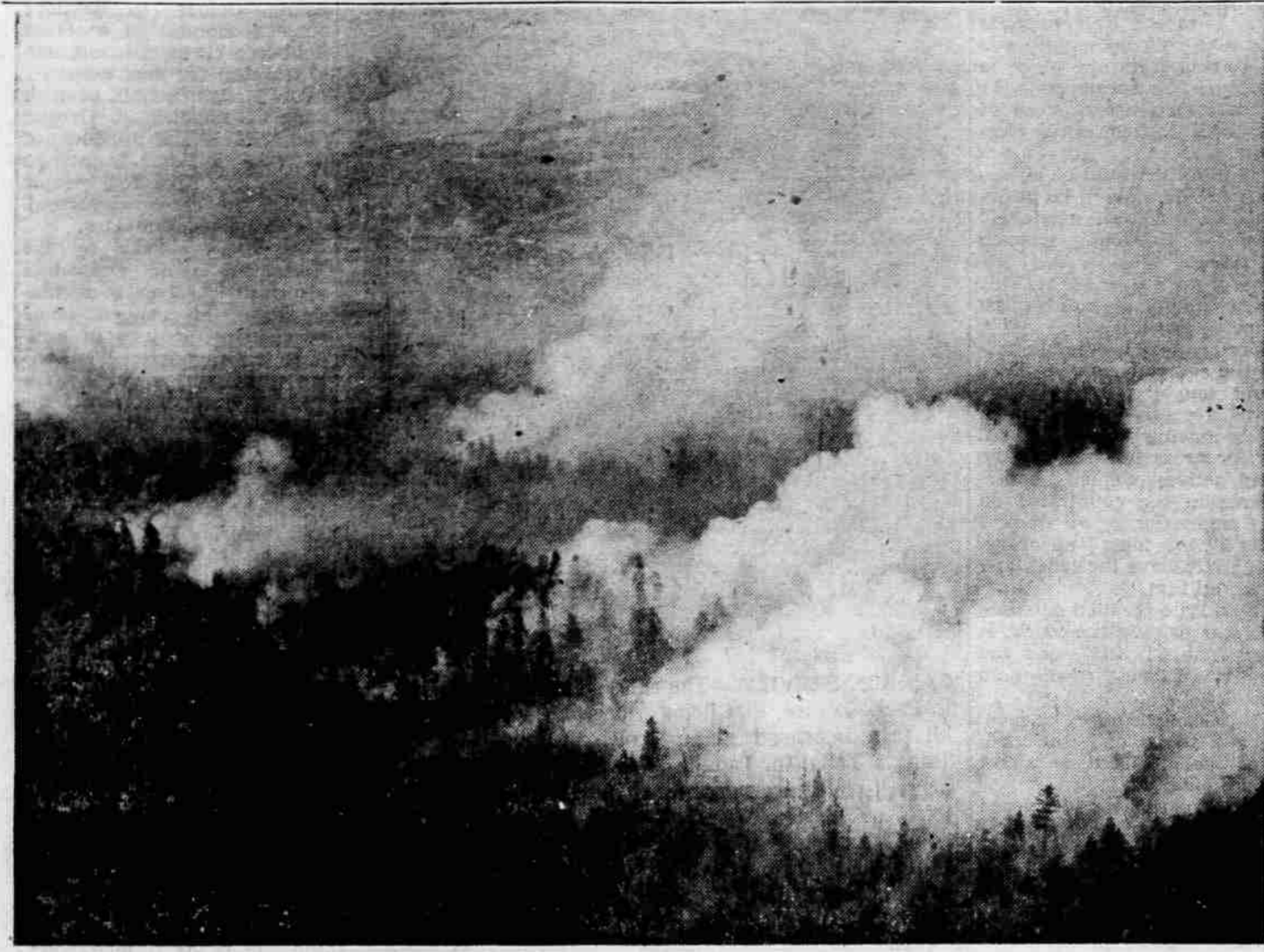


# Hatfield Rapped for Use of Guard Airplane



**FLAMES, SMOKE SPREAD**—This picture, taken by Mail Tribune Staff Photographer Bob Vroman from a helicopter, shows vividly the size and spread of the fire which burned in the Ashland area over the week end. Parts of Ashland itself can be dimly seen through the smoke in the foreground.



**FIRE AT NIGHT**—The fire was plainly visible in all parts of the valley. Hundreds of Medford residents watched it from hillsides. This spectacular night time picture, taken by Mail Tribune Reporter Eric Wentworth, was taken from the Ashland Loop road, looking west across the Ashland creek canyon. (The picture was taken at f2, exposure of a full second, on Tri-X film.)

## Eugene Democrat Asks Pentagon To Make Check

**Governor's Office Says Probe Welcome**

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield's office said today an investigation of the governor's use of a National Guard plane to attend the governors' conference in Puerto Rico would be "welcome."

Hatfield was called to task for using the plane by Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) in a speech at Pendleton Sunday.

Travis Cross, Hatfield's press secretary, said use of the plane was authorized by the National Guard bureau in Washington, D.C.

Skelton asked the pentagon to check to see if Hatfield was entitled to the plane. In a telegram to Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) Skelton noted that Louisiana Gov. Earl Long had had to pay for unauthorized use of a guard plane.

**No Comparison**  
But the governor's office said there was no comparison between Long's use of the aircraft and Hatfield's. Cross said the flight to Miami and back was no additional expense to the Guard as the planes regularly fly training missions anyway.

He added that the governor made the flight from Miami to San Juan by commercial airliner and that the six Oregon delegates' expenses were paid by the Puerto Rican government during the conference.

Skelton also was critical of Neuberger and Oregon's other Democratic Senator, Wayne Morse, for the controversy between them.

"It's time they stop acting like children and take up the business of legislation," he said.

## Accidents Kill Nine in Oregon

**By United Press International**  
At least nine persons died in Oregon traffic accidents during the week end.

Harold Ernest Hayes, 27, and Wilma Louise Williams, 15, both of Lakeview, and Ken Williams, 21, Burns, were killed in the collision of a gravel truck and their car north of Burns Saturday.

William H. Hastings, 36, Eugene, was killed Sunday in a head on collision north of Eugene.

An Oswego woman, Mrs. Doreen Berg Taylor, 29, was killed Saturday when a car in which she was riding crashed into a guard railing on the Baldock freeway.

Glenda Marie Sandvik, 16, Portland, was killed Saturday when a car crashed into a guard rail near Troutdale.

Mrs. Lois Mary L. Allen, 29, Portland was killed Sunday when her car went out of control and crashed near Tillamook.



**SHED BURNS**—A shed next to a house destroyed. Its ruins, shown above, contained a stove and stored property.

## 4,800 Acre Fire Reported Under Control

The stubborn fire above Ashland that has burned through an estimated 4,800 to 5,000 acres since it erupted Saturday afternoon appeared to be nearing control late this morning.

Forest officials said today that a trail has been built completely around the blaze and that except for some sloping over on the southern face of the fire—termed the "critical" area—the blaze is under control.

An estimated 430 state and federal firefighters were engaged in back-firing, fire suppression and mop-up operations this morning.

Northerly winds kept enough smoke in the air to prohibit the use of borate-supplied airplanes this morning, but the forecast for this afternoon called for winds to shift to the southwest and it is expected that planes will be called in at that time.

Backfires set  
An estimated 1,200 acres were burned yesterday, most of them in the Rogue River National forest and some of them in backfires that were set to help combat the bigger fire.

Yesterday's burn, federal officials said, was all within the Ashland watershed, but below the reservoir. The critical area this morning was on top of a ridge about two miles below the Wagner Butte lookout.

Firefighters today face a predicted temperature in the middle 90's with an anticipated low humidity reading of about 10 per cent.

Forest service personnel from the regional office in Portland were reported down in Saturday night.

**Investigate Cause**  
Norris R. Joyce, chief investigator for the state forestry department in Salem, is here trying to determine the cause of the fire. Working with him are state police and sheriff's officers, investigating the possibility that the fire may have been man-set.

The blaze, which started about 1 p.m. Saturday as two relatively small fires erupted and burned toward each other to combine, burning rapidly through manzanita and brush in the area above Jackson Hot Springs shortly after it started.

It appeared to be nearing control late Saturday afternoon, but it blew up early Saturday evening and flashed through an estimated 1,000 acres in one hour. By late Saturday night it had moved into Douglas fir and pine forests and almost 2,000 acres were involved as the flames looked as if they were going to move right into Ashland itself.

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## Pear Picking Gets Start Today in Valley

First pear picking of the season got under way in the Medford district today with one packing house starting a small operation.

A general increase in the picking is expected Wednesday with wide-spread picking next week, packers here reported.

General picking will be 12 days later than last year, but not later than the average picking date of Aug. 8, pear growers reported. The delay in picking should result in better pear size. Fair volume and good quality is predicted by growers.

A grower for one packing house is starting his picking today. That packing house predicts an average crop of Bartlett's with the current size tending toward the smaller grades. This packing house expects to open Friday.

It will ship its orchard run of pears direct to the cannery.

Another of one of the early packing houses will start picking operations in a small way tomorrow afternoon.

Pear industry spokesmen said they never run short of pickers in this first stage, but as the operation becomes widespread do expect a picker shortage.

**No Mexican Nationals**  
Meanwhile, John J. Patton, manager of the local Oregon state employment service office, said there are no Mexican nationals in this area, nor are any plans being made right now to import any.

There are approximately 200 pickers of Mexican ancestry contracted for, Patton said. However, these are U.S. citizens from Texas who have just finished picking for the Green Giant company in the Walla Walla, Wash., area. Some have already set up quarters in the local labor camp, Patton added.

He said that the farm labor office has been opened at 1831 South Pacific highway near the entrance to the ball park.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Clearing tonight and partly cloudy Tuesday. Low tonight 90. High Tuesday 99.  
TEMPERATURE  
Highest Yesterday 101  
Lowest This Morning 50

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 7:21 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:13 a.m.  
Moonset tonight 10:51 p.m.  
First Quarter Aug. 11  
A combination of the movements of the Earth and Venus on their orbits now causes Venus to appear to move westward among the stars. As a result Venus rapidly leaves the evening sky and returns as a morning planet within a month.

## Implications of Education Act in West Explained

The 13 western states received 18 per cent of the total \$44,300,000 that was the first appropriation by Congress for the Defense Education Act, Homer D. Babbidge Jr., told the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education at a meeting here Sunday morning.

Babbidge, who reported on the implications of the National Education Act in the west, is assistant commissioner for higher education in the national office of education, Washington, D. C.

The WICHE states has 20 per cent of the nation's students enrollment in college, Babbidge said, and 14.5 per cent of the higher degrees are awarded in these western states.

The speaker said that Congress as well as other branches of the government are turning to the office of education for information. He said that this change has added a new dimension to the office's responsibilities. In this new role the office wanted to reflect the consensus of the best thinking of educators.

The annual meeting, held this year for the first time in Oregon, was attended by 33 commissioners from 11 western states. Alaska and Hawaii did not send delegates this year.

**Student Loans**  
In mentioning the student loan applications for 1959-60, one of the defense act programs, Babbidge said that the western states had asked for less than Congress had appropriated, the only region in the United States, to do so. The 199 institutions had asked for only \$5,282,888, less by \$182,938 than that appropriated.

The western institutions estimate that 14,379 students will borrow an average of \$600 each during 1959 and 1960.

Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, University of Washington president, stressed the need to get the facts to legislatures that the nation's higher education institutions cannot be

Castel Gandolfo, Italy—UPI—Pope John XXIII has given permission to Roman Catholics throughout the world to eat meat this Friday because it comes on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption.

Dayton, Ore.—UPI—The Yamhill river near here was partially clogged today after a series of landslides. River traffic in some spots was on a one-way basis.

## Roseburg Blast Area Remains Blocked Off; Ruins Still Hot

Roseburg, Ore.—UPI—A large part of the downtown area of this lumber center of 13,000 remained blocked off today because of falling debris from buildings hit by last Friday's disastrous explosion and fire.

Authorities said many of the ruins were still too hot to be searched. Building inspectors planned to make a building-to-building trip into the area.

Police Chief Vernon Murdoch said the city would be restricted for an indefinite period of time. He said the National Guard and state police, called in when a state of emergency was declared, would probably remain here a week or more.

The county coroner's office placed the death toll at 12. A woman, earlier believed to have been killed in the blast, was located alive Sunday. Coroner C. H. Babbitt said the victims included eight bodies which had been identified, three persons missing and presumed dead and an unidentified body which could not be any of the presumed dead.

Authorities at first feared the death toll would go as high as 30. However, Babbitt

said there was a chance of finding remains of additional victims in the rubble.

The town was calm Sunday. Residents attended religious services in damaged churches, while workmen set about cleaning up the debris. Some business establishments on the fringe area of the blast planned to reopen today.

The explosion occurred when a truck containing four tons of ammonium nitrate mixed with diesel oil and two

tons of dynamite was set off by a fire at a nearby supply company. The cause of the fire is still not known.

Authorities have estimated the loss at \$10 million. The Red Cross said some 650 buildings were destroyed or damaged.

**Medford Continues To Help Roseburg**  
The Medford area continued over the week end to help those affected by the Roseburg blast. The local Red Cross chapter has sent out an appeal for money contributions for Roseburg residents in need of aid. Contributions will be accepted at the Medford Red Cross building.

Blood from the local chapter was sent to Roseburg, officials reported.

Meanwhile, state police and other law enforcement officers are continuing to patrol the blast area to prevent looting and sightseer congestion.

The Medford state police office detailed three officers to Roseburg this morning, and three officers have been sent from Grants Pass. Only people who have legitimate business in the Roseburg area are permitted to enter the blast area, state police said.

The majority of the men sent to Roseburg by the California Pacific Utilities company here have remained in Roseburg since Friday. Twenty-two men, with about 18 trucks and cars, were sent Friday from Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass. Two have been returned to Ashland and the remainder are reported still working in Roseburg.

Local blood was sent to Roseburg area immediately following the disaster there last week.

Only 29 appointments for blood donors have been made as of this morning. Persons wishing to donate blood may contact the Medford Red Cross chapter at SP 2-4405.

**No Disaster Rating Planned for Roseburg**  
Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said today that he did not think Roseburg would be declared a federal disaster area "at this time."

**Roseburg Newspaper Now Using Own Plant**  
Roseburg—UPI—The Roseburg News-Review resumed publishing in its own plant here Saturday.

The newspaper was published in Klamath Falls on Friday because this city's explosion and fire knocked out electrical service. Copies of Friday's newspaper were distributed there that evening.

The front of the newspaper office received considerable blast damage.



# Medford Stores Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight