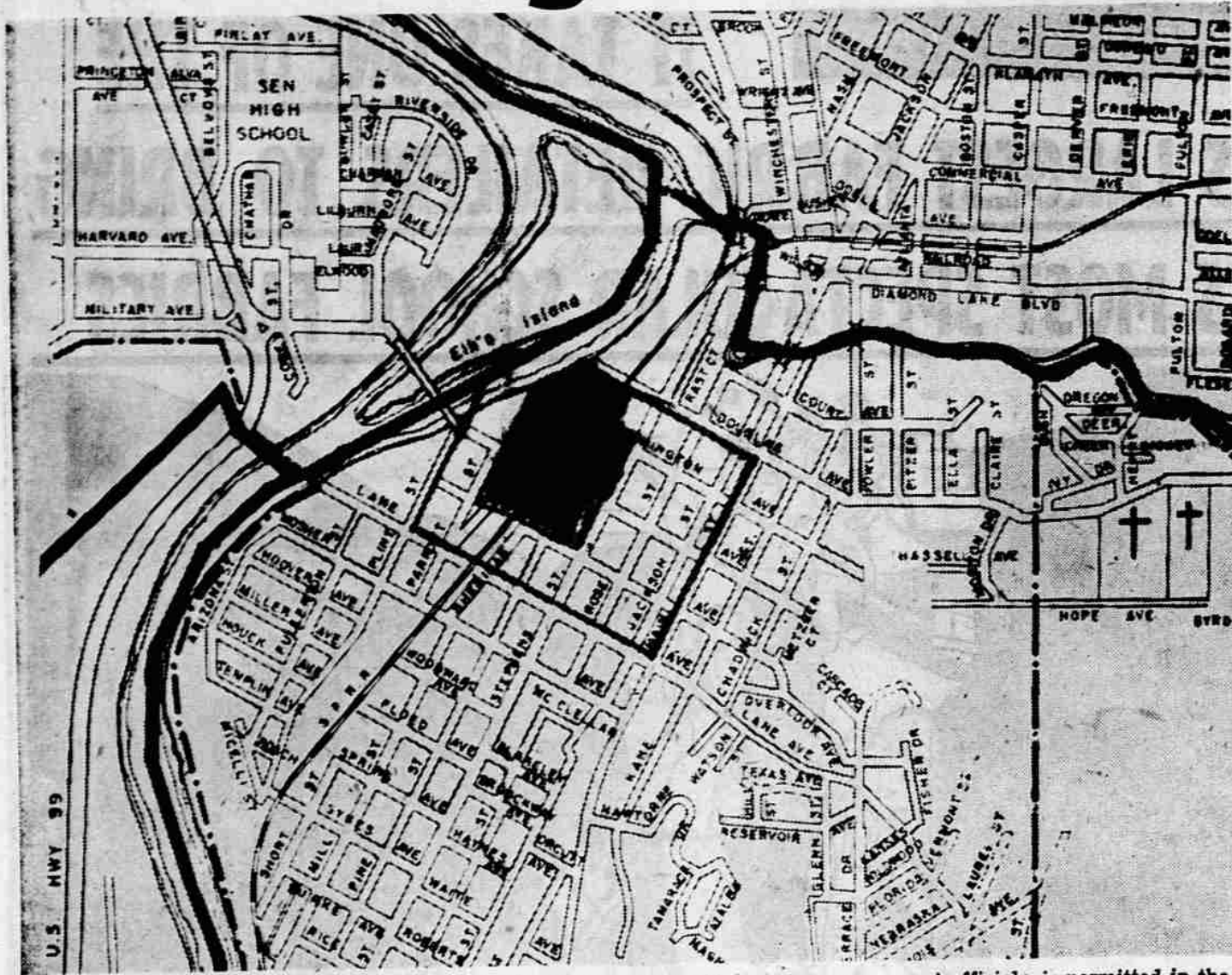


Roseburg Citizens Respond to Major Disaster



DISASTER AREA—The map above shows the downtown Roseburg area leveled by Friday's explosion. The shaded area is "out of bounds" to everyone except officials and the press, Roseburg and Douglas county authorities said. Businessmen were allowed in the area bounded by the dark line so long as they remained at their place of business.

At 6 p.m. no one, except officials, is permitted in the area bounded by the dark line, officials said. The Highway 99 freeway is shown to the left of the map, the double line extending north and south. The broken line through the center of the map is the Southern Pacific tracks.

Fifteen Persons Injured in Blast Still in Hospitals

Roseburg—UPI—Fifteen persons remained in two Roseburg hospitals yesterday with injuries suffered in Friday's disastrous explosion and fire here. Some remained in poor to serious critical condition.

In addition, one youth, James Siles, 15, of Roseburg, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. His condition yesterday was listed as critical.

Ten persons were at Douglas Community hospital and five at Mercy hospital.

Virginia Lee Kuykendall, 4, a patient at Douglas Community, died late Friday from injuries suffered in the explosion. Her mother, Lela Belle Kuykendall, was listed in critical condition and her father, Alvin, and sister, Janet, were in serious condition.

Others at Douglas Community hospital include: Lee Townsend, critical; Carl May Marical, 21, condition poor; Lauretta Rusher, 15, Bremerton, Wash., fairly good; George Rutherford, 47, Chehalis, Wash., fairly good; Rollin McDonald fairly good; Mary Unrath, fairly good, and Keith Warner, fairly good.

Still being treated at Mercy hospital were Harold Bailey, 58; Myrtle Bailey, 81; Lyle Wescott; Vera Washington, 50, and Sonia Batton.

Medford's Mayor Points to Value Of Civil Defense

Friday's disaster in Roseburg demonstrated the value of an effective civil defense program, Medford Mayor Snider said here yesterday after his return from the stricken city.

Mayor Snider praised Roseburg citizens in general and the city's mayor, Arlo M. Jacklin, in particular for their response to the holocaust.

"I was amazed at people's ability to bounce back," he said.

Of Mayor Jacklin, he said, "He is a man of great courage and exceptional leadership. I was really proud to be a fellow mayor."

Commenting on the effectiveness with which official agencies as well as individuals responded, Mayor Snider said: "This points up the real value of a good civil defense organization."

He said the City of Medford would help answer Roseburg's needs in the days to come if possible.

"We stand ready to help so far as we can," he said, and mentioned Medford's engineering department as one city hall agency that might be able to assist. He added that such aid would of course be restricted by the demands of Medford's own affairs.

SBA Declares Disaster Area

Washington—UPI—Wendell B. Barnes, head of the Small Business Administration, yesterday officially declared Roseburg, Ore., and the Hawaiian island of Kauai to be disaster areas.

This action means that owners of businesses and homes damaged or destroyed in the areas may apply to the Small Business Administration for long-term loans at 3 per cent interest.

Roseburg was the scene of a tremendous explosion early Friday and Kauai was devastated by a hurricane.

Barnes said eligible persons at Roseburg seeking loans may do so at the SBA office in Portland, Ore. The nearest SBA office to residents of Kauai is at Honolulu.

Gov. Hatfield Extends Sympathy

Portland—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield was due at Portland International airport yesterday afternoon from the annual governors' conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He planned to fly to Roseburg afterward.

Hatfield first received word of the disastrous explosion when his plane touched down Friday in Memphis, Tenn. He issued this statement:

"To the families of those who have suffered this tragic loss, may I extend deepest sympathy. I have been in touch with developments and the responsible forces which have moved into the situation. I have every confidence in those who are in charge."

Man Who Left His Car to Help Firemen Killed

Roseburg—UPI—When the fire engine sounded early Friday morning, Dennis Tandley got out of his car to see if he could help.

It was then that the truck loaded with explosives blew up, demolishing the center of town and killing Tandley outright.

His wife, who remained in the car, suffered a deep leg gash.

Cab driver Bill Hogan was asleep in the Grand hotel when the truck blew up in downtown Roseburg.

He said he was knocked out of bed and hit a door face first.

"I thought an airplane hit the building," he said.

Much of the blast-damaged downtown area here was placed off-limits until engineers could check buildings for possible damage, it was announced Friday night by Mayor Arlo Jacklin.

Jacklin said checks were being made to see if buildings were in danger of crumbling. Approximately 175 National Guardsmen were patrolling the area.

The mayor said it may be some time before the final death count is known. Bones and bone ashes will be sent to the state laboratory for analyses.

Severe Burns Saved His Life

Roseburg—UPI—Fireman Lyle Wescott suffered severe burns fighting a fire Friday, but it saved his life.

Wescott was called to a fire at the Gerretsen Building Supply Company here at 1:15 a.m.

"When we arrived," he said, "the fire was burning in a small building and supply yard and was spreading into the main building. I laid a hose across the street and didn't realize the heat was so intense. Then I looked down and saw the skin peeling off my hands."

He got in a police car and was crossing the South Umpqua river to Mercy hospital when the truck of ammonium nitrate and dynamite exploded.

The man with whom Wescott answered the fire alarm, Assistant Chief Roy McFarland, was killed in the blast.

LOOK, THEN LEAP

Bonn, Germany—UPI—The owners of a new office building here Saturday handed tenants cards saying: "It is forbidden to jump from the windows unless the fire department is present." The owners said the cards referred only to the possibility of a fire.



Firemen's bodies were found in street after explosion.



Rubble littered streets in nearly all of downtown area.

Explosives Expert Discusses Hazard

Salt Lake City—UPI—A Utah explosives expert said yesterday the Roseburg explosion was possible additional evidence of a growing hazard throughout the country arising from the handling of a specific type of explosive.

Dr. Melvin A. Cook, director of the institute of metals and explosives research, University of Utah, said ammonium nitrate fertilizer converted into a powerful explosive through pre-treatment with fuel might have been responsible for the terrific blast exerted by the death-dealing explosion.

He said the fertilizer, used for open-pit mining and quarrying operations, should be hauled to the blasting site before the oil is added. He said this eliminates the possibility of explosion during transportation.

Cook emphasized that he knows of no instance in Utah where the explosive mixture has been hauled over public highways and through cities and towns. But he said such precautionary measures are obviously not being followed in many other parts of the country.



BLAST CASUALTY—Carl Blattner, 43, of Roseburg, Ore., sits in the National Guard Armory after being treated by the Red Cross for a head wound he received in the blast that ripped through Roseburg. He was cut by flying glass from a window nearly a quarter a mile away from the center.



HUGE OREGON EXPLOSION—A truck containing six tons of dynamite and ammonium nitrate blew up in a Roseburg, Ore., lumber yard as a result of a fire. An area of four square blocks was leveled and damage extended for about 20 blocks.

One of 'Worst,' Pearson States

Salem—UPI—Acting Gov. Walter J. Pearson said Friday night the Roseburg explosion was one of the "worst disasters which has ever occurred in the state of Oregon."

Pearson said that "the loss in property is by far the greatest the state has ever experienced."

He said the total property loss probably would run in excess of \$10 million.

Pearson said the people of Roseburg are to be commended in the highest possible terms for the courage and relative calm they have displayed.

Oregon had a far worse disaster as far as human lives go. The 1903 Heppner flood claimed 247 lives. Fifteen died in the 1948 Vanport flood which wrecked a wartime housing area near Portland.

M-T Photographer Covers the Holocaust

Mail Tribune Staff Photographer Bob Vroman drove to the disaster scene first thing Friday morning and returned with pictures in time for page 1 of Friday's edition.

Other pictures he took appear on this page and on page 1 of today's edition.



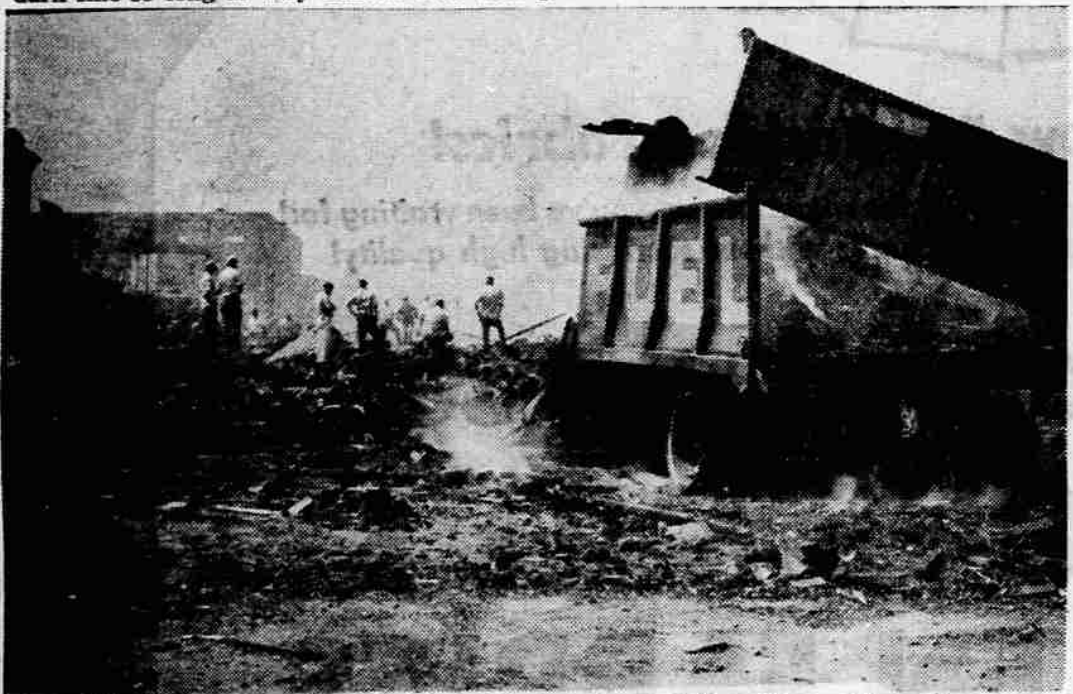
AFTERMATH—A major part of Roseburg, Ore., looked like a bombed out city. Only the shell of this building, two blocks from the center of the ammonium nitrate and dynamite explosion, was left standing.

Neuberger to Back Tighter Regulations

Washington—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) announced support yesterday for the Magnuson bill authorizing tighter regulations over shipment of explosives and other hazardous cargoes across state lines.

Neuberger said the tragic truck explosion at Roseburg Friday emphasized the urgent need for such legislation.

The bill introduced by Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) was based on recommendations of the interstate commerce commission for increased authority over the movement of explosive cargoes and radioactive materials between states by all types of carriers.



Fuel truck 50 feet from blast center had tires blown off.



Sober-faced residents discussed the utter destruction.



Spot fires still burned in the blast area 24 hours later.

Schoolgirl Calls Blast 'Horifying'

Roseburg—UPI—Bremerton, Wash., schoolgirl Lauretta Rusher, 15, who was injured in the explosion early Friday, said in Community hospital "it was horrifying . . . I'll never forget."

The girl arrived here late Thursday with 33 girls and boys from Bremerton en route to Los Angeles for a First Christian Church religious meeting.

This was the trip's first stop. Lauretta and a companion, Lorraine Ross, 17, were assigned to spend the night with the William Unrath family.

Unrath was missing and feared dead in the blast.

The girls were asleep when the explosion occurred and the Unrath house was badly hit. The girls managed to get to the roof and an unidentified man came and drove them to the hospital.

Lauretta suffered leg injuries and was listed in "fairly good" condition. Miss Ross was not hospitalized.