

News Editor Tells Of Explosion in Downtown Area

(Editor's note: Dave Cordon, news editor of radio station KRXL in Roseburg was knocked down six blocks away by the blast which heavily damaged that city of 13,000 early today. His account follows.)

By DAVE CORDON As Told to UPI
Roseburg—UPI—I was asleep early this morning when I was awakened by the fire alarm.

I got out of bed to check with the fire department to see what had happened. When I got up the explosion went off and knocked me down.

I ran down to the area. There were people all over. I saw two persons lying in the street. Both were still alive but were bleeding badly.

Then I got out of there because there were two propane tanks in the area and firemen said they were in danger of going up. It's a good thing they didn't or I wouldn't be talking to you now.

I went up town and got on top of a building where I could see down on the fire. It looked like a 'big inferno. Smoke was heavy and burning particles were going through the air and landing all around.

There were hot wires lying all over the place. On Jackson street, which is the main street here, almost every window in every store was knocked out.

That truck was sitting in front of the Gerretsen Supply Company. That building was leveled. There was a soft drink plant across the street. When I went down there this morning that was gone except for one corner.

Emergency Plans Set in Motion

Salem—UPI—Officials at the State Civil Defense headquarters here today set in motion emergency plans following the Roseburg explosion.

Welfare Coordinator Anthony Cardillo was in the office at the capitol since 4 a.m. contacting Lane county officials. Col. Arthur Sheets, Civil Defense director, and Warner Nunn, assistant to the governor, flew to Roseburg to check on the disaster.

National Guardsmen and the sheriff's rescue patrolled the area. All gas and electricity was shut off in the downtown area and all stores were closed. Entry to the area was by police pass only.

Roads outside of town were patrolled by the state police and Grants Pass police. The Roseburg High school was set up to handle emergency services.

Josephine County Awards Tire Contract
Grants Pass — Hawkins Tire Tire d service of Medford and Grants Pass, was low bidder on providing new tires and recapping for Josephine county vehicles.

The year's contract became effective Aug. 1. Carl Bismark, Medford store manager, stated that the plant is equipped to provide four different type treads for recapped tires for both winter and summer driving.

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Firemen were successful in preventing the blaze from spreading to buildings on Main street, a few blocks east of the blast scene, and from jumping the Umpqua river to the residential area on the west side.

But windows in most of the downtown buildings were shattered. The Roseburg News-Review office located about six blocks east of the blast scene was heavily damaged.

Hal Crawford, who turned out to help, said he saw about 20 injured persons taken from houses set afire by flying embers. Some were removed from under broken doors, beds and other furniture.

The Central Junior high school, an old building, received heavy damage and school Superintendent M. C. Deller said it was possible the building may not be safe for use again.

Mercy hospital, located across the Umpqua river from the blast scene, received some broken windows and awning damage.

Reported missing was William T. Unrath, co-owner of a soft drink bottling company who had left his home after the fire started but before the blast. His wife was unhurt but her daughter, Mary, 19, and two of her friends, in an upstairs bedroom, Lorraine Ross and Lauretta Risher, both of Bremerton, Wash., suffered minor injuries after climbing to a roof and leaping to the ground when the house started to burn.

Much of the damage occurred in an area surrounded by Douglas, Stephens, Mosier and Oak sts.

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City Described By Eye Witness As in Shambles

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A Western Airlines pilot, flying at 17,000 feet several miles east of Roseburg, saw the blast. He called the Medford airport tower, and said: "I don't know what happened to Roseburg, but it looks like they got hit by something from Russia."

Reminded of London Blitz
Other witnesses said the blast resembled an atomic blast, so fierce it was. George Milligan, chief pilot of Mercy Flights, Inc., who flew blood and doctors to Roseburg early this morning, said the flaming holocaust of the fire reminded him of the wartime blitz of London.

Glass was damaged as far away as two miles from the explosion.

The Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross is preparing to assist in providing information on persons involved in the Roseburg disaster.

An official at the chapter house, 80 Hawthorne ave., said lists of the dead and injured would be made available as soon as possible. The Red Cross telephone number is SP 2-4405.

Louie Suiter, chief criminal deputy sheriff, drove me around the blast area. He pointed out a little Fiat car.

"That belonged to a friend of mine, just a kid, 18 or 19 years old," Suiter said. "He and his wife were driving by, and stopped to see if they could help fight the fire. Just as he got out of the car the truck went up."

The side of the Fiat was caved in. Later, Suiter advised his friend's body had been identified. The young man had been married only a few months.

Mayor Arlo Jacklin said that 1 1/2 hours after the blast, 150 people were lined up at the hospital waiting to donate blood for the blast victims.

Col. Arthur Sheets, director of civilian defense for the state, and Warner Nunn, executive assistant to Gov. Mark Hatfield, flew in to Roseburg in a National Guard plane at mid-morning to offer the state's assistance.

Newspapermen from all parts of the state converged on Roseburg to tell the story of the disaster. The airport was a busy place this morning. Sheriff's deputies were running a shuttle service for officials and newsmen.

BIRTHS
GRISMON—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald, box 310, Lake Creek, Aug. 5, 1959, a boy, 8 3/4 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

KRUGGEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. 21 Portland ave., Aug. 6, 1959, a boy, 6 3/4 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

CLOVER—To Mr. and Mrs. David, 476 Laurel ave., Ashland, Aug. 7, 1959, a girl, 6 pounds, at Ashland General hospital.

JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude, 1930 Ashland Mine rd., Ashland, Aug. 6, 1959, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Ashland General hospital.

ALLEN—To Mr. and Mrs. William, 647 Valley View rd., Ashland, Aug. 6, 1959, a boy, 6 3/4 pounds, at Ashland General hospital.

FAZIO—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael R., 2241 Roberts rd., Medford, Aug. 7, 1959, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

McQUADE—To Mr. and Mrs. Alan M., 911 Casino dr., Medford, Aug. 7, 1959, a girl, 6 3/4 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

DITCH—To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, 316 South Orange st., Aug. 6, 1959, a boy, 5 1/4 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

AARSETH—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E., route 1, box 16, Gold Hill, Aug. 7, 1959, a girl, 8 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

ELSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank, 941 Alta st., Aug. 7, 1959, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

The Salvation Army has 491 senior bonds with a membership of more than 6,000, in the United States.

Officials Express Optimism About Orbit of Satellite

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In a news conference at the Cape, all officials involved in the shoot expressed firm optimism about the possibility of achieving orbit.

Dr. Arthur K. Theil, Theil Project director, announced that a Manchester, England, tracking station successfully picked up all three transmitters from the satellite package at 7:10 a.m.

The Manchester crew turned one transmitter on from the ground with an ultra high frequency signal after it had been turned off from Cape Canaveral. Theil said a Singapore tracking station picked up all three transmitters 20 minutes later.

Theil said, however, that both Manchester and Singapore would have been able to pick up the signals before the satellite reached apogee in its first trip around the earth.

The launching rocket's third stage had to reach a peak speed of 22,000 miles an hour to put the Paddlewheel into the orbit planned for it. This speed - 4,000 miles an hour more than the minimum necessary to get a satellite into orbit - was necessary because the orbit sought this time was so flat and elongated.

Given Extra Boost
To help the Paddlewheel achieve this difficult orbit, its makers built into the payload itself a small, solid-fuel "kick" rocket designed to boost the Paddlewheel an extra 50 to 100 miles away from the earth during its first orbit. Planners feared that because of the elongated orbit, the satellite might come back too close to earth.

European Nations Start Conference
London — (UPI) — European nations concerned over the prospect of a "Big Two" approach to world affairs began a round of talks today designed to insure that their interests will be protected.

U.S. Asst. Secretary of State Livingston Merchant arrived in Rome to assure the Italian government that the coming exchange of visits between President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev will not have the effect of dividing the world into two spheres of influence.

At the same time, West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano was preparing to report to Parliament on the situation. Reports in Bonn said Chancellor Adenauer's cabinet is seeking a pledge that the Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks will cause no weakening of the Western position in Berlin.

In London, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was continuing talks with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd on the situation created by the Big Four foreign ministers' inability to reach any agreement on Germany or Berlin.

Fire Crews Continue To Patrol Burn Area
Six crewmen of the state department of forestry were mopping up and patrolling today in the Nugget butte area east of Gold Hill where fire burned 160 acres of grass, brush and timber Tuesday.

Southwest district headquarters of the forestry department here reported that three men would be on the scene three or four more days and then the area would be checked daily for a time.

The fire was thought to be smoker-caused and more than 60 men fought the flames at one time.

Roseburg—(UPI)—State police said today that the Highway 99 by-pass through Roseburg was open to traffic but that the downtown 99 route was closed because of today's explosion.

Queen Elizabeth Expects Baby, Palace Announces

London — (UPI) — Queen Elizabeth expects a baby early next year, Buckingham Palace announced today.

The expected child will be the third for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Prince Charles, heir to the throne, is 10. Princess Anne will be nine next week.

The new child, if a boy, will take precedence over Princess Anne in line of succession to the throne.

An official palace announcement today ended weeks of speculation that the 33-year-old British monarch was pregnant.

The rumors had started during her Canadian tour which ended last week and during time that her Queen was expected to cancel part of her official schedule.

Wanted More Children
Both the queen and the Duke of Edinburgh always have been anxious to have more children and it was understood they were "very happy" about having another.

The Queen's doctors have stressed that she is in good health. This is based on thorough examinations they carried out over a period of three straight days this week.

The doctors have determined that her illness during her Canadian tour had nothing to do with her pregnancy. It was just an ordinary stomach upset.

Lord Evans, the Queen's chief physician, flew to Germany today on vacation and said before leaving "the Queen is in good health. There is certainly no need to worry about Her Majesty."

No more precise date has been set for the birth than "early next year."

Confirmation came early this week that she was examined by her doctors, Lord Evans and Sir John Weir, and a gynecologist, Dr. John Peel.

Continued on Tour
The Queen apparently realized she might be pregnant at some time during her Canadian tour.

Early in June she told Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker of the possibility. He offered to reduce or end the tour the Queen and Philip were then making across Canada but the Queen insisted that she alone would decide whether any alteration to the tour was necessary.

She did not have a medical examination on the tour, preferring to wait until she had returned to London where she could consult her own doctors.

But she did tell a few selected persons she thought she might be pregnant.

Because of the pregnancy, Elizabeth will be unable to carry out the tour of West Africa she and the duke had planned for the fall.

She also cancelled for the More than 6,000 business and industrial firms use home-study correspondence courses to train their employees.

Announcement that the Queen is expecting a baby raised the question whether she would meet President Eisenhower should he visit Britain during his trip at the end of the month.

It was pointed out by Buckingham Palace sources, however, that the President's visit would not be an affair of state and so the Queen would not be involved in rigid protocol.

It was thought quite likely that if the President has a chance personally to congratulate the monarch, their meeting would be informal.

Royal Cradle Ready
The new baby will be the first in more than a century to be born to a reigning Queen of England. The child will use the same cradle used by royal infants over the past 100 years.

The present Queen's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, ordered the cradle for her first born.

Neither Prince Charles nor Princess Anne was born while Elizabeth was Queen. The last child born to a reigning sovereign of England was Princess Beatrix, daughter of Queen Victoria, and that was on April 14, 1857. She died Oct. 26, 1944.

The last son born to a sovereign was Victoria's eighth child, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, born April 7, 1853.

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