 60 who landed Monday on the Plains of Olama in Matagalpa Province.

In each case, the communiqué said, the invasion force was scattered by loyal fighter planes which attacked within minutes of the landing and harried by loyal ground patrols which arrived a few hours later.

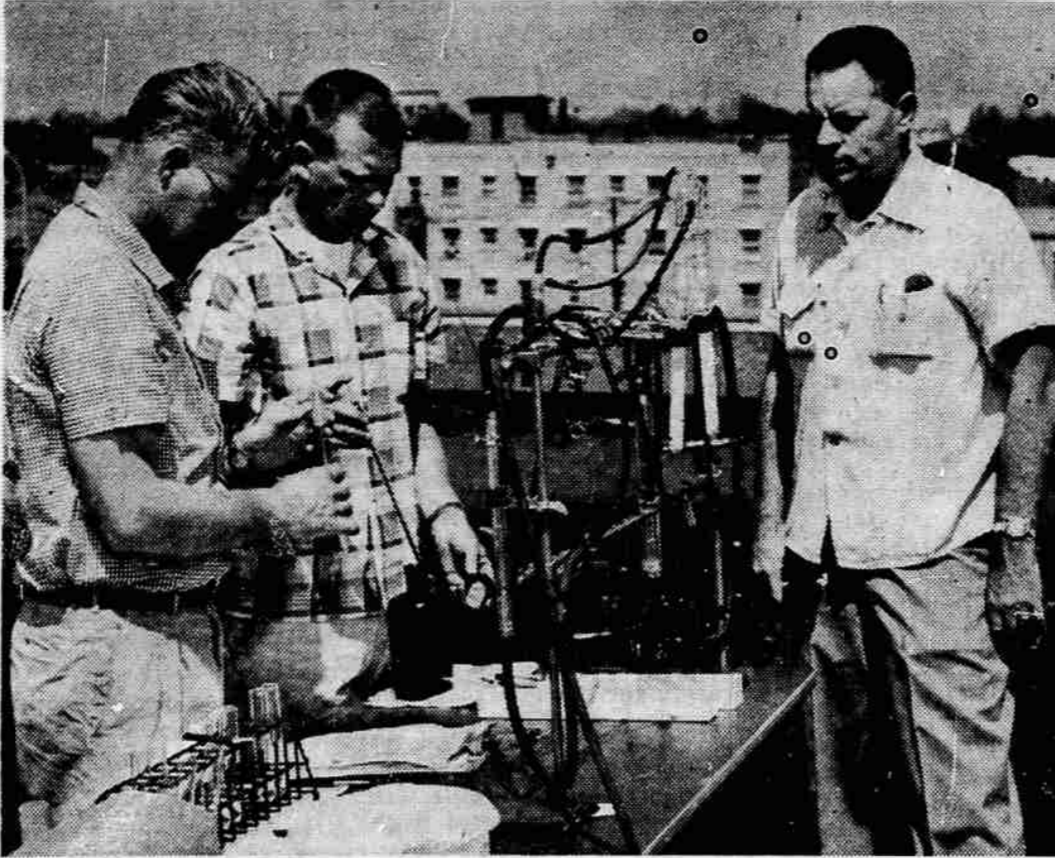
**Macmillan Lends Support To Lloyd**  
London—(UPI)—Massive support from Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and the British press appeared today to entrench Selwyn Lloyd more firmly than ever as foreign minister despite one report he was on the way out.

Informed sources said Macmillan felt that his personal message of reassurance to Lloyd Monday closed the matter and there was no need for a formal investigation or further comment from him.

The Times of London carried the furor Monday with a lead story saying Macmillan planned to replace Lloyd as foreign minister when and if the Conservatives win the next election.

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When a light surgical anesthesia was administered, however, a rapid and convulsive heart movement developed and the monkey died despite



**CONDUCT TESTS**—Chemical analysis of the amount of oxide pollutants in Medford air is being conducted today and will be continued tomorrow by a team of men from the state air pollution authority, the first such tests to be made in Oregon outside of Portland. Smog producing potential, the amounts of oxides resulting from fuel burning and automobile exhausts are being measured with the special apparatus pic-

## Officers Elected For Historical Society in Area

Miss Claire Hanley, Jacksonville, was reelected president of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., last night. Also elected were E. H. Hedrick, 503 Oakdale ave., Medford, vice president, and Edith Gifford, Medford accountant, as secretary-treasurer.

Nominated for three years on the board of directors were Ray Reter, Harry Barneburg and Frank Ross, all in the Medford district; and R. J. T'Vault in the Jacksonville district.

Hedrick told the 65 persons attending the annual meeting in the Jacksonville Masonic hall that a history of Jacksonville will be published shortly. The booklet will contain a number of photographs, he said. He said he had hoped to have it ready for presentation last night.

**Report on Museum**  
Miss Mary Hanley, Jacksonville museum curator, reported that since the museum was opened July 10, 1950, it has been visited by 330,779 persons. Attendance statistics show in May, 1953, 4,086 persons visited the museum compared to 5,100 persons for May, 1952, a gain of 1,014 visitors.

During the last 12 months the museum has had visitors from every state except Rhode Island, Delaware and West Virginia and from 27 foreign countries.

Recently, several old documents and records, Indian artifacts, fine clothing, mineral specimens and some showcases have been given the museum, Miss Hanley said.

Robert Heffernan, Medford attorney, traced the ill-fated attempt to set up a confederacy of Pacific coast states. One of the leaders was General Joseph Lane, after whom Lane county is named.

**Ashland Council to Meet Tonight**  
Ashland—Three public hearings and a Bancroft board ordinance are included on the Ashland city council's agenda for its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight at city hall.

The hearings concern vacation of Eureka st., vacation of a half-block section of Prospect st. and annexation of a four-acre tract on Highway 66.

**Winnemucca Route**  
Klamath Falls—(UPI)—Members of the Oregon Highway Commission today were inspecting state routes east of here.

The Commission and top staff members Monday covered Highway 99 from Portland to Ashland and the Green Springs route to Klamath Falls on a tour of state projects.

Members today were to look over a proposed Winnemucca-to-the-Sea route. This would call for Nevada and Oregon to build highways in their respective states which would lead to Lakeview in eastern Oregon and provide a direct route to the sea.

**Wallets, Personal Papers Found in City**  
A cache of stolen wallets and personal papers was found beneath the McArdew's rd. bridge across Bear creek yesterday by two boys, 12 and 14, Medford police reported.

Police said some articles belonged to Drs. Richard Schwahn and Theodore Barss, whose billboards were stolen last Wednesday from a Sacred Heart hospital locker room. Others belonged to Edwin Bruce Stuart, 2650 Beall lane, Central Point, whose billboard was taken from the pocket of his trousers in the locker room of the YMCA, 522 West Sixth st., according to the report.

Portland—(UPI)—An opening price of 12 cents a pound for strawberries has been posted by one of the state's largest freezing firms. The price is the same as last year.

## Gromyko Warned To Drop Charges Of Subversion

West Threatens Recording Playbacks

Geneva—(UPI)—The West warned Russia's Andrei Gromyko today to drop charges of "subversion" in West Berlin or face a grim playback of tape recordings exposing East German Communist intrigues.

Authoritative sources reported new recordings of inflammatory broadcasts by a disguised East German "underground station" had just reached Geneva and might be brought to the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference table to refute Gromyko's charges against the West.

**Radio Silence Demanded**  
The Soviet foreign minister demanded Saturday that the Radio of the American Sector transmitter in West Berlin be silenced as one of the prices for any interim Berlin settlement.

Secretary of State Christian Herter flatly rejected this proposal at Monday's secret meeting. High U. S. officials said Herter plans to sit tight indefinitely until the Russians either guarantee western rights in Berlin or break up the present conference.

The decision was made in the face of Gromyko's proposal made at another secret meeting last Saturday in which he said the western powers must "sooner or later" get their troops out of Berlin.

**Own Evidence**  
Herter and the other western ministers went into this afternoon's plenary session ready to counter-attack Gromyko's allegations against Free World activities in Berlin. They were ready with their own evidence of Communist intrigues staged from East Berlin and East Germany.

**Invitations Issued For Power Line**  
Invitations to bid on the construction of a tree-hung power line at Oregon Caves have been issued by the National Park Service.

The line will extend from the California Oregon Power company's transmission line on Cave creek to the site of a new residence adjacent to Lake creek on State Highway 46. The line is estimated to be 4,000 feet long and will be aerial cable, 2,400 volt, single-phase capacity.

Plans and specifications are available at the National Park Service office, post office building, Medford, and at Park Headquarters, Crater Lake National park. Bids are to be opened 3 p.m., June 23.

**Police Investigate Theft from School**  
Medford police today investigated the reported theft yesterday afternoon of a black leather bag containing an estimated \$100 in change from the text book room at Medford High school.

The theft was reported this morning by Naomi Irene Mirick, route 4, box 358G, Lucky lane, a school employee.

## \$2,747,788 for Talent Project Given Approval

Washington—The House appropriations committee today approved a public works money bill which contained \$2,747,788 for the Talent division of the Rogue River irrigation project.

This was the exact amount requested by the Eisenhower administration for the coming fiscal year.

The committee also approved \$1,500,000 for harbor construction at the mouth of the Rogue river at Gold Beach.

The committee made no reductions in the budget for Oregon reclamation work. While it rapped the administration's "no new starts" policy, the committee did not recommend starting any new projects in Oregon.

Washington—(UPI)—The House Appropriations Committee in a sharp rebuff to President Eisenhower voted today to start construction of seven new reclamation projects.

It said it was merely giving expression to Congress' "overwhelming bipartisan rejection" of the administration's "unrealistic" policy of no new starts.

**Planning Funds Voted**  
The committee also approved funds for planning and construction of 41 flood control and navigation projects for the Army Engineers for which President Eisenhower refused to budget funds.

The committee approved and sent to the House floor for action Friday a \$1,176,677,000 appropriation bill to finance public works in the new fiscal year starting July 1.

The committee allotted \$863,440,500 to the Army Engineers for flood control and navigation work, an increase of \$260,500 over the budget estimate. It also approved \$253,409,500 for the Bureau of Reclamation, an increase of \$2,213,500 over the budget.

It allotted \$32,582,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration, trimming requested construction funds by \$2,668,000.

Amounts allotted by the committee for army engineers construction work on flood control and navigation projects include:

**Oregon Projects**  
Oregon: Columbia river between Vancouver, Wash., and The Dalles, Ore.: 27-foot channel, \$1,611,000; Cougar reservoir, \$9 million; Hills creek reservoir, \$8,300,000; Inter-

state bridge, Oregon and Washington, \$1,130,000; John Day lock and dam, Oregon and Washington, \$20 million; lower Columbia river improvement to existing works: Multnomah county drainage district, \$203,000; Rogue river harbor at Gold Beach, \$1,500,000; The Dalles lock and dam, Oregon and Washington, \$7 million; Willamette River Basin bank protection, \$500,000.

Here are the amounts allotted by the committee for work on reclamation bureau projects:

Oregon: Crooked River project, \$2,833,000; Klamath project, \$522,000; Rogue River Basin project, Talent division, \$2,747,788; Wapinitia project, Juniper division, \$39,700.

**Pool Completion Set in October**  
The proposed West Jackson st. swimming pool will not be ready for use this summer, according to the present tentative schedule.

The Medford park and recreation commission met last night to consider preliminary plans submitted by Stevens and Thompson, consulting engineers for the project.

Revisions are expected within two weeks, according to Robert L. Haworth, city parks and recreation director.

The tentative schedule, according to Haworth, calls for advertising for bids about July 15, with construction to start as soon thereafter as possible and completion expected in October.

The commission last night agreed to eliminate permanent spectator facilities and to integrate the proposed wading pool with a children's play area. Also decided was to set the pool facility further back from the intersection of Summit ave. and Clark st., to permit landscaping for reducing noise from the pool.

Commission President Russ Jamison reported today that June 24 and 27 are tentative alternate dates for the logging locomotive being given the city of Medford corporation the use of the Medco railroad from Butte Falls to Medford. Plans for transporting the iron horse to its proposed new home in the West Jackson st. park area are being studied.

**Bids Calling for Resurfacing Work**  
Bids will be opened June 15 for resurfacing some 2,600 feet of taxiway at Medford airport, city officials reported today.

Sections involved include the taxiway along the northwest hangar area to a point in front of the terminal building and two short taxiways in front of that building.

The federal aviation agency recently approved plans and specifications for the project, according to Airport Manager Richard Hogan. Federal funds are to partially finance it.

**Two Man-Caused Fires Extinguished**  
Two man-caused fires along roads in the Applegate area were extinguished by forest service crews with tank trucks last week end.

Less than one-tenth of an acre was burned in each spot. The Medford office of the forest service reported today that one blaze was probably caused by a cigarette and the other possibly by an automobile exhaust.

Both fires were reported to the Star ranger station by passersby.

Forest service personnel warned that forests are drying out rapidly and fire danger is increasing.

**Gold Hill Hearing Scheduled for SP**  
Salem—(UPI)—Hearing has been set by the Public Utility Commission for Thursday, July 9, at Gold Hill city hall on the application of Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express to withdraw their joint agent at Gold Hill.

If approved by the PUC, applicants would handle business through the agent at Medford.

## Explosion Follows Collision; Bodies Cover Wide Area

Loaded School Buses Speed To Safety

Pottsville, Pa.—(UPI)—A burning tank truck loaded with propane gas exploded on a highway today, hurling firemen and spectators hundreds of feet.

Deputy Coroner Dr. Henry Wagner said 10 persons definitely have been listed as dead and at least 15 others were injured.

Bodies were scattered in fragments over a wide area. The drivers of two school buses, carrying a total of 85 children, managed to speed their vehicles away from the scene before the blast.

All available ambulances and hearses from numerous communities in the area were pressed into service to take the dead and injured to hospitals.

**School Children Saved**  
Ronald Kramer, 39, Auburn, Pa., driver of a Blue Mountain Jointure School bus carrying 40 pupils to classes, said he was driving south in a light rain on the Pottsville Reading Highway behind a trailing truck owned by the Branch Transportation Co. of Pottsville.

Kramer said the truck-trailer skidded when it tried to slow down and crashed into the rear of the tank truck owned by the Sun Gas Propane Co. The bus driver said flames shot up from the rear of the tank. Fearing an explosion, Kramer turned his bus off the highway and drove through a field to get away from the scene.

He said another school bus was going south in front of the tank truck when the accident occurred. Russell Klahr, Schuylkill Haven, the driver of the other school bus, said he saw flames and stepped on the accelerator to get away from the fire.

**Truck Blows Up**  
The tank truck continued to burn and firemen and fire police were summoned from nearby Orwigsburg. A crowd gathered to watch them fight the fire but police kept the curious behind ropes 125 feet away.

About a half hour after the collision, the blast blew out the rear of the tank truck. Witnesses said the force thrust the entire trailer like a rocket into the air. The trailer, spewing flames, soared about 75 feet before it landed in the field.

State Trooper Earl Klinger who was sitting in his patrol car 300 feet away when the explosion burst in a "tornado-like ball of fire." He said flames shot 300 feet in the air and enveloped firemen and spectators.

Two bodies hurled from the scene crashed into his patrol car, shattering the windshield, Klinger said. The trooper said he saved himself from injury by "ducking under the dashboard."

Salem—(UPI)—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has suspended proposed revisions in time schedules of Greyhound lines which would leave one daily schedule in each direction over the Columbia river route between St. Helens and Astoria.

## Louisiana Governor Put Into Hospital by Force

Galveston, Tex.—(UPI)—Gov. Earl K. Long of Louisiana fought plans to put him in a mental hospital so hard his family had to have him knocked out, it was reported today.

But authorities at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, where the colorful chief executive of the Bayous was flown secretly Saturday, denied reports Long has been violent since his arrival.

Dr. John Truslow, administrator at the hospital, said the 63-year-old Long was "stubbornly resisting attempts to give him psychiatric treatment."

He said a diagnosis might be completed by Wednesday. At Baton Rouge, where Lt. Gov. Lethor Frazer has taken over as governor during Long's absence, a source close to the administration told United Press International Long "raised holy ned" about the decision to take him to Texas for psychiatric treatment.

"They had to have him knocked out and wheel him to the plane unconscious," the source said. "He thought it was a plot by his political enemies to get him out of the way."

A Galveston newspaper reported Long underwent two violent outbursts and has been guarded by a pair of husky male nurses.



GOV. EARL LONG  
VIOLENCE DENIED

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness through Wednesday with chance of scattered showers in the mountains Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 48. High tomorrow 75.  
Temp. Highest Yesterday 52. Lowest this Morning 49.  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 7:42 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 4:37 a.m.  
Moonrise tomorrow 3:13 a.m.  
New Moon June 6  
**PROMINENT STARS**  
Altair, low in east 9:50 p.m.  
Venus, sets 10:31 p.m.  
Mars, to the left of Venus.  
Saturn, rises 8:45 p.m.  
Jupiter, due south 10:39 p.m.

## Able, Space Flight Monkey, Dies on Operating Table in Army Laboratory

Washington—(UPI)—Able, the seven-pound Rhesus monkey that made a 300-mile high space flight last week, died on the operating table Monday night during removal of a recording instrument, the Army announced today.

The Defense Department emphasized that the monkey's death had no relation to its historic flight through space.

Able died at the U. S. Army Medical Research Laboratory at Ft. Knox, Ky., almost two hours after the operation be-

gan. The Army described the operation as a "minor" removal of a tiny electrode implanted just under the monkey's skin to obtain biomedical information during and after the space flight—and said there was no indication that Able would not be able to survive it.

When a light surgical anesthesia was administered, however, a rapid and convulsive heart movement developed and the monkey died despite

efforts to revive it. "The cause of death," the Army announcement said, "was rapid and convulsive movement of the heart. . . and was unrelated to its recent flight."

Able, along with a squirrel monkey named Baker, was fired 1,500 miles in a 300-mile high space flight down the Cape Canaveral, Fla., tracking range last Thursday. Both monkeys appeared to have withstood the flight in good condition.

