

# Rescuers Search for More Quake Victims

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## Aftershocks Continue To Plague Region

Death Toll Known To Be at Least 9

West Yellowstone, Mont. — A small army of rescue workers today ignored continuing aftershocks from one of the most powerful earthquakes recorded in the United States in their search for more survivors or victims.

Latest reports listed at least nine, and possibly 11, vacationing campers killed by huge slides triggered by a series of earthquakes beginning shortly before midnight Monday.

### Fourteen Still Hospitalized

About 60 persons were injured. Fourteen were still in hospitals, the others were treated and released.

Madison County Sheriff W. H. Bowman said there was no way of knowing how many campers lay buried under an estimated 50 million tons of rock and earth that thundered down a mountain, blocking Madison river seven miles downstream from Heben dam near the west entrance to Yellowstone Park.

### Trapped Campers Saved

"There might be 100 people under that slide or there might be only a few," Bowman said. "Probably we'll never know."

The Forest Service said approximately 300 persons were trapped Tuesday between the slide and the quake-weakened dam. All were evacuated.

The Forest Service said a makeshift road was punched through from the West Yellowstone side of Heben lake. Highway Department crews were forced to build four sections of road around sections of Highway 1 that collapsed into the lake.

Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon of Montana, who completed a 10-hour tour of the quake area early today, said there was still a threat of serious flooding in Madison Canyon. He said Heben lake was higher than he had ever seen it, but engineers assured him the dam would hold — unless there were more shocks.

The lieutenant governor said minor tremors were being felt every half hour or so. Marines, Forest Service personnel, sheriff's deputies and volunteers joined in the search for possible additional victims.

### List of Dead

The list of dead as a result of the earthquakes includes:

- At a Virginia City, Mont., mortuary:
  - Purley Bennett, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Carol Bennett, 17, daughter; Susan Bennett, 5, daughter; Tom Bennett, 11, son; E. H. Stryker, San Mateo, Calif.; Mrs. Stryker; Mark Stowe 31, Sandy, Utah.
- At a Bozeman, Mont., mortuary:
  - Mrs. Margaret Holmes, 72, Billings, Mont.
  - At an Ennis, Mont., morgue:
    - An unidentified woman, possibly Mrs. Stowe.

Recovered this morning:
 

- Body of an unidentified small boy.
- In addition, two unidentified persons who were sleeping near the Bennett campsite when the slide hit, are presumed dead. Authorities were uncertain whether they were Mr. and Mrs. Stowe.

**Three Banks Robbed In SF Bay Area**

San Francisco — (UPI) — Three banks were held up and robbed within three hours in the Bay Area today, bringing the total in San Francisco to 23 holdups this year.

## Booms May Be More Frequent This Week

Sonic booms, similar to one heard in the Medford area early last night, may be frequent during the next few days, it was reported today.

The sonic boom which was noted here about 7:35 p.m., jarred lamps, hanging dishes and drapes, and resulted in numerous telephone calls to law enforcement agencies and valley radio stations.

No reports of damage have been received, however.

The "boom," caused by a supersonic plane crossing the "sound barrier," startled many residents because of its intensity, and many people ran out of their homes, perhaps to see if there were visible signs of an explosion. The noise, sounding like a heavy explosion, probably caused more concern since the

## Discoverer Satellite Fired

Vandenberg, AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — A "round trip" Discoverer satellite rocketed aloft today seeking the key to safe return of men from orbiting moons.

The seven-story, two-stage rocket roared from its launch pad overlooking the ocean here at 11:25 a.m. (pst).

It was aimed for a north-south orbit around the earth.

It was the second attempt in as many weeks to achieve the world's first recovery of a 300-pound satellite instrument package — literally worth its weight in gold in the space race.

The Air Force hoped it had enough bugs worked out of the new satellite to prove the

basic system designed to bring the first U.S. manned moon back to earth. If it does, a monkey may be shot into orbit here soon.

The egg-shaped recovery capsule was carried in the nose of the 1,700-pound Discoverer VI satellite. In addition to instruments, it contained explosive bolts and springs to blow it loose from the mother satellite, a retro-rocket to slow it for return to earth and a parachute to lower it safely.

Big cargo planes again were set to try to catch the capsule. If all goes well, they will attempt to catch the parachuting package in the air over the Pacific ocean recovery area Thursday.

## Medford Man Dies In Crash; Three Persons Injured

Denzil Harry Middlebush, 62, of 331 South Ivy st., Medford, died and three other persons were injured in an accident on Highway 99 south of Beall lane about 8 p.m. yesterday.

State police said Gene D. Lowe, 22, of 2244 Houston rd., Medford, his wife, Mrs. Murray D. Lowe, 21, and Sterling C. Miller, 42, of 23 Rose ave., Medford, suffered cuts and bruises. They were taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Police said the Middlebush vehicle, a foreign make car, was traveling south on Highway 99, when it crossed the highway and crashed head-on into the Lowe vehicle, also a foreign make car, which was traveling north.

State police said Middlebush may have suffered a heart attack and slumped over the steering wheel.

They said Middlebush could have died from the heart attack, but the death would be counted as a traffic fatality since he was in a vehicle at the time.

The fatality was the 14th in Jackson county so far this year, compared to eight fatalities at this time last year.

## Justice To Be Named This Week

Appointment of an Ashland justice of peace is expected from Gov. Mark Hatfield this week, according to County Judge Earl Miller.

Judge Miller said he talked with the governor's attorney, Loren D. Hicks, in Salem by telephone and was assured the appointment would be made "in two days."

Meanwhile, the justice of the peace office has been closed, the office keys and moneys have been turned over to the county treasurer and the county weighmaster has been instructed that all cases of load violation normally sent through the Ashland justice court will be processed by the district court in Medford, Miller said.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder advised Miller yesterday he could not legally make any further temporary appointments for the justice of peace office.

The 60-day appointment of Mrs. Frances I. Gallatin, 148 Central ave., Ashland, expired Friday. She was appointed as acting justice of peace by the county court on June 17. She replaced the late Lee Pears Wilmeth.

## Castro's Warning Threatens OAS

Santiago, Chile — (UPI) — A "hands off" warning by Raul Castro to the Organization of American States threatened today to cripple the new Inter-American Peace commission before it even starts.

The OAS foreign ministers conference was over only a few hours and the 21 ministers were in high spirits at their "Declaration of Santiago" when the Cuban military chief flew into this Chilean capital Tuesday night.

He indicated Cuba would refuse to admit the peace commission to investigate charges that Cuba had aided invaders of other Caribbean nations.

Portland — (UPI) — Total attendance at the Oregon Centennial reached 942,103 Tuesday as 11,052 persons were on hand.

## Phoenix Group Takes First in Judging Contest

Beef Events Get Under Way at Fair

FFA competition came to the fore yesterday at the Jackson county fair as both 4-H and FFA events featured beef.

Phoenix FFA chapter took first with 1,336.8 points in the FFA livestock judging contest. Eagle Point was second with 1,333.3 points and Crater ranked third with 1,287.1 points.

Phoenix team members were also tops in livestock judging with 1,336.8 points. Winning team was of Bill Rasmussen, Dean Sumner, and Leon Small. Eagle Point placed second with 1,333.3 points and Crater third with 1,287.1 in the team livestock judging.

**Grand Champion**

Leon Small, Phoenix FFA chapter, was named grand champion yesterday in FFA beef showmanship contest. Placing second was Carl Simmons, Crater chapter and Don Ryan, third, also of Crater. In the junior FFA showmanship division, Todd Carter, Crater, placed first, Mark Miller and Russell Frink also of Crater placed second and third, respectively.

Phoenix FFA chapter was named the outstanding chapter in FFA farm shop exhibits and will be awarded a banner by Moore Steel company. Named grand champion shop exhibit was a livestock trailer constructed by Gary Neel of the Phoenix chapter.

Beef events for the 4-H section got under way yesterday. Named champion beef cow showman was Ronald Anderson, Antelope club. Terry Gale, Gold Hill, was named champion steer showman.

Fair events today got under way with weighing of beef at 8:30 a.m. with beef cow judging. Other events were crops and forestry judging and identification contests, beef market steer judging and beef championship.

A new event for the 4-H and FFA fair this year is the 4-H guide dog obedience judging which starts at 1 p.m. tomorrow. The 4-H youngsters have been raising and training pups for the guide dog program for a few years, but this is the first time their project has been placed on the fair competition list here.

## Coin Boxes Taken From More Booths

Coin boxes from two more pay telephones in Medford were taken Tuesday afternoon, city police reported. This brings to four the number of telephones in Medford robbed by bandits using a blow-torch.

The two telephones are located at 401 South Oakdale ave. near Oakdale Big Y Market and in front of 2211 Table Rock rd. near Corner Market.

The telephones were not damaged except where the coin boxes were cut and removed, police said.

## Irrigation District To Shut Off Water

Water to all lands east of Bear creek in the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district will be turned off all day Thursday, according to District Manager Harold Sexton.

Full service will be resumed Friday, he reported, following mopping operations.

## Corps Hearing on Rogue Basin Plan Will Be Postponed

The Army corps of engineers' hearing on the Rogue River Basin project proposals, tentatively scheduled for next month, will be postponed for about 60 days, it was learned today.

Congressman Charles O. Porter, of Oregon's fourth district, told the Mail Tribune this morning that the engineers had consulted him as to whether such a delay should be made.

He said that, reluctantly, and only after conferring with leaders active in the movement for the basin development project, he agreed to the postponement.

**Too Important**

"This whole project is too important to go into without a complete investigation, with all avenues explored," Congressman Porter said. Differences of opinion, particularly with regard to the Lost Creek dam, may be worked out in the 60-day period, he indicated.

The project, under investigation for many years, involves a series of dams throughout the Rogue basin for flood control, irrigation, power generation, recreation and fish and wildlife benefits.

The engineers are now in the process of completing their studies, but told Porter a more complete report could be given at a hearing if an additional two months were provided.

## Gasoline Dealers Postpone Strike

Seattle — (UPI) — The Washington Gasoline Dealers Association Tuesday postponed a scheduled midnight strike for 60 days at the request of Gov. Albert D. Rosellini.

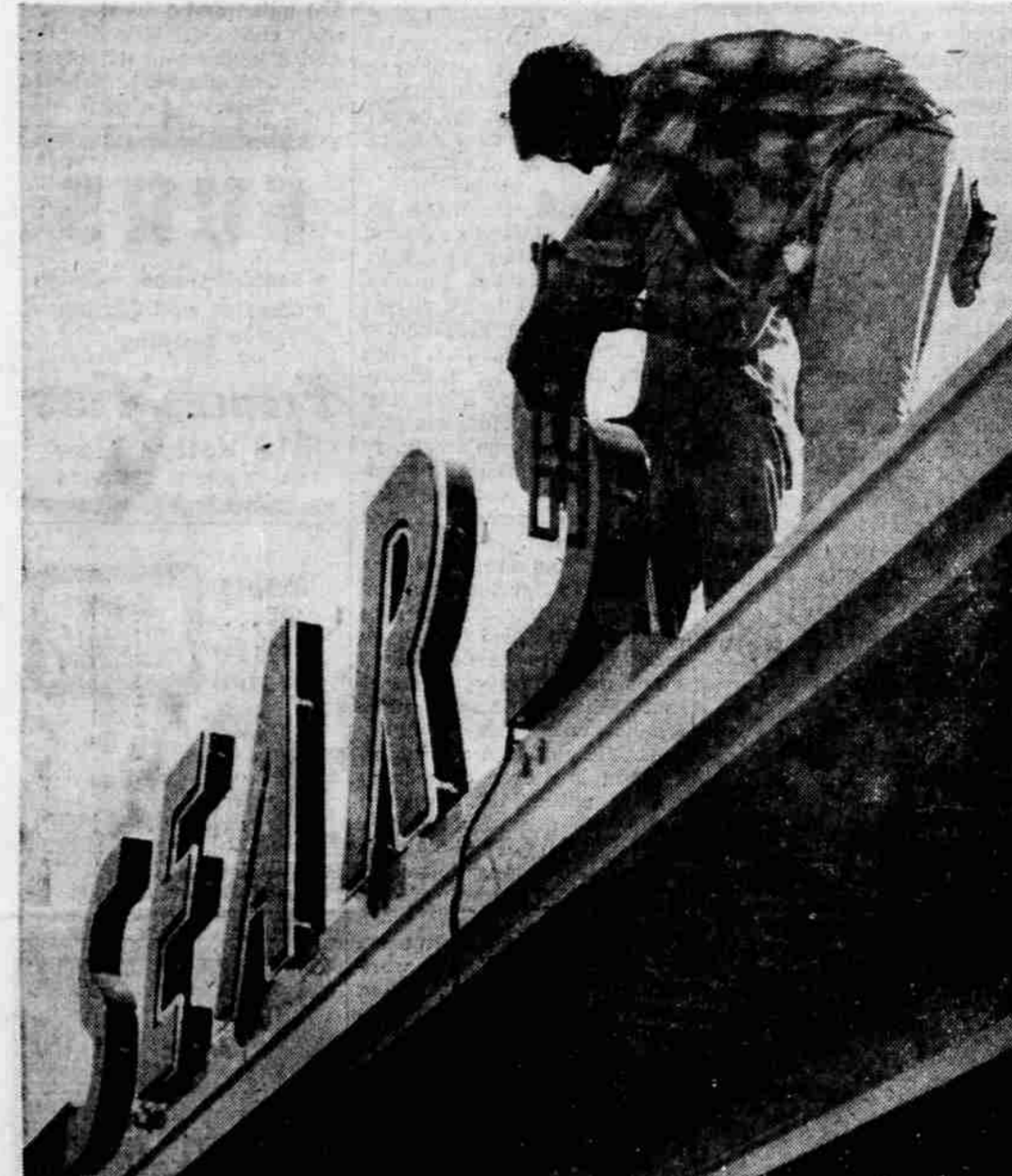
The dealers had intended to lock up their pumps in protest against price-fixing and other policies of the major oil companies which the association said contributed to gas wars.

Rosellini asked dealers to "withdraw their plans for any mass closure for a period of 60 days," and requested distributors to "withdraw any existing subsidy program to dealers for a period of 60 days." He also asked dealers to "refrain from requesting such subsidies."

## "Hurry Up and Find Some Democratic Racketeers — We Can't Hold This Shut Forever"



**SAFeway STORE** — Shown above is the new Safeway store in the Medford Shopping Center which will open tomorrow. Grand opening festivities will be observed throughout the three stores in Medford, Safeway officials



**ERECT SIGN** — Workmen are shown above Shopping Center. Opening ceremonies for erecting the Sears, Roebuck and company store will be held at 9:20 a.m. tomorrow with city and company officials attending.

## Sears Sets Ceremonies For New Store; Safeway to Open

Opening ceremonies for Sears, Roebuck and company's new store in the Medford Shopping Center on East Jackson st. will be held at 9:20 a.m. tomorrow.

Sears is one of two stores in the Center to open tomorrow. A third Safeway store will open in the Center tomorrow. Several other businesses, including a branch of the Rogue Valley State bank, are expected to open later.

Jimmy Dunlevy, president of the Medford city council, will cut the ribbon opening the store because Mayor John Snider is out of town. Other officials expected to attend include Hugh Coleman, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Ralph Jacobson, Sears' store manager; and W. Price Sullivan, Northwest zone manager for Sears.

The store's doors will open at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, following the ceremonies. Recorded music will start at 8:45 a.m. at the east entrance off Jackson st.

The Sears store will be open until 9 p.m. both Thursday and Friday nights, according to Jacobson, who invited the public to attend the ceremonies.

Medford's third Safeway store is holding its grand opening at the Medford Shopping Center this week end with free pony rides for the children, favors for the ladies and numerous other gifts and prizes.

The 99 by 175-foot structure is the largest Safeway store in the valley and represents a complete change in design from other Safeways in southern Oregon, according to Art Nordquist, manager.

The Shopping Center's store is equipped with eight check stands and automatic exits and entrances. A cashier's booth for cashing payroll checks, and a semi-automatic meat wrapping machine are among features.

Displays include 108 lineal feet of meat, with meat cutting in view of the public, over 150 feet of fruit and vegetables, 96 feet of frozen food, 40 feet of dairy products and 36 feet of refrigerated beverages.

**Personnel of Unit**

Personnel at the new unit include Charles Smith, assistant manager, who was transferred from Klamath Falls; Marvin Hagen, meat manager, from Coquille; James Ferland, produce manager; and about 35 other employees.

Parking spaces immediately adjacent to the store will serve 226 cars. The area will

**Auto Theft Charged To Coos Bay Youth**

Murphysboro, Ill. — (UPI) — Authorities said today car theft charges will be filed against a 22-year-old Oregon youth who was arrested Tuesday after a 20-hour manhunt.

Authorities said Alfred Clokosz, Coos Bay, Ore., was accused of taking a car owned by Thomas Peacock of Street-or, Ill., in Carbondale, Ill., Monday night.

**WEATHER**

**FORECAST:** Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with a risk of scattered thundershowers over mountains south and east. Low tonight 45. High Thursday 50

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| Highest Yesterday   | 75 |
| Lowest this Morning | 47 |

**Our Skies Tonight**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Sunset today     | 7:08 p.m. |
| Sunrise tomorrow | 5:24 a.m. |
| Moonrise today   | 7:42 p.m. |
| Last Quarter     | Aug. 26   |

**PROMINENT STARS**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Vega, high overhead          | 8:53 p.m. |
| Fomalhaut, low in south-east | 9:56 p.m. |
| Visible Planets              |           |
| Saturn, due south            | 8:23 p.m. |
| Jupiter, low in south-west   | 8:48 p.m. |

Department Quit Roseburg City Hall

Roseburg — (UPI) — The police and fire departments have moved out of the old city hall building which was damaged in the Aug. 7 explosion.

The move came after inspectors discovered a wall in the building was bulging. The building is at least 75 years old.

City offices had moved to another building several months ago.

The police department has its new headquarters in the former library building and the fire department was operating out of the city shop.