

A story reviewing plans for the new building and new press for the Medford Mail Tribune appears on Page 14 of today's Mail Tribune. The story shows how the Rogue valley area newspaper is expanding to meet the population and commercial growth of the region.



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California Blaze Within 300 Yards Of Missile Base

Control Apparently Impossible for Days

Los Angeles (UPI)—A multi-million dollar fire burned to within 300 yards of a Nike missile site Saturday and exploded out of control on at least two other fronts in Angeles National Forest.

All non-essential Army personnel were removed from the Nike site on Mt. Disappointment, although Fire Capt. D. P. Hooper said the base itself appeared in no immediate danger.

"Every effort" will be made to protect the base, he said.

More than 2,100 men were fighting the five-day old fire, which had burned 10,000 acres of valuable watershed. Hooper said another 200 men had been requested.

No control appeared possible "for at least two or three days," Hooper and U. S. forest service information officer Don Porter said.

Porter said damage would run into "millions," although it was impossible to give close approximations at this time.

The latest flare-up occurred on the northern flank of the fire, as flames whipped across Angeles Crest Highway in the vicinity of Switzer's Camp. The highway was a key line of defense for the grimy, tiring crew members, many of whom have been on the lines since the fire broke out six days ago. No houses are endangered there.

Visible For 40 Miles Smoke was visible some 40 miles away. Los Angeles was blanketed by it, and the city also suffered another major smog attack.

Favorable weather conditions earlier Saturday helped firemen prevent the blaze from spreading to homes near Altadena, La Canada and La Crescenta, as well as Big Tujunga Canyon.

Most of the residents of 100 houses evacuated Friday in Big Tujunga were allowed to return home. However, about 80 persons, in one small canyon settlement, were kept away because of the possibility the fire would spread to the area when winds increased Saturday afternoon.

Another bombardment by 20 tanker planes was utilized to fight the flames in otherwise inaccessible areas.

One man has been killed while fighting the fire—Leo Poblano, 50, a Zuni, N. M. Indian. He was apparently the victim of a freak accident Friday in which four other men were injured. A 600-gallon borate drop knocked the men from their feet.

U. S. forest supervisor Richard Roeger and Keith Klinger, Los Angeles county forest supervisor, said steps would be taken to plan for reseeding the watershed before the fire is controlled. A team of flood control experts arrived Saturday to start a survey of the burned over area.

Bones Probably Were White Man's

The human bones found recently on Raphael Gardner's ranch above Lake Creek are "probably" those of a male Caucasian, not an Indian, according to state crime laboratory officials.

Jackson county sheriff's deputies, who received the information in a letter dated Oct. 14, said today their investigation of the case would continue.

The knife found with the bones was homemade, possibly a good forging job but more likely made from a bayonet, according to the crime lab report. The bones were further identified as being those of a man about 50 years old and about 5 feet 8 inches tall.

How long the bones had been in the ground, and the cause of the man's death, remained undetermined however.

Senator Humphrey "Testing the Climate" Denver (UPI)—Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Friday night he would decide by early January whether he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

He said his meetings with Colorado Democrats were part of a "reconnaissance... I'm just testing the political climate, or terrain."



MARINE BAND

Part of the crowds attending two performances of the Marine band at Hedrick Junior High school auditorium Friday afternoon and evening is shown above. The picture was taken during the afternoon concert before an estimated 2,500 students and residents. An estimated 2,000 attended the night performance. I. A. Mirick, Medford High school band leader,

said the band fund will be increased by a "substantial profit" realized from the presentation by the Marine band. Its appearance here was sponsored by the Medford High school band to help defray expenses to the annual East-West Shrine football game in San Francisco.

(Knackstedt Photo)

December Summit Conference Prospect Seen Fading Sharply

Washington (UPI)—Chances of an early December summit conference with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev appeared to be fading sharply Saturday, mostly because of heel-dragging by French President Charles de Gaulle.

Officials said that unless de Gaulle changes his mind soon and goes along with the United States and Britain, there will not be enough time to prepare adequately for a December session.

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County's Taxpayers Receive Statements

A number of Jackson county taxpayers were enjoying a calm before the storm this week end.

Their tax statements were still in the county courthouse, thanks to a breakdown of the mailing machine Friday morning.

But at least half the tax statement envelopes had been stamped and sealed before the machine was temporarily jammed by a power outage.

This went into the mail, and their addresses in most cases have already received the news.

The remaining statements, in any case, were to be processed Monday morning—barring of course the chance of another power outage.

The statements again this year are accompanied by a pamphlet published jointly by the county assessor, Ray J. Schumacher, and the county sheriff and tax collector, Joe Walsh.

The pamphlet's purpose is to explain procedures involved in evaluating and assessing properties and in collecting the taxes upon them. The pamphlet explains where each property owner's tax dollar goes.

"Most taxpayers" according to the pamphlet assume they are being taxed for the ownership and use of the property itself. "This is not true," the pamphlet states. "You are buying the services of government, roads, police and fire protection, schools, sewer trunk lines, sewage disposal systems, water trunk lines, reservoirs, welfare, health and many other services."

School Levies On the average, school levies account for 81.6 per cent of property taxes this year, according to the pamphlet. Taxes by city governments account for 16.8 per cent, while rural fire districts account for 1.3 per cent, water districts for 0.2 per cent and sanitary districts for 0.1 per cent.

Jackson county itself, as a taxing unit, has not collected any tax for the past three years—thanks to income from O and C timber sales and other sources.

Taxable property in the county is being assessed on a ratio of 25 per cent of its actual appraised value, which is

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Chessman Crimes Confession Told By Man in Europe

Italian Says Another Confessed His Guilt

Stockholm, Sweden (UPI)—An Italian living in Sweden said Saturday he had sworn under oath that an American had confessed the crimes for which Caryl Chessman faces death in five days' time.

Italian Piero Chiapponi, 36, said the American had confessed to him that he, not Chessman, was the "red light bandit" for whose crimes Chessman was first sentenced to death in 1948.

Chessman, convict-author, has fought to escape the gas chamber ever since. The last execution date is Oct. 23. California Gov. Edmund G. Brown was considering clemency for the convicted kidnapper.

But in Stockholm Saturday, Chiapponi came forward with his story that an American called "Bob" and "Silvano del Puppo" had confessed he was responsible for the crimes for which Chessman was convicted.

Back to Picture Chiapponi went back to the motion picture in which he and the unidentified American appeared as bit players in 1956. He was studying stills from the film Saturday in an attempt to help police identify and locate the American.

The Italian told the story Saturday just as he had told it under oath to Einar Van De Velde, a Swedish lawyer who acts as legal advisor to the Italian Embassy here. Chiapponi said he gave his story under oath, with Notary Public Bengt Steuch present as a witness.

Chiapponi said he first met the American, who wanted to be called "Bob," when they appeared in the Swedish movie in 1956. They met occasionally during the following years. The American came to Sweden off and on for three years, sometimes using the name "Silvano del Puppo," Chiapponi said.

Soon after they met, Chiapponi said, the man brought up the Chessman case, and time and time again during their acquaintance mentioned it.

The American always insisted that Chessman "was not guilty of the crimes of which he was accused."

Chiapponi said the American's "confession" came last July. He said he had kept the affair to himself for fear of breaking a confidence until lately, when the pressure for Chessman's approaching execution date caused him to go to the Italian Embassy with his tale.

Bonds Approved For New Hospital

Ashland—Ashland residents Friday approved by almost 5 to 1 a bond issue to help finance construction of a new hospital here.

The count was 1,075 in favor and 224 against the \$350,000 bond issue.

The funds will provide money to match federal Hill-Burton funds, which will be available for construction of the hospital if bids are awarded by next May 1.

The Hill-Burton funds were approved last month by the surgeon general.

The city council is expected to consider the possibilities of a hospital site at the next council meeting Oct. 27. City officials this week plan to attend the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland.

Island City Youth Killed by Shotgun

La Grande (UPI)—An Island City youth became the eighth hunting fatality of the season by gunshot wound Friday night.

Thomas Leeds Bailey, 17, died in a hospital from a shotgun wound suffered Wednesday while hunting at Morgan Lake five miles south of here.

The youth was wounded when a gun belonging to a companion, Leslie McClune, 16, of La Grande, discharged. At least 10 other fatalities, attributed to heart seizures, have been recorded during the current hunting season in Oregon, making a total 18 deaths.



Crossfield Flies X-15 Second Time: 'Very Satisfied'

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. (UPI)—The experimental X-15, half airplane and half rocket ship, flew for the second time under its own power Saturday, soaring more than 60,000 feet above the Mojave desert.

Scott Crossfield, test pilot for North American Aviation, said he was "very satisfied" with performance of the X-15 on the 10-minute flight.

The stub-winged craft, designed to carry man to the fringes of space, was cut loose by its B-52 "mother" ship at 10:23 a.m. PST, and flew for 10 minutes before a dusty, but perfect, landing at Roger Dry lake.

The pencil-shaped craft looked something like a duck as it came in for a landing.

The X-15—which used up its fuel in about four minutes in a demonstration of top efficiency—flew at speeds of about 1,400 miles an hour. The altitude of 60,000 feet was 10,000 feet higher than that reached on the first power flight Sept. 17.

Weather conditions were perfect for Saturday's flight from this base 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles. However, there was a smoky haze from the distant Angeles forest fire that formed a grimy backdrop for the flight.

Trailing the X-15 were three jet planes, one piloted by Maj. Robert White. White is expected to be first man to make an attempt to fly the X-15 100 miles toward space at a speed of 4,000 miles per hour.

While the Air Force declined to give a definite date, it was indicated the next powered flight would be attempted this week. Several more low-altitude, low-speed flights are planned before North American winds up its tests.

United States Claims Soviet Mistreatment Of Moscow Official

Washington (UPI)—The United States Saturday accused Russia of forcibly seizing the U.S. Embassy security chief in Moscow, trying to bribe and threaten him to spy for the Soviet Union and then ordering him out of the country when he refused.

The State Department said Russell A. Langelle of Long Beach, Calif., head of personal security at the embassy, would leave the Soviet Union as requested. But it said "the United States rejects the Soviet accusation against him and protests these improper actions."

It was the first ouster of an American diplomatic official from Russia since the spring of 1958. And it was the first sour note in U.S.-Soviet relations since Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent visit with President Eisenhower.

The President was kept fully informed on the episode but had no immediate comment.

The State Department said Langelle was kidnapped Friday and held for an hour and 45 minutes, during which he was accused of spying, he and his family were threatened with harm, and he was offered money to turn traitor.

The embassy promptly fired a note to Soviet diplomatic officials protesting "this flagrant violation of diplomatic immunity."

The Soviet ministry countered that it had been informed on "competent" authority that Langelle had been carrying out "intelligence work not compatible with his diplomatic status," and that his further presence in the Soviet Union was "undesirable."

As Langelle got off a bus about a block from the U.S. Embassy, on the way to work, five civilians seized him. One held a hand over his mouth while the others dragged him into a parked car.

He was driven to a nearby building and forced inside. He produced his diplomatic card, protested the treatment he was being given, and asked permission to call the American embassy.

SOC Announces Record Enrollment

Ashland—Enrollment at Southern Oregon college reached an all-time high on Oct. 13 with 1,250 students registered, according to Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar.

The total is 9 per cent over the enrollment at the same time last year, she said.

The number of freshmen increased 26.3 per cent over last year. The percentage increase at SOC is the highest of any college or university in the Oregon system of higher education, Mrs. Winston said.

Enrollment in the fall term 10 years ago was 782 students, she noted. This year's enrollment represents an increase of 468 students.

Steel Settlement Hopes Deflated; New Offers Fail

Washington (UPI)—Hopes for a voluntary settlement of the 96-day-old steel strike were punctured last night. Union and management each rejected offers made by the other.

The steel companies presented their new offer at a crucial closed-door negotiating session. The union denounced the offer as "totally unacceptable."

Industry in turn rejected a scaled-down union proposal as too costly.

Failure of the last-ditch negotiating effort apparently threw the next move to President Eisenhower's special fact-finding board which will meet with union and company bargainers at 11 a.m. today.

Neither side would flatly concede the talks had collapsed. But most observers saw little chance that government use of a court injunction to send the strikers mandatorily back to the mills for an 80 day "cooling off" period could be averted.

Both union president David J. McDonald and chief industry bargainer R. Conrad Cooper said their negotiating teams were still available for further talks before the Sunday session with the fact-finder.

But McDonald said the "Big 12" company offer made "in the union and would give management 'the unilateral right to use a black snake whip on the backs of the workers.'"

Cooper said that under the circumstances, "we see little hope of accomplishing an agreement." But he shifted away from applying the term "collapsed" to the situation.

McDonald called a meeting of the union's executive board last night to acquaint 120 members with developments at the two hour and 15 minute session with the management spokesmen.

Cooper said he could "not see any profit" in meeting again with union representatives last night.

Like McDonald, he said he would be on hand to meet with the fact-finders.

Chairman George W. Taylor of the fact-finding board said "it makes you sad" hearing the development.

He said today's hearing was to "get the present position of both parties to embody in our report to the President."

"I guess we'll work all night tomorrow night," he told a reporter.

Football Scores

Ashland—Oregon Technical Institute defeated Southern Oregon College 14 to 6 here last night in an Oregon Collegiate conference football game. Each team scored on runs made on recovered fumbles. Oregon Tech also tallied on a 20-yard drive after a pass interception.

Mississippi 53, Tulane 7 Texas Christian 39, Texas A and M 6 Arizona State 24, Colorado State 9 Iowa State 27, Colorado 0 Puget Sound 6, Whitworth 0 Oregon State 66, Idaho 18 Alabama 7, Tennessee 7 Oregon 20, Air Force Academy 3 Oklahoma 23, Missouri 0 Pennsylvania State 21, Boston U. 12 Pennsylvania 36, Brown 9 Syracuse 42, Holy Cross 6 Yale 23, Cornell 0 Princeton 42, Colgate 7 Harvard 39, Columbia 22 Illinois 14, Minnesota 6 Michigan State 19, Notre Dame 0 Ohio State 15, Purdue 0 Northwestern 20, Michigan 7 Wisconsin 25, Iowa 16 Army 21, Duke 6 Auburn 7, Georgia Tech 6 Indiana 23, Nebraska 7 Kansas 33, Kansas State 14 Louisiana State 9, Kentucky 0 Georgia 15, Mississippi State 0 Vanderbilt 13, Florida 6 Baylor 14, Texas Tech 7 Rice 13, Southern Methodist 13



Dying For A Smoke Herblock is away due to illness

WEATHER FORECAST: Lowering cloudiness today with a chance of a few showers afternoon and evening. Mostly cloudy tonight and Monday. The high today 75. Low tonight 50. High Monday 68. Temp. Highest Yesterday 83. Lowest This Morning 57. Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 5:24 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:23 a.m. Moonrise tonight 6:53 p.m. PROMINENT STAR Deneb, high overhead at moonrise. 1600 light years away. Deneb is the most distant of the bright stars, like Capella and Vega, it is visible here at least part of every clear night of the year.