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## Safe Robbed of \$1,162 At Bottling Company

### Patrolman Finds Office Door Open On Routine Check

Money Was in Five Sacks, Police Said

A total of \$1,162.42 in bills, coins, and checks was stolen from a wall safe at the Coca Cola Bottling company, 600 North Grape st., last night, according to city police.

The safe was burglarized sometime between 9 p.m. and 3:05 a.m. when Patrolman Garnet A. Stoltenburg discovered the office door open on a routine patrol.

Police described the burglary as "very neat."

The money was reported to be in five money sacks of the First National Bank of Oregon. The denomination of the bills, which accounted for approximately one half of the amount stolen, is not known. The remainder was divided between coins and checks, police said.

**Building Entered**

The building was entered by either an unlocked rear office door or through a window, reports showed. The building is enclosed by a 6-foot woven wire fence topped by a two-foot angular barbed wire fence.

Police said that nothing else in the office was disturbed and no tools were left at the scene. The burglars left the office by the front door.

Patrolman Stoltenburg discovered the unlocked front door during a security check of the building and noticed that the safe dial was missing. After the safe was "punched" police said that all loose parts had been dropped in the office out of sight from the front door.

### Three Appear in Circuit Court

Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly ordered a pre-sentence report yesterday on David Dester Stanforth, 19, of 560 Clover lane, Medford, who is charged with grand larceny.

Yesterday afternoon Stanforth withdrew his plea of innocent and entered a plea of guilty to charges of taking a car in February in Medford.

Romy Ray Lawrence, 23, of 2115 East Jackson st., received a three-year suspended sentence on charges of grand larceny. He was charged with taking a car from a local company, July 25.

Claron William Henderson, 22, of 113 East 11th st., pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge James E. Main yesterday afternoon to charges of burglary not in a dwelling and was sentenced to the Oregon state penitentiary for a maximum term of three years.

Henderson was charged with breaking into the Tom Thumb Market on Table Rock rd. at Four Corners March 25.

Salem—(UPI)—M. L. Schmidt, Tillamook, has been appointed to the State Real Estate Board.

## City Police to Distribute Literature to Tourists

The Medford police department has agreed to cooperate with the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to distribute literature to the Rogue valley to visitors who ask city policemen about vacation possibilities in this area.

Visitors' information signs will be installed on the police department's two meter-checking vehicles, and patrolmen will carry a small supply of literature including historical, factual, points of interest, and Shakespearean Festival folders. Also included will be Oregon state maps.

Don McNeil, manager of the chamber, who last night explained the purpose of the literature to police officers, said



**NEAR MISS**—Excavation blasting for Rogue Valley Manor atop Barneburg hill has aroused property owners in the area and brought complaints of cracked masonry, rolling boulders and flying rocks. Here Mrs. Ethel M. Gomer, 2456 Nieto way, holds a rock she said missed her by 15 feet last Saturday as she worked in her garden about a block from the Manor site. Medford city officials state that representatives of Donald M. Drake Construction company, contractor for the work, have said they would cooperate in cutting down on blast charges.

## Applegate River Recreation Sites Discussed Today

Validity of the mining claim of Earl Gebhart on 40 acres along the Applegate river will be checked as the first step toward Jackson county acquiring the land for a park and recreation site, it was decided this morning.

The Jackson county court directed Gerald Scannell, deputy district attorney, to check the validity of the claim with the land office of the bureau of land management in Portland. If valid, the claim could be purchased from Gebhart, who is now in Wyoming, for \$3,000. Arrangements then could be made with the land office, to withdraw the 40 acres for recreational use.

Carroll Brown, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, said that since the land comes under the jurisdiction of his office, a permit could be issued the county to develop the site. The land was recently transferred from BLM jurisdiction to the U. S. forest service as one of a series of land exchanges. During a meeting in the county court office this morning it was decided that it could be determined later whether the county or the forest service should develop the proposed recreation site.

**Money in Escrow**  
The county court discussed the possibility of putting the \$3,000 in escrow pending com-

pletion of legal steps in acquiring the property. Brown said that the forest service is short of money this year to develop recreation sites and would prefer that the county develop this site if possible. If the forest service developed the site he said, it would be similar to the one near the old McKee bridge with outdoor fireplaces, camping sites, picnic tables and benches and restrooms.

**More Recreation Sites**  
Brown added that he feels that many more recreation sites should be developed in the Applegate area. His office is now negotiating with Gerald Buck for purchase of a 40-acre site one mile above Mule creek on the upper Applegate. This site is divided by the river and is on both sides of the road. Buck is asking \$10,000 for the property, Brown added.

The forest supervisor said Gebhart doesn't have to work his claim. Under the "prudent man" provision the claim merely has to show enough ore color to warrant a prudent man to develop it. However, Clark J. Walker, Medford real estate man, stated today that the claim has been worked each year either by Gebhart or by somebody representing him. Meeting with the county court this morning were Ed Strother, Shady Cove, county parks and recreation commission chairman; Brown, Ralph Wiese, staff officer, Rogue River National forest, and Scannell.

## Residents Reminded Of City Ordinance

Residents were reminded today by city police of the city ordinance which prohibits drinking beer in public.

Tuesday police received a complaint that persons were drinking beer in the city park at Plum and Prune sts. Police discovered that several families and their friends were having a picnic with beer included in the menu.

The picnicers were reminded of the ordinance by police and no complaint was filed, reports show.

## Norway Police Question Party Host About Fire

7 Bodies Found; 17 Others Feared Dead

Vossetrand, Norway—(UPI)—Police questioned a Norwegian today in belief a party in his Stalheim Hotel room may have caused a fire which destroyed the building and killed possibly 24 persons, mostly Americans.

Seven bodies were recovered from the wreckage of the 50-year-old wooden tourist hotel 50 miles northeast of Bergen on Norway's Atlantic Coast and 17 persons were missing and feared dead.

**Hotel Crowded**  
The four-story, 100-room hotel was crowded with 147 tourists, 130 of them Americans, and its Norwegian staff when the fire flashed through the structure at 3 a.m. Tuesday, trapping many persons in their rooms.

Many persons were injured when they jumped from their upper floor rooms or fell while trying to escape down makeshift ropes. About 35 persons were taken to the hospital at Voss, 20 miles away, but ten were released after treatment.

**Bones Broken in Leaps**  
The victims, mostly between the ages of 60 and 70, suffered burns and broken bones in their escape.

Police did not disclose the name of the Norwegian they were questioning but they said he gave a party in his first floor hotel room a few hours before the fire started and that a cigarette may have caused the blaze.

Officials were reluctant to list the 17 missing hotel guests as dead even though there was no chance that anyone would be found alive in the ruins.

**Fled Into Woods**  
They said many of the guests fled into the woods surrounding the hotel and there was a possibility that some of those unaccounted for may still turn up. A few persons were known to have been given aid by nearby Norwegian families.

Sixteen of the American survivors, some still dressed in pajamas with coats thrown over their shoulders, arrived Tuesday night in Oslo from Vossetrand in the fjord country.

## Young Republicans To Support Drive

Young Republicans of Jackson county have pledged their support to the Republican finance campaign currently under way.

Don Stathos, chairman of the county central committee, gave a progress report on accomplishments made so far in the fund drive and on the part taken by members of the Young Republican club at a meeting this week. Alan Holmes is chairman of sustained pledges, Jim Ragland is in charge of the special gifts section, and Joe Walsh is chairman of the financial institution section.

A family picnic is planned by the group for July 26, with Ragland and Stathos as co-chairmen.

Mrs. Paul H. Spaso was elected treasurer of the group, succeeding Chuck Foley who resigned upon leaving Medford.

## Ike Asks Foreign Aid On Long Term Basis

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today to place U. S. foreign military aid on a long term basis and shift its control to the Defense Department to end "contentious" bickering.

## Publishing Senate Payroll Approved

Washington—(UPI)—The Senate Rules Committee today unanimously approved a resolution to publish the entire senate payroll on a quarterly basis beginning this fall. The resolution will be sent to the Senate floor. If approved there it will become one of the rules of the Senate.

Washington—(UPI)—The Senate Finance Committee has voted to repeal the 10 per cent excise tax on personal travel.

## Jet Crash Near Burns Claims Five

Burns, Ore.—(UPI)—Five civilian employees of the Boeing Airplane company were killed yesterday in the flaming crash of an Air Force B-52 bomber 35 miles west of Burns.

The victims were identified as Pilot Lewis H. Moore, 44, Kirkland, Wash.; co-pilot Joseph Keller, 37, Bellevue, Wash.; navigator Harold G. Green, 37, Kent, Wash.; and technical engineers Neil Johnson, 28, and Charles H. McDaniel, 29, both of Seattle.

The huge jet-eight bomber departed from Seattle yesterday morning on one of a series of low-level experimental flights. It was scheduled to fly at about 500 feet above the ground on a course toward the 634th Air Squadron Radar station near here.

The first report of the crash came from an unidentified ranch woman who notified the radar station and the Oregon state police.

Investigating officers said the plane apparently crashed and then exploded, touching off a fire which burned about 200 acres of brush at the edge of Ochoco National Forest.

**Crash Area Guarded**  
A security guard of personnel from the radar station, state police and the Malheur county sheriff's office was posted around the crash area pending the arrival of investigators from the Boeing company in Seattle.

Boeing spokesmen said the last radio report from the plane was when it passed a check point at The Dalles.

One report said the plane burst into flame in flight. Leslie Heinz, a lineman for the Harney County Electric Cooperative, was quoted as saying the plane became "one big ball of fire" and then struck a small hill and exploded.

Wreckage was scattered for a mile and a half, and a pilot who flew over the area said "there isn't a piece of the plane as big as a washtub."

The shattered bodies of the occupants were scattered through the timber and several hours were required to recover them.

## First Luncheon in Series Scheduled

Fifty civic leaders have been invited to a noon luncheon meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club tomorrow by Mayor John Snider, chairman of the citizens advisory committee to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program.

The luncheon tomorrow is the first in a series of eight meetings in which 900 local leaders will be invited during the next two weeks, according to General Chairman Bob Taylor.

"They will be asked to attend one-hour sessions to hear the plans that have been drawn up as a guide for the Medford area for orderly and progressive planning for the future," Taylor said.

"These plans form the basis of the program to keep pace with tomorrow."

## June 27 Is Queen Candidate Deadline

Jacksonville—June 27 is the deadline for groups to enter a contestant in the queen contest for the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee, Dr. A. A. Griffin, chairman, reminded residents today.

Any firm, civic club, fraternal organization or interested group may enter a contestant, he said. Girls in Jackson county between the ages of 15 and 19 are eligible.

More than \$600 worth of prizes and awards are offered winners in the contest.

Entries may be made by mail or telephone. Judging will be held as soon as possible following the closing date on entries, Dr. Griffin stated.

## States-Rights Bill Approved by House

Washington—(UPI)—The House today passed for the second year in a row a states-rights bill aimed at keeping federal statutes from overriding state laws in the same field. House approval was by a roll call vote of 225 to 192.

## No Significant Progress Toward Settlement Noted

Herter Stands Firm On Western Rights

Washington—(UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter's firm stand on Western rights in Berlin left the next move squarely up to Russia today in negotiating for a settlement of the East-West crisis over Germany.

Herter told the nation Tuesday night in a nationally televised report on the deadlocked Geneva foreign ministers meeting that "possible areas of agreement" exist.

But he said the Soviets first must back down on their threats to force the West out of West Berlin.

The secretary also declared there had been no progress to date at the foreign ministers level that would warrant a summit conference between President Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and other heads of government.

**Talks Resume July 13**  
The foreign ministers of Britain, France, Russia and the United States will resume talks at Geneva July 13 following the current three-week "cooling off" recess.

Herter flatly said in his speech that, "I regret to say that no significant progress was made toward settlement of the problem of the continued division of Germany and of Berlin" in the first six weeks of the Geneva talks.

Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee agreed with Herter's assessment. They also generally endorsed the secretary's willingness to enter into another round of talks with the Russians.

But Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) a committee member, said the time "has just about arrived for us to refuse to have any more conferences with the Russians. They don't get us anywhere and they provide the Russians with a vehicle for propaganda."

**Throws Ball to Reds**  
Senate Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield, also a committee member, said Herter "has in a straightforward and courageous manner thrown the ball back to the Soviet Union."

Mansfield said it was up to Khrushchev in the next three weeks to come up with a counter proposal that recognizes the West's legal right to be in Berlin and tends to bring "a degree of peace and stability to Germany and Central Europe."

U. S. officials believe a hint of Communist intentions may come late next week when Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov meets with Eisenhower and Herter here. They say the first break in the Soviet ultimatum for a time limit on Western occupation rights in West Berlin may come at those meetings.

**Cross-Country Trip**  
Koslov is coming to the United States to open a Soviet exposition in New York June 30. He will make Washington the first stop on a trip across the country.

Herter's speech was a ringing demand that the Soviets begin "genuine negotiations." He said the "baneful influence of statements outside the conference" by Khrushchev made attempts to negotiate at Geneva "practically fruitless."

He referred to a Moscow speech in which the Soviet premier repeated previous Soviet threats to abandon their responsibilities to the Western powers concerning Berlin.

## Idaho To Oppose Power To California

Boise—(UPI)—Idaho will oppose a plan to carry electric power from the Bonneville project to California, State Reclamation Engineer George Carter said today.

## Increase Noted in Polio Inoculations

An increase in the number of people getting polio shots at the Jackson county public health office has been noticed recently, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county public health officer.

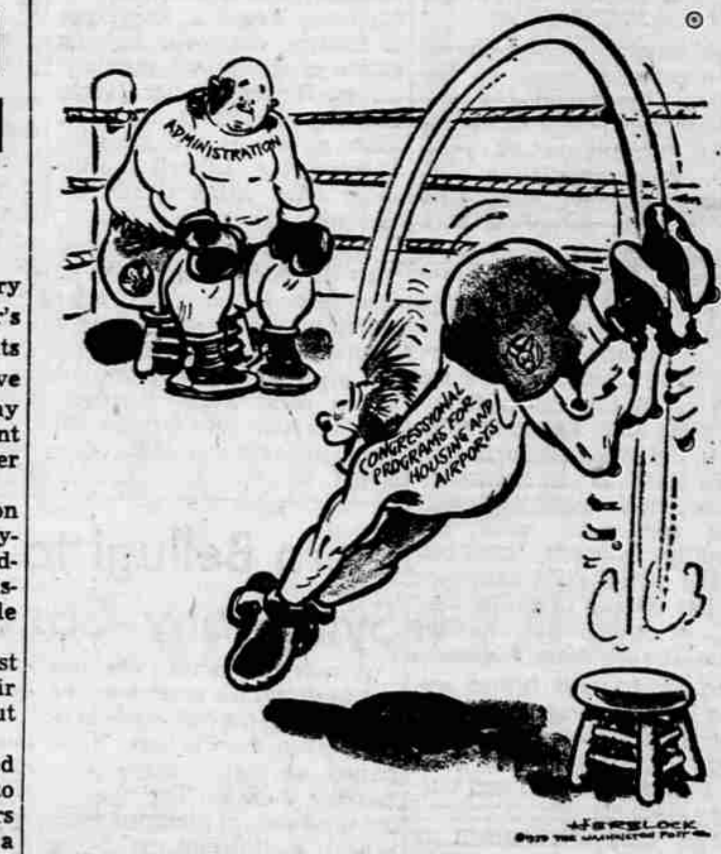
He credited recent publicity in news media stating people are not obtaining the inoculations. At the clinic yesterday, 90 persons completed their series of three shots. Fifty-one persons received their first inoculation.

The clinic also gave 34 inoculations for diphtheria-whooping cough-tetanus, 18 small pox shots and gave 8 tuberculosis tests.

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"Good Joke On You—You Can't Knock Me Down"



## Steel Industry Claimed Preparing Formula for Peace

New York—(UPI)—Efforts to negotiate a new steel wage contract moved toward a showdown today amid reports that the industry is preparing a new proposal in an effort to avert a nationwide strike at midnight June 30.

Details of management's peace formula were unavailable. It was hinted, however,

## Accident Victims Still Hospitalized

Frank B. Wheat, 42, of 801 North Central ave., Medford, was reported in serious condition at Sacred Heart hospital this morning, attendants said.

He was injured when he fell three stories at the new Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland Friday.

William Berry Thompson, 41, of 1800 East Main st., Ashland, was reported slightly improved from yesterday but still on the critical list, according to Ashland General hospital attendants.

Thompson was burned over 80 per cent of his body in a tractor accident on the Keene creek dam construction in the Talent project.

## Budget Approved in Third Try by County

Grants Pass—The Josephine county unit school district budget was approved Monday by a majority of 174 votes after two previous attempts failed.

The vote was 1,061 for the budget and 887 against. The budget was identical to the one defeated by 60 votes at a school election May 25.

Of the \$1,412,399 budget, \$830,199 will be raised through taxation, it was reported.

## Creamery, Teamster Officials in Meeting

Tillamook—(UPI)—A meeting between B. O. Dixon, manager at the Tillamook creamery, and teamster officials was held today, the first time creamery and teamster officials had met since late in May. They met with a federal mediator.

Teamsters have been on strike since May 1. The walk-out idled 100 workers in the creamery association.

**Bone, Algeria—(UPI)—**Waves of French warplanes today bombed and machine-gunned a strong band of Moslem rebels locked in battle with hundreds of French troops on the fringe of this east Algeria port.

## British Strong For Summit

London—(UPI)—The British government came out strongly again today for a summit conference regardless of progress at the Geneva Foreign Ministers' meeting, a stand opposed by the other western allies.

**Echoes Macmillan Views**  
Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told the House of Commons he hoped the recessed Geneva sessions, due to reconvene July 13, eventually would lead to a summit conference despite the slow going to date.

The government's stand was backed today by a statement from the opposition Labor party, which also called for an immediate summit conference in spite of the lack of progress at Geneva.

**Allies Less Optimistic**  
However, Britain's French, American and West German allies have not been so optimistic. They want progress at the foreign ministers' level first, and even then they are not so keen about a top level meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.