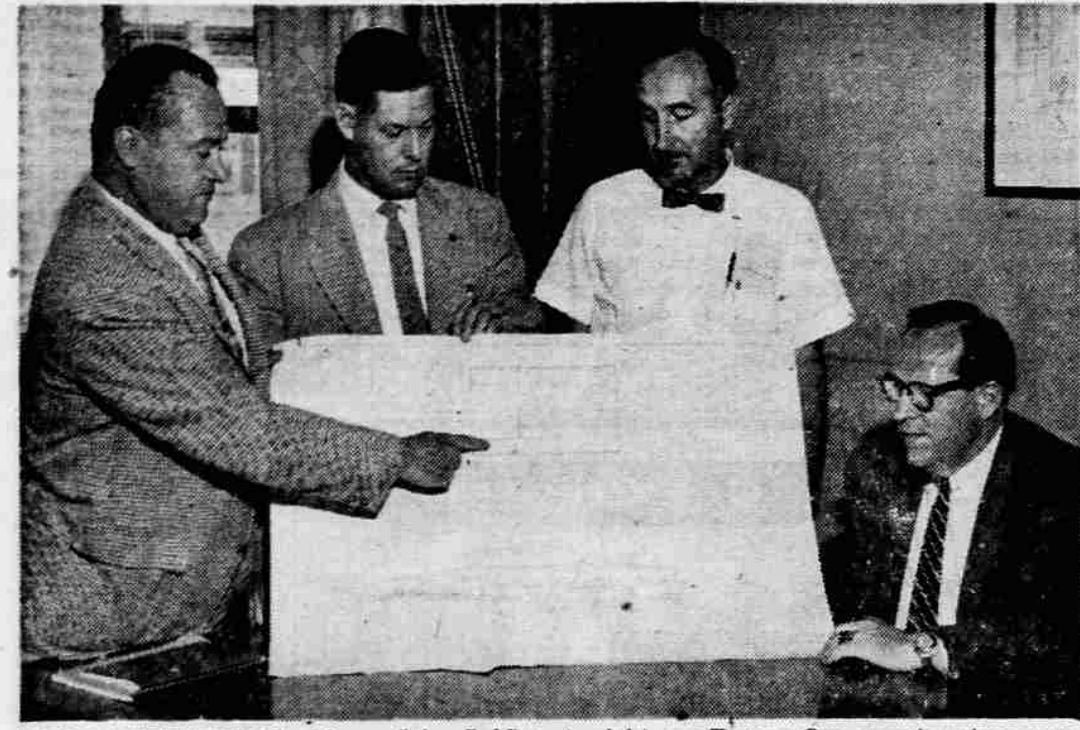


LITTLE ROCK VIOLENCE ERUPTS



LOOK OVER PLANS—Mayor John Snider looks over plans for the new Veterans Memorial building and convention center, which will be constructed at 533 Edwards st., Medford. Explaining the building, left to right, are Eugene Orr, secretary-treasurer of the building fund; Melvin McElhiney, commander of the local American Legion post, and Granville Brittsan, chairman of the fund raising campaign.

Fund Campaign For Vets Building Gets Under Way

A campaign to raise funds for construction of a Veterans Memorial building and convention hall at 533 Edwards st., Medford, got under way this morning.

The building will be constructed as a community project by the local American Legion post, and will be operated on a non-profit basis for organizations convening here and for a meeting place for area groups.

Eugene Orr, secretary-treasurer of the building fund, said about \$20,000 is needed before actual construction can start. The structure, which will be 48 by 80 feet, is expected to cost about \$42,000 when completed. About \$30,000 is needed to have enough money to provide furnishings.

Land for the building is now owned by the local American Legion post.

Start Construction

Orr said the committee hopes to have enough money raised to start construction in October.

Medford Mayor John Snider this morning gave his support to the campaign, and expressed his approval for such a structure.

Orr said the hall will facilitate about 200 persons. The building will include two halls, one 33 by 37 feet and another 25 by 28 feet, and storage facilities, kitchen, rest rooms, and parking facilities.

Orr said the Legion hopes to sponsor free teen-age dances at the hall, which will be available for groups on a nominal fee basis.

Granville Brittsan, Medford, is chairman of the fund raising committee. Campaign headquarters have been established at 114 West Main st., Medford.

Local School Board Establishes Faculty Scholarship Fund

The Medford school board last night established a Faculty Scholarship Fund.

The fund will be controlled and supervised by the clerk through the direction of the school board. Contributions to the faculty scholarship fund will be tax-deductible.

Establishment of the fund is an outgrowth of contributions being made to help finance Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield's trip to Russia in October. Dr. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, was one of 30 administrators in the country to be invited to visit and study the Soviet educational system.

However, Attorney General

Grand Jury to Consider Evidence

The Jackson county grand jury will meet Thursday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. to consider evidence in the case of Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Lonch, who is charged with second degree murder, according to District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder.

The 31-year-old Medford woman is charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of William B. Simmons, 62, a retired railroad switchman and Camp White Domiciliary member. She is being held in the Jackson county jail.

Police said Mrs. Lonch admitted hitting Simmons with a shovel after he had made advances at her in the course of a day-long party at the house at 2122 Crater Lake highway.

The woman had been living in a house trailer at the rear of 708 Cedar st. with a daughter about 14 months old, police said. Her three other children were reported in foster homes. Her husband is reported to be in California.

Rangeland Burning In Pendleton Region

Pendleton—(UPI)—Two fires, southeast and northeast of here, covered an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 acres of mostly grassland and rangeland late Tuesday and early today.

Portland—(UPI)—Attendance at the Oregon Centennial Exposition reached 843,805 Tuesday. Tuesday's crowd was 9,306.



BULLETIN

Washington—(UPI)—The House, in the first major test in its bitter floor fight over labor reform legislation, today overwhelmingly rejected a mild bill endorsed by the AFL-CIO. The vote was 245-132.

Keith Hockersmith, chairman of the Jackson County Reorganization committee, reviewed recent activity of the group, noting recent hearings held in Pinehurst and Ashland on the committee's recommendation the districts be combined.

Hockersmith said the committee must have its report of reorganization recommendations into the state board of education early in October.

The board set Sept. 3 as the annual school visitation. The board will meet at 8 a.m. at the school superintendent's office and tour the district's facilities and view renovation, maintenance and construction work during the past year.

WEATHER
 FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 48. High Thursday 88-90.
 Temp. 91
 Highest Yesterday 91
 Lowest this Morning 53

Our Skies Tonight
 Sunset today 7:18 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 5:15 a.m.
 Moonset tomorrow 12:22 a.m.
 Full Moon Aug. 18
 Appearing to radiate from the constellation, Perseus, shooting stars of the Perseid meteor shower are now at their greatest numbers. They will be more noticeable after the Moon goes down.

Roseburg Firms Set Saturday for Mass Reopening

Roseburg—(UPI)—Merchants today set Saturday as the date for a mass reopening of businesses in the shattered downtown section of Roseburg.

As cleanup work continued and investigations got under way, the death toll still was listed at 12. Coroner C. H. Babbitt said the 10th body may have been that of Ralph Wiggins, a logger.

Nine other bodies previously were identified and two persons, Martin Lust, 42, and Wayne Townsend, are missing and presumed dead.

School Closed

The local school board said Central Junior High school, which was near the blast area, would not reopen this year and that it would cost \$540,000 to rebuild it. No decision has been made on whether to rebuild it or build a new school.

F. E. Landsburg, district Interstate Commerce Commission director in Portland, said a public hearing may be held here early next month. He said a decision would be made in Washington, D.C., after a preliminary report is sent there.

Landsburg said primary purpose of the public hearing would be to determine if amendments should be made in federal ICC laws covering handling and transportation of explosives. He said his current investigation was solely to gather facts.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said the ICC has advised him that it had jurisdiction over the truck which carried the explosives.

Jonel C. Hill, public utility commissioner said the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company handled 10,000 outgoing calls on Friday.

Blaze Said Incendiary

Officials Believe Fires Deliberately Set Saturday

The forest fire that threatened Ashland's water supply and the city itself over the week end was deliberately set, according to District Warden Curt Nesheim of the state forestry department.

Nesheim said yesterday that Norris R. Joyce, the department's chief investigator, would continue his probe in cooperation with state police and the Jackson county sheriff's office.

"We are certain," Nesheim said, "that the fires were incendiary and were set by two unidentified persons."

Separate Fires

Two separate fires begun about 1 p.m. Saturday in the Jackson Hot Springs-Ashland Mine rd. area. They burned toward each other, and joined shortly afterward. A little after 5 p.m., the combined blaze "blew up." Spurred by strong winds, it sped across some 1,000 acres in one hour.

Only determined efforts by forestry crews and volunteers prevented it from entering Ashland.

Accurate mapping has reduced the acreage estimate to some 4,000 acres, Nesheim reported. He explained that the earlier official estimate of 5,000 acres was based on less thorough surveys of the blaze.

An authoritative report on the number of man-made structures destroyed by flames was still not available.

Nesheim said that the state forestry department had about 60 men working in the fire area today. "We'll stay with it until it's out," he said. "Everything is progressing and looking good," Nesheim reported.

Mopping Up

"A terrific job of mopping up" remains to be done on the fire area, Supervisor Carroll Brown of Rogue River National forest stated this morning. He reported that, "to be safe," the forest service will have crews patrolling its portion of the burn area until the fall rains come.

Mop up was continuing today with about 250 men on the Rogue forest sector. Some 30 two and three-man crews were falling snags. Brown pointed out that some of these snags could still be on fire. He remarked that snags "kick out sparks" and are "the worst fire spreaders."

Today, however, was to be the last day of the large crew on Rogue forest land. Brown said that just about all the loggers and the "overhead" personnel from other forests would be released today. Starting Thursday the work which remains will be handled by the Rogue forest's own crew.

March on American Embassy Broken Up

Santiago, Chile—(UPI)—One of the heaviest concentrations of police ever seen in Santiago broke up a Communist-led "march on the U. S. embassy" here Tuesday night.

A crowd of about 2,500 persons, who had been attending a Red-organized meeting on the eve of the opening of the Western Hemisphere foreign ministers' conference here started down Merced st. toward the embassy when the meeting broke up.

Scores of police, on foot and on horseback had been posted to guard the embassy, where U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter will live for the five-day duration of the conference.

Auto-Pedestrian Mishap Hurts Girl

Sandra Carol Fierling, 5½, Grand View, Idaho, was released by Rogue Valley Memorial hospital early this afternoon following treatment for injuries received in an accident, the hospital reported.

State police were notified of the auto-pedestrian mishap on South Stage rd. at Voorhes crossing about 12:15 p.m. The girl was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fierling and has been visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Alvira Fierling, 22 Reed lane.

Auto-Pedestrian Mishap Hurts Girl

The decrease in the property tax levy in Jacksonville this year is 27.4 mills, a drop from the 1958-59 levy of 108 mills to 80.6 mills this year. A typographical error in a story yesterday made the millage decrease read 2.4 mills.

Ike To Quiz Nikita on Meeting

Gettysburg, Pa.—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today he would ask Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev why he blocked progress at the Geneva conference which might have led to a Big Four summit conference.

United Nations, N. Y.—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will address the U. N. General Assembly when he comes to the United States next month but the date and time have not yet been worked out, it was reported today.

U. N. sources said Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold invited the Soviet leader to make a speech and Khrushchev accepted.

Eisenhower told a news conference here that his conditions for attending a summit meeting remain the same—there must be some progress on East-West problems that he can see.

The President said he has instructed his aides to invite Khrushchev — if he wishes — to inspect some military installations, in order to get some idea of this country's might. But the President said he certainly will bring no pressure on the Soviet leader and if he does not want to see military installations, that's perfectly all right with Eisenhower.

He told more than 50 newsmen attending the unusual press session in a gymnasium-press room that he hopes his talks with Khrushchev in Washington and Moscow will improve the atmosphere between East and West.

Eisenhower said the cold war, which began in 1945 and was intensified after the Korean war, has become such a rigid stalemate that he and everyone else should make every effort to break the deadlock. That, he added, is what he is trying to do.

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WEE CHARMER—This little pajama-clad girl, found wandering in Hawthorne park by Medford police officers, created a regular "riot" in the police department this morning and won the hearts of everyone as she tried time after time to find out who she belonged to. Described as a real "character" by officers, the little miss chattered away on sundry subjects, laughed and got into mischief, but could not (or would not) identify herself. While officer B. E. Stevens, above, was touring the neighborhood with her to see if she would recognize her home, she took his hat off and threw it out the police car window. Stevens said he took her to breakfast and she insisted on being fed bite by bite. It turns out that she is Terrie Wilson, 2½, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, 714 East Jackson st., who had just moved into the neighborhood. Officer Stevens finally located the little girl's home by inquiring house to house in the area. Terrie had taken an early-morning stroll unbeknown to her mother.

Petition to Change Barnett Rd. Area To Medford Filed

A petition to change a portion of the Barnett rd. area from the Phoenix school district to the Medford district will be considered by the county boundary board on Sept. 3, according to the county court.

The area proposed for the change extends north of the center-line of Barnett rd. and north to the Eagle Point school district boundary line. Approximately 100 property owners would be affected by the change.

The petition contained six signatures of property owners of the Phoenix school district and three signatures of Medford school district property owners. Only three signatures from each of the two affected school districts are required to bring the matter before the boundary board, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Hospital in Medford

The area switch would move the new Rogue Valley hospital into the Medford school district but would not affect Rogue Valley Manor which is south of the proposed new boundary.

The petition was approved by the Jackson county school district reorganization committee at its last meeting. It also has the approval of officials of both school districts, Mekvold said.

"Due to the geographical location of the area described in respect to Hoover school we feel the children would benefit from the proposed transfer from District 4 to District 549C," the petition stated. Hoover school is approximately a half mile from Barnett rd. and the Phoenix elementary school is about 4 miles away.

American Helps Smash Castro Plot

Havana—(UPI)—An American-born revolutionary helped smash a gigantic plot against Fidel Castro by pretending to join the conspiracy and then trapping its leaders at a secret midnight meeting, it was reported today.

Informed sources said Maj. William Morgan of Ohio, a commandante of the Cuban rural police, worked as an undercover agent with Army commandante Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo.

They played along with the conspirators and passed the information to Castro.

Castro was reported directing a continuing mop-up operation in which more than 2,000 persons have been arrested, at least 1,000 of them soldiers.

School Problems in Western States Are About the Same, Dr. Mayfield Says

School problems in most of the 13 western states appear to be about the same if not more complex and serious than those in Oregon, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of the Medford district, told the school board last night.

Dr. Mayfield reported to the board on an administrative seminar he attended at Stanford university July 27-Aug. 1. He noted there were 21 school superintendents from 13 states participating along with six members of the Stanford university staff.

"It was interesting to note," Dr. Mayfield said, "that the public education problems facing the schools in the states represented were similar to ours in Oregon."

Among the problems discussed was that of financial burdens brought about by inflation, increased number of students and additional services expected of the schools.

Dr. Mayfield said the administrators should approach aid should probably approach approximately 50 per cent of the total cost of public education. "They also agreed, he said, that there should always be a reasonable local tax responsibility for financing schools.

Superintendents considered desirable some form of equalization for collecting and distributing state funds, but there was no agreement on the best method to do this, Dr. Mayfield said.

"There was general agreement," he continued, "that if educational opportunities were to be equalized throughout the nation there would have to be some type of federal aid." However, among administrators there was no agreement on how this could be equitably or politically done.

Administrators agreed, Dr. Mayfield said, that public schools should resist assuming additional responsibilities for caring for children which are generally considered non-educational in nature unless the state finances the program in its entirety. This included such classes and activities as driver training, health examinations and treatment, he added.

Dr. Mayfield said most states indicated that programs or reorganization of districts are under way. He said Oregon's program appears to be ahead of most other states, and Oregon's law for reorganization "has more teeth in it than most other states' laws."

Firemen Turn Pressure Hoses On Demonstrators

Little Rock, Ark.—(UPI)—Firemen turned high pressure hoses twice today on about 1,000 segregationist demonstrators at Central High School. Police bloodied the heads of two men, cracked another across the ribs and arrested 20 other persons.

Despite the yelling, cursing demonstrators, Negroes Elizabeth Eckford and Jefferson Thomas integrated Central just before it opened for its fall term. They avoided the bulk of the crowd and entered unharmed.

Others Integrate

Three other Negroes integrated Hall High School in the wealthiest area of Little Rock this morning without a hand being raised against them.

The demonstrators arrested at Central included six women and girls. Police Chief Gene Smith ordered three boys and an old man, who were among those seized, arrested for using U. S. flags to whip up the demonstrators.

Police formed a human barricade across the streets in front of Central and enforced Smith's orders that there would be "no foolishness."

Demonstrators Held Back

Smith personally jerked loose the wires of a sound truck that was playing a parody on "Dixie."

Firemen drove most of the demonstrators back with stinging streams of water from their hoses. The demonstrators never got closer than a block to Central.

The scene at Central was reminiscent of the bloody battle in September, 1957, just before President Eisenhower ordered 1,000 paratroopers to Little Rock to keep the peace and protect nine Negroes who integrated the school.

All four of Little Rock's high school were closed last year. The School Board ordered limited integration at two this year.

Local Theaters Included in Sale

ElectroVision Corporation, Hollywood, Calif., has purchased 20 Robert L. Lippert theaters, Edwin F. Zabel, president, has announced.

The purchase includes the Varsity in Ashland, the Craterian, Esquire, Holly, Starlite drive-in, Valley drive-in and Rogue drive-in theaters in Medford, and the Broadway and Drive-In in Yreka.

Theaters obtained in the sale include ElectroVision's holdings to 34 motion picture houses and drive-ins. The theaters are located in southern Oregon and throughout California.

Bob Corbin, district manager of the Oregon-California Theaters, said there would be no change in management or policy because of the sale. He still will be in charge of theaters in Medford, Ashland and Yreka, Calif.

Charles J. Maestri, who was with the Lippert organization for 15 years, was appointed vice president in charge of theater operations in central and northern California and southern Oregon.

Purchase price for the 20 theaters was not disclosed.