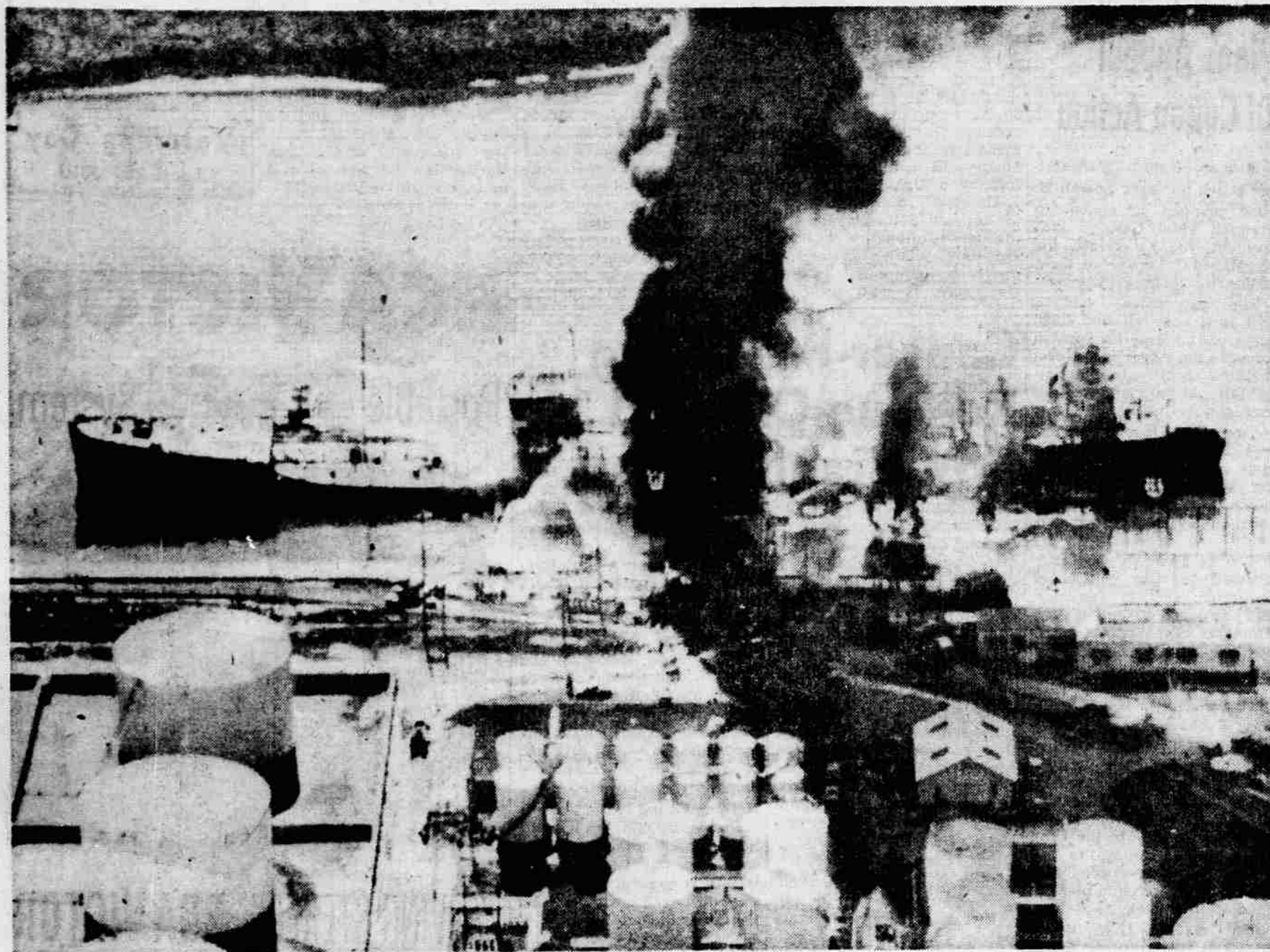


Fire Aboard Oil Tanker Leaves Eight Dead



TANKER FIRE CONTROLLED—This aerial view shows smoke billowing from the tanker Amoco Virginia at the Houston, Texas, dock Sunday. Foamite was poured on the ship after the fourth of several explosions rocked the vessel. The flaming ship endangered a billion gallons of gasoline stored in the tanks shown in the foreground as residents recalled the Texas City disaster of several years ago. Eight are known

dead in the fire and explosions and at least 44 were injured. Firemen announced this morning that the fire was under control but a careful watch was being kept on the smoldering ship. Firemen said that if the flames should erupt again, more explosions could follow. Another picture of the flaming vessel is on page 2.

—(UPI Telephoto)

Administration Determined To Prevent Resumption of Steelworker Walkout

Suspected Safeway Robber Arrested

Klamath Falls — Donald Martin Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, was arrested here last night as a suspect in a series of supermarket robberies in California and Oregon.

Lt. Lyle Perkins of the Medford police department said Thompson may be returned to Jackson county on a warrant in connection with the Safeway store robbery last Sept. 6.

The Safeway store, one of several new stores in the Medford Shopping Center, was robbed of between \$2,000 and \$5,000 in what is believed to have been a one-man robbery.

Thompson was arrested on a warrant from San Pablo and was held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Positively Identified
Perkins said witnesses from Medford positively identified the man as the one who robbed the store there, and witnesses from Eugene were expected to see him today. He also is being questioned in connection with several super-

market robberies in the San Francisco bay area as well as in Klamath Falls, Portland, Medford and Eugene.

Perkins, Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin and witnesses from Medford questioned Thompson last night.

Thompson, who is said to be a supermarket efficiency expert, was a former district manager for Purity Foods company, and moved to Klamath Falls from California last April.

Klamath Falls police said Thompson had been living in a \$40,000 home here. He has a wife and two children.

Davidson Unable To Speak in City

C. Girard Davidson, Portland, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, will be unable to speak in Medford Wednesday night, according to local Democrats.

He was called to Alaska unexpectedly, according to reports, and plans to send Ancil Payne, his administrative assistant, to a meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee.

The meeting will be held in the Medford Labor temple, 24½ South Grape st., at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Payne is expected to discuss changes that the new allotment of national delegates will bring, and what it will mean to the people of the county, the same topic on which Davidson was scheduled to speak.

Chinese Propose Buffer Zone in India Dispute

New Delhi—(UPI)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai today proposed creation of a 25-mile buffer zone to prevent further bloodshed along the disputed Indian-Red Chinese border.

He also suggested a meeting with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in the "immediate future."

It was the first concrete Red Chinese proposal for settling the increasingly bitter

border quarrel between the two nations.

Indian sources said, however, that the Peiping note reiterated Red Chinese claims to certain Indian territory which Nehru is pledged not to give up.

Nehru called his cabinet into session at 11 p.m. Sunday, apparently to consider the Chinese note which was dispatched from Peiping on Saturday.

Ike Would Send Recommendation To Congress

Washington—(UPI)—The administration appeared determined today to prevent a resumption of the steel strike at the end of the 80-day back-to-work order.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said Sunday President Eisenhower would send Congress recommendations

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for ending the walkout if the dispute is not settled by the time the Taft-Hartley injunction expires.

He said it would be up to Congress to settle the strike in that event. In an election year, Mitchell added, this could lead to legislation that would not be in the interests of either union or management.

Strike Could Resume
Under the Taft-Hartley order upheld by the Supreme Court Saturday, the strike could be resumed after the 80-day period which ends Jan. 26. Congress reconvenes Jan. 6.

Mitchell said he was "very hopeful" the dispute could be settled during that period. He refused to give any hint of what Eisenhower might recommend to Congress if no settlement is reached.

New Water Main to Be Installed on Mace Rd.

A six-inch water main will be installed on Mace rd. from Connell ave. to Howard ave. According to the city water department, the new pipe will provide better water circulation and improve fire protection in the general area. A new fire hydrant also will be installed, they said.

The main will replace a temporary two-inch water main now in use. The project will take about 10 days to complete. Water service will not be interrupted, officials said.

Ontario—(UPI)—The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation today opened its annual state convention here.

Parade Scheduled In City Wednesday

Frank G. High, Ashland, the Rogue valley's only known living Congressional Medal of Honor holder, will lead the Veterans Day parade in Medford, according to Del Boyd, Medford, chairman of the parade committee.

The parade, which is being sponsored by the Jackson County Veterans Allied council, will start at 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Library park.

Theater Hold Up Suspect Arraigned

Fred A. Karpstein, 34, of Crater hotel, was bound over to the grand jury today in district court on charges of robbery while not armed with a dangerous weapon.

Karpstein waived the right to a preliminary hearing and representation by attorney. Karpstein was charged specifically with "robbery by putting in fear of force and violence, while not armed with a dangerous weapon on Nov. 5."

Karpstein, who was employed by the R and M Construction company, Central Point, told city police that he had held up the Holly theater box office last Thursday evening. Of the \$145 taken in the hold-up, \$113 was recovered by police.

Capsule Recovery Attempt Failure

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.—(UPI)—A malfunction in the electrical system of the polar-orbiting Discoverer VII satellite was blamed today for the United States' fourth straight failure in recovering a space capsule from orbit.

"The malfunction occurred in that part of the power supply which provides electrical energy to actuate the separation sequence and maintain the vehicle in a stable attitude," the Defense Department's advanced Research Project Agency in Washington said.

Prior to the parade, a Veterans Day queen will be selected from drum majorettes of participating bands. Selection of the queen will start at 10:30 a.m.

The queen will accompany the parade's grand marshal. Federal, state, county and city offices and schools of the county will be closed Wednesday, but most Medford retail outlets will be open.

Stores to Remain Open

Joe Materie, president of the Retail Merchants association, said the association decided to let stores remain open because it is general practice throughout the state. Last year, many stores agreed to close on request of the Veterans Allied council, but association members noted that some stores did remain open.

Materie said Medford was the only city in the state last year in which stores closed. It had been the general practice to remain open on Veterans Day before last year, association members noted.

All union barber shops in the county will be closed. In connection with Veterans Day, open house will be held at the Veterans administration domiciliary at Camp White tomorrow. The "planned living program" at the domiciliary will be reviewed to those who visit the domiciliary, according to Henry C. Herzog, manager.

Tours of the facilities are scheduled 10 a.m., and at 2 and 3 p.m., tomorrow, he announced, and VA officials invited residents to visit the installation.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Tuesday. Low tonight 26. High Tuesday near 70.

Highest yesterday 70 **TEMP.**
Lowest this morning 25

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:56 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:55 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 2:14 a.m.
Full Moon Nov. 15

EVENING PLANET:
Saturn, low in southwest—6:30 p.m. The three bright stars high above Saturn are Altair, Vega, and Deneb. Altair is almost directly above the planet.

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Private Forests To Be Posted to Prevent Thefts

The Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association today directed its members to post reward notices for the arrest and conviction of unauthorized commercial cutting, removal or hauling of Christmas trees or boughs from lands belonging to SOCTFA members.

The action followed a discussion of the problem, which has been increasing in recent years, by the timber committee of SOCTFA at a breakfast this morning.

The \$250 reward notices will be posted on land owned

by the association's 85 or so members in Jackson, Josephine and southern Douglas counties.

Cooperate in Program

Federal forest agencies and the state department of forestry will cooperate in the program in reporting suspected trespass, association officials said. All reports will be coordinated through the SOCTFA office here where they will be compared to a master list of persons with permits to harvest Christmas trees or boughs.

State laws require that persons have permits to harvest trees when commercial cutting is planned on any land, SOCTFA officials noted. Permits are issued by the state department of forestry, and may be obtained in this area at the Table Rock rd. headquarters.

Medford Man Dies Of Injuries in Auto Accident

John Ralph Pennington, 38, of 3525 Chicory lane, Medford, died Saturday night from injuries received in an accident near the Camp White Domiciliary, state police said.

Pennington was dead on arrival at a local hospital where he was taken by Medford Ambulance Service, an officer said.

Pennington was fatally injured when the pickup truck he was operating and a car driven by David John Schweickert, 18, of Redwood City, Calif., collided at the intersection of Ave. G and Crater Lake highway, just south of the Domiciliary.

Enter Intersection

The Pennington pickup truck had entered the intersection while traveling south on the highway, and the Schweickert car was westbound on Ave. G and was crossing Crater Lake highway when the accident occurred, police said.

Following the collision, the Pennington truck struck the traffic island, the driver was thrown out and the vehicle rolled over and pinned Pennington.

The Schweickert car spun around and threw both the driver and his passenger, Robert Joseph Suttin, 18, also of Redwood City and staying in the Lithia auto court, Ashland, out of the vehicle, officers said. Neither was seriously injured, police said.

Sen. Kennedy Sees Six Challenges

La Grande (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), winds up a four-day tour of Oregon today and tonight with appearances at Eastern Oregon college and in Portland before the Central Labor council.

Kennedy, a possible 1960 Democratic presidential nomination candidate who has touched on a wide variety of topics, said Sunday night in Baker that six great challenges face the nation in the 1960s.

He listed them as population, the farm problem, technology and energy, standard of living, underdeveloped nations of the world and nationalism.

Central Point Man Injured in Mishap

L. H. Peters, Central Point, was injured in a logging accident this morning, five miles east of Red Bluff mill at Prospect, it was reported.

Peters was working at a log dock for Bros Loggers company when a log rolled off a truck onto him. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance Service. Extent of his injuries is not yet known, hospital attendants said.

Price 10 Cents



(UPI Telephoto)
SEN. WILLIAM LANGER
Burial in North Dakota

William Langer Dies in Sleep Of Heart Attack

Washington (UPI)—Funeral arrangements were being completed today for Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), a political maverick who died in his sleep Saturday night of a heart attack.

Aides of the colorful 73-year-old senator met with Senate officials to work out the final arrangements. They said the funeral services and burial would be in Casselton, N.D., probably "toward the end of the week."

Langer's body was found Sunday morning by a daughter, Mrs. Mark Erskine Gokey of Fargo, N.D., who had been visiting him at his home here.

His death left the political lineup of the Senate at 65 Democrats and 34 Republicans. However, GOP Gov. John E. Davis of North Dakota was expected to name a Republican to succeed Langer.

In Failing Health

Langer, whose wife died last August, had been in failing health in recent years. But he apparently had recovered from an attack of pneumonia he suffered in September.

The North Dakota senator remained a political nonconformist to the end of his Senate career, which began in 1941. In one of his last major legislative acts, he joined with Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in casting the only two Senate votes against the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill.

Besides Mrs. Gokey, he is survived by three other daughters—Mrs. Lydia Irwin, New Vernon, N.J.; Mrs. Emma Schaeffer, Rye, N.Y., and Mrs. Cornelia Norland, Washington, D.C.

Portland (UPI)—Robert Dennis Ruecker, 21, Portland, was injured fatally early today in a one car accident east of here.

The 69-year-old man is charged with the stabbing of Stanley James Steege, 30, of 401 East 12th st., in Medford Aug. 2 according to Medford police.

Farleigh admitted in a tape-recorded statement, according to investigators, that he stabbed Steege after Steege had grabbed him during an argument.

The incident occurred near a house trailer behind 322 South Riverside ave., police said.

Farm Census Now Under Way in Area

Federal farm census takers are now working in all rural areas of Jackson county, according to Bert Caster, Central Point, and Harold Sander, Rogue River, supervisors for the census in this area.

The census of agriculture is taken every five years to provide facts about changes in agriculture.

Farmers and others connected with agriculture operations have been urged to have mailed questionnaires completed when the census taker calls. Residents are reminded that information in the questionnaire is confidential, and is used only for obtaining totals.

Gasoline Flames Under Control; Blasts Hurt 44

Blackened Ship Smolders at Slip

Houston, Texas—(UPI)—A towering gasoline fire aboard the 20,000-ton tanker Amoco Virginia appeared today to be under control after claiming the lives of at least seven crewmen and a fireman.

The fire had threatened to be another Texas City disaster in the area for 18 hours Sunday.

"We have managed to keep it contained through the night," Fire Chief C. M. Bullock said. "But we still have an impending danger."

At least 44 persons were injured in the series of eight blasts, including 19 of the 43-man crew and 25 firemen and rescue workers.

A spokesman for Amoco said three other crewmen still were unaccounted for. They had checked off the ship Saturday for shore leave and hadn't been heard from since.

New Flareup

There was another brief flareup about midnight Sunday, but firemen sprayed more foamite and water over the area and the billowing clouds of black smoke were snuffed out again. However, the blackened ship continued to smolder today in its slip.

Firemen were able to get aboard late Sunday night and found the bodies of seven crewmen. But while other firemen were spraying water over the deck to keep it cooled down early today, one of them, H. D. Chandler slipped and fell into a hold partially filled with oil.

He drowned in the black pool of oil before fellow firemen could fish him out.

Captain's Body Found
The body of Capt. R. R. Combs, the senior captain of the Amoco fleet, was found at the foot of a catwalk aft of the No. 7 cargo hatch. The Amoco Virginia was the fleet flagship.

The ordeal that endangered 50,000 to 60,000 who live along the waterfront where the gasoline fire started began early Sunday morning.

At 12:30 a.m. a barge was feeding gasoline to the tanker. Eyewitnesses said a fire danced across the water from the barge to the ship.

Explosion Rocks Houses

The first explosion on the Amoco Virginia shook houses five or six miles away.

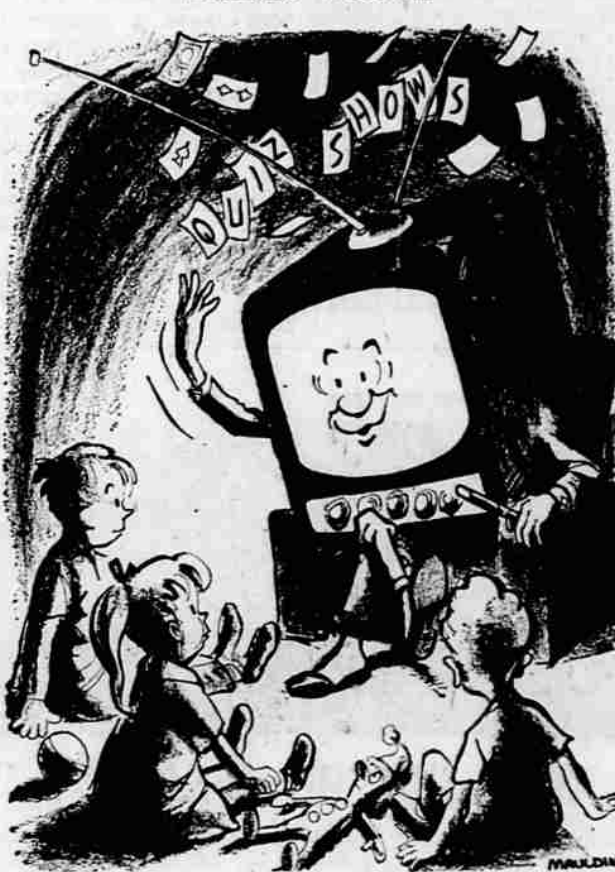
Joseph Dailey of Seattle was on watch when he saw the flames licking across the water. He risked his life running about the ship to awaken officers and men.

Cranberry Spokesman Defends Weed Killer

Hanson, Mass.—(UPI)—Kenneth Colleson, spokesman for the cranberry industry said today tons of the allegedly cancer-producing weed killer cited today by the government would not be harmful to human beings.

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"So Much For Cheating. Now For A Nice, Sadistic Western"



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Medford Stores Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight