

IKE AGREES TO MID-MAY SUMMIT TALKS

Tug Boat Explodes At Crescent City

One Man Missing As Blast Rocks 30-Mile Area

Fisherman Saves Three Crewmen

Crescent City, Calif. — (UPI) — One man was missing and presumed dead today as the result of a series of gasoline explosions which for a time threatened this Northern California lumber port of 1,400 persons.

The missing man was identified as Gordon McCullum, 23, a deck hand aboard the sea-going tug Celilo. The 230-ton vessel exploded Sunday morning with a blast that rocked a 30-mile area and set fires aboard a barge containing 750,000 gallons of high-octane gasoline.

Three other crewmen aboard the Celilo were rescued through the heroic efforts of fisherman Darrell Richcreek, who brought his boat alongside the tug while it was burning and being rocked by minor explosions.

Survivors of the blast were Capt. Don Rabe, B. A. Walker, and Larry Hansen, who was hospitalized with minor burns. Walker's pants were blown off, but he was uninjured.

Moorad Offshore The tug and the barge were moored at an offshore station to unload the gasoline through pipelines to storage tanks on shore. The Coast Guard said a run-away engine caused the first explosion, and the resulting blaze touched off secondary blasts.

The waterfront area was evacuated immediately and a Coast Guard cutter moved in to battle the flames aboard the barge. When the lines connecting the tug to the barge burned apart, the cutter towed the tug out to sea.

The stricken vessel burned for several hours and then sank, sending up a 200-foot column of steam and smoke.

Lighting Contest Winners Are Noted

Tom Cardona, 234 Saginaw dr., Medford, was named sweepstakes winner in the annual Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating lighting contest. Judging was Saturday evening.

Other first place winners were Tom W. Mast, 415 Western ave., northwest section; Mrs. Burr E. Tye, 102 Mistletoe ave., southwest district; and Dr. O. A. Welsh, 1300 East Main st., southeast section.

Second place winners in the four sections were Mrs. Jonathan Middleton, 1525 Grand ave.; Charles Bottjer, 3350 Jacksonville highway; A. M. (Dutch) Farfan, 723 S. O. Newtown ave.; and Paul Jorgensen, 324 South Groveland ave.

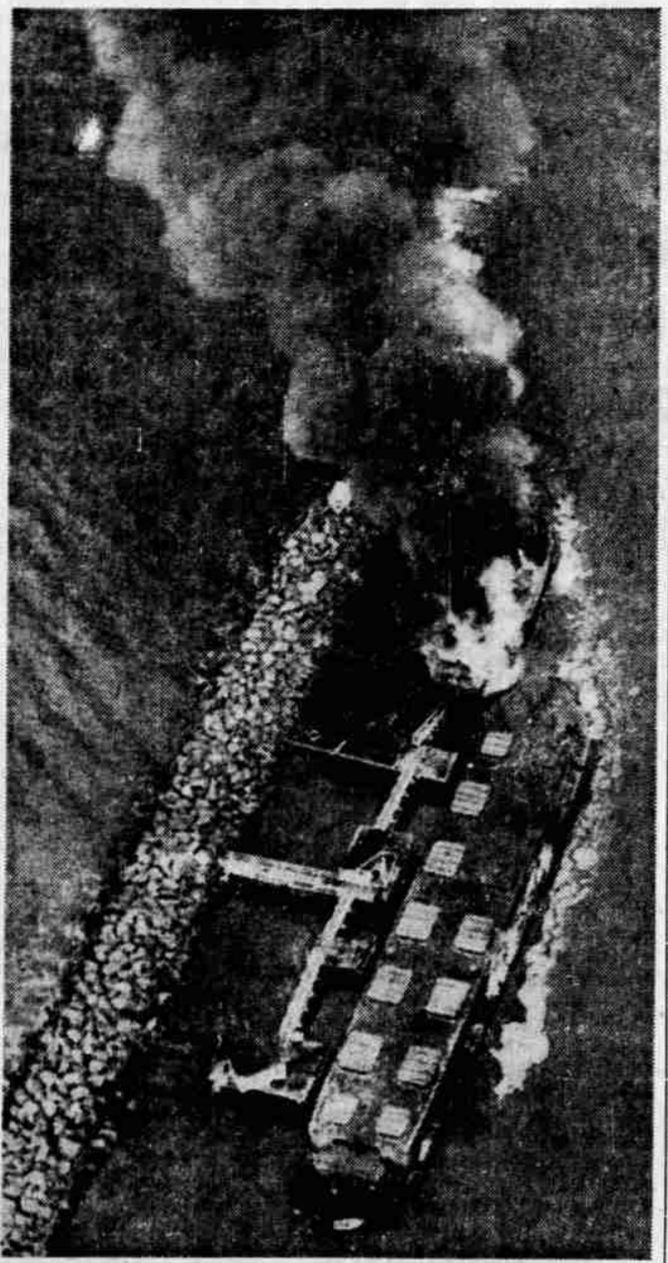
Also receiving prizes were O. C. Rawlings, 131 Vancouver ave.; William R. Uhrines, 60 Summit ave.; L. C. McLaughlin, 3384 Jacksonville highway; Vern E. Rose, 3390 Jacksonville highway; Jim Kubalek, 907 South Oakdale ave.; R. E. Marsh, 2100 East Main st.; W. D. Mattson, 1036 Mt. Pitt ave.; Mrs. Gerald Dyne, 1029 Alta st.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haggard, 405 J st.; Earl S. Courtney, 621 Catherine st.; and R. J. Hogue, 2209 Hillcrest dr.

Rockefeller May Still Be On Oregon Ballot

Salem — (UPI) — Although New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has announced he will not be a candidate for the 1960 presidential nomination, Oregon voters won't know until the evening of March 11 whether he will be on the Oregon primary ballot next May.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said today that under the law he will announce at 5 p.m. that date generally-advocated candidates who will appear on the state ballot.

Appling said that the fact



EXPLOSIONS RIP TUG — Flames consume the huge tug Celilo shortly after two explosions ripped through her hull at Crescent City, Calif., Sunday. The flames spread to the barge at bottom which contained a million gallons of high-test gasoline, but the barge did not explode. The waterfront area at Crescent City was evacuated during the threat. The serial photo was taken directly above the fire. —(UPI Telephoto)

Nixon Huddles Over Plans as Result of Rockefeller Move

Washington — (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon held a lengthy huddle with top staff aides today about possible shifts in his plans as a result of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's surprise withdrawal from the Republican presidential race.

Nixon himself declined comment. But there was speculation in GOP quarters that he now would revise his campaign plans and shun primaries which would have kept him away from Washington at crucial stages of the next session of Congress.

Democrats See Chance Republicans said Rockefeller's withdrawal all but clinches the 1960 GOP presidential nomination for Nixon.

Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) said the announcement "assures Dick Nixon of the nomination" and "he will make an outstanding candidate." Carlson, who had not taken a stand for either Nixon or Rockefeller, added, however, Rockefeller "has a great future not only as a citizen but in the Republican party." (See stories on Page 2)

Allies Said Decided On May 16 Meeting

Paris — (UPI) — The Western Allies have decided to suggest May 16 as the date for a postponed summit meeting here with the Russians, diplomatic sources said today.

They said separate but similar letters from the United States, Britain and France suggesting the new date will be sent to Moscow today or Tuesday.

Nine Persons Die On Oregon Roads During Week End

Woman Killed By Husband's Car

By United Press International A car driven by a Waldport man was involved in a collision with one driven by his wife Saturday. Three persons, including the wife, died in the worst accident of Oregon's Christmas holiday week end.

At least nine persons were killed in traffic from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday, although none of the deaths occurred on Christmas day itself.

The mishaps brought Oregon's 1959 total to 477, just 5 short of the all-time record of 482 set in 1936. The week end toll also made 1959 the second worst traffic death year on record in Oregon. The previous second high was 468 in 1937. Last year's toll was 449.

Victims of the accident near Waldport were Mrs. Lavone Hyde, 28; a son, Randy, 5, and Mrs. Jean Townsend, 35. The husband, Lloyd Hyde, was injured critically.

State police said the car occupied by Hyde was going south and apparently went out of control, veering into the northbound lane. The car skidded 162 feet before striking the one driven by Mrs. Hyde, police said.

Ronald A. Bell, 27, North Bend, died Sunday in a one-car accident on Highway 38 about three miles west of Elkton when the car left the road and overturned.

Bobby Jones, 16, Pendleton, was killed Sunday near Pilot Rock when the car in which he was a passenger rolled over after failing to negotiate a curve.

Car in River Emery Dennis, 15, Eugene, died Saturday when the car in which he was riding left Highway 36 and plunged into the Siuslaw river. Four other persons made it safely to shore.

Dean Austin, 21, Portland, a Marine home on Christmas leave, was killed early Saturday when struck by a car just north of Portland while he was inspecting a flat tire. John Williams, 24, Oswego, was killed Saturday morning in a two-car accident north of Oswego.

The first victim of the long week end was James Morez, 53, Nyssa, killed Christmas eve when struck by a car while crossing a street.

Ashland Man Starts 30-Day Jail Term

Ashland — A 21-year-old Ashland man began serving a 30-day jail sentence today for striking a 19-year-old girl on the head with a wrench.

Richard A. Reigel, 294 Sixth st., married and the father of a 3-month-old son, pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery when he appeared in municipal court here Thursday.

The assault occurred about 12:30 a.m. Dec. 20 when Reigel hit Darlene Smith, 475 Beach st., with the wrench and then took her to a deserted house. Reigel was later arrested on a warrant following a complaint signed by Miss Smith.

Ashland police said the wound on the girl's head required 10 stitches.

Holiday Traffic Toll Smallest in 10-Year Period

481 Deaths Recorded On U.S. Highways

By United Press International Christmas holiday traffic killed nearly 500 persons in the United States but the total was the smallest for a three-day yule period in 10 years, a final count showed today.

A Chicago, a National Safety Council spokesman deploring the heavy toll, but noted that it was below the estimate of 530 which the council had feared would be the death count for the travel period which started at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and ended last midnight.

The spokesman paid tribute to the many law enforcement bodies, civic and religious leaders who had campaigned to appeal to motorists for care in driving.

A United Press International count showed 481 traffic deaths in the 78-hour holiday. Forty persons died in fires, 61 in plane crashes, 89 in various other mishaps, for an overall total of 616.

New York state had 38 dead in traffic accidents, California 36, Pennsylvania 30, Texas 28, North Carolina 27, Illinois 23, Florida 22, Michigan 21.

Jury Selection Starts in Court

Jury selection got under way this morning in circuit court in the trial of Donald M. Thompson, 38, of Klamath Falls, charged with the Sept. 7 holdup of the Safeway store in Medford Shopping Center.

Selection of jurors is expected to continue throughout today with testimony beginning Tuesday morning.

Questioning of the prospective jurors by the defendant's attorneys, Richard C. Beesley, Klamath Falls, and A. E. Piazza, Medford, have centered on two points. That the state must prove that not only did a happening occur, but that a particular person was involved, and that the defendant is innocent until proven guilty beyond any "reasonable doubt."

Thompson was arrested in Klamath Falls last month and charged with robbery. He has been held in the Jackson county jail on \$10,000 bail.

Chains Advised at Crater Lake Park

Chains were advised from Annie Springs to the rim in Crater Lake National park today, according to the park office here.

The weather was clear and calm this morning with 31 inches of powdery snow on the ground, the report said.

Porter Advises Castro: Retire or be Effective

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) one of Fidel Castro's staunchest U. S. supporters, has advised the Cuban leader to retire if "you can't be an effective prime minister."

Porter made public Sunday a letter he decided to reveal its contents because Castro had ignored his plea for an answering letter to be used in speeches the congress-

man planned on behalf of "the welfare" of both Castro and Cuba. Porter suggested Castro replace his fears and suspicions of the United States with a frank attempt to seek cooperation.

"Do keep in touch with your North American friends," Porter urged the Cuban leader. "You have many of them. They want to help you lead Cuba to prosperity, freedom and peace."

EPID Injunction Hearing Resumes In Court Today

The plaintiff's testimony in the circuit court hearing on an injunction against the Eagle Point Irrigation district may be completed today, it was reported this morning.

Mrs. Ann Todd, one of the water users seeking the injunction in the case, which also involves the California Oregon Power company, told Circuit Judge James M. Main that she hoped to complete her presentation today.

The announcement came after George Roberts, Copco attorney, said he wished to schedule some witnesses for the defense and wondered how long Mrs. Todd's presentation would continue.

Ted Flury, district manager, resumed his testimony this morning starting the seventh day of the trial. Three pieces of wood which Mrs. Todd indicated were parts of the old siphon were admitted as evidence today.

Mrs. Todd told the court this morning that she and other water users had no intention of trying to limit the flow of water through the siphon to 67 cubic feet per second as stated in her complaint. The water users actually want to prevent the district from allowing 100 cubic feet per second flow through the siphon, she said.

Circuit Judge Main said this could be brought out near the end of the trial. Flury testified this morning on repairing the siphon and its general construction.

Rackets Committee Indictments Noted

Washington — (UPI) — Attorney General William P. Rogers reported today that 29 individuals, four corporations, and one teamster local were indicted in 1959 as a result of disclosures of the Senate Rackets Committee.

This rundown of cases was contained in a letter from Rogers to Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.).

In the past, the department has denied charges by committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy that it was not acting vigorously enough to prosecute cases of alleged labor racketeering and corruption uncovered by the committee.

Rogers made no references to these exchanges in his letter to McClellan, in which he praised the committee for its "invaluable assistance" in preparing cases for presentation.



IN STEEL DISPUTE—President Eisenhower's three-man fact-finding board stepped back into the steel dispute today to get management's "last offer" to the union and to size up the stalemate. Union officials shown arriving for the meeting in Washington are, left to right, Attorney Arthur Goldberg, Vice President Howard Hague, Treasurer I. W. Abel and President David J. McDonald. See story on page 5. —(UPI Telephoto)

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Construction of New Pool Starts At Groundbreaking

Construction of the Jackson Park swimming pools started this morning when Medford Councilman Robert Van Sickle turned the first shovel full of dirt at a ceremony attended by approximately 20 persons representing the city, contractors, and the Jackson County Housing Authority.

The contractors, the National Gunite Company and the Holiday Pool Construction company, will start construction immediately and hope to be finished in mid-April.

The shovel full of dirt was taken from the site of the bath house, where work will begin. Excavation for the pools will not start until it is known whether there will be one or two pools.

The city did not have money enough to build both the swimming and diving pools at the time the contract was let, so the council accepted the bid for the swimming pool and bath house, retaining a 60-day option in the contract to give them that much time to raise the necessary funds for the diving pool.

Cost of Pool, House Cost of the swimming pool and bath house will take about all of the \$77,000 available for the project. Approximately \$12,000 more will be needed for the diving pool and city officials do not yet know from where it will come.

The money and land for Jackson park came from the now defunct Jackson County Housing Authority, which donated it to the city with the stipulation a swimming pool be built. Mark Goldy represented the housing authority at the ceremonies.

Also attending was Lon Skinner, president of the Crater Lions club, which has assumed a club project of building a wading pool in Jackson park.

Newspaper Strike Discussion Scheduled

Portland — (UPI) — Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said today he had scheduled a meeting of both sides in Portland's seven-week old newspaper strike in his office at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Eugene Cowboy Wins Bareback Riding Title

Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — Don L. Wilson, a Wyoming-bred bareback rider by way of Eugene, Sunday took top money in that division at the national finals rodeo here.

President Calls High Officials For Conference

Nuclear Program To Receive Airing

Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower agreed today to join in a proposal for a summit conference at Paris in mid-May.

He also summoned 10 high government officials to a conference here Tuesday to discuss the government's nuclear program in 1960 along with other foreign and defense policy matters. This meeting presumably will deal with the current ban on testing nuclear weapons, which expires this week.

Confers With Herter In the first working day of his year-end holiday visit here, the President conferred with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter by telephone about dates for the proposed summit meeting.

The United States, Great Britain and France originally suggested a meeting at Paris to start April 27. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev agreed to a meeting but suggested April 21 or May 4 instead, dates which conflicted with plans of the western nations.

White House News Secretary James C. Hagerly said Eisenhower had advised Herter that a meeting in Paris in mid-May was satisfactory if Britain and France also agreed.

No Obstacle Hagerly said the proposed date probably would be May 16. He denied reports that agreement on that date already had been reached but said "there is no obstacle to that date as far as we're concerned."

He then announced the makeup of the group flying here Tuesday for the discussion of foreign and defense policy.

From the State Department will be Secretary Herter, Undersecretary C. Douglas Dillon and Philip Farley, special assistant to the secretary. Representing the Defense Department will be Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr., John N. Irwin, assistant secretary for international security affairs, and Maj. Gen. Herbert Loper, retired, special assistant to the secretary for atomic energy.

Others in the group will be Chairman John McCone of the Atomic Energy Commission; Gordon Gray, presidential assistant for security affairs; Dr. George Kistiakowski, White House science advisor, and Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, White House staff secretary.

Youths Released From Ashland Jail

Ashland — Two 16-year-old Ashland high school students were released from jail early today after serving three days of a 30-day sentence for slashing tires on cars owned by two high school teachers.

The youths pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of private property when they appeared in municipal court here Thursday.

Each was sentenced to 30 days with 27 days suspended. During the 27-day period, the youths must make restitution for the \$106.80 in damages and must observe a 7:30 p.m. curfew.

The incident occurred at a high school dance the night of Dec. 19. The youths told Ashland police they slashed five tires, three on one car and two on another, "as a joke."

The teachers had left the autos in a parking lot while serving as chaperones at the dance.

Youngsters Face Hearing As Suspects in Killing

Spokane — (UPI) — A juvenile court hearing for two 16-year-old boys who confessed Saturday night to being involved in the murder of Arthur Paulsen, 56, Spokane, last August will be held about Jan. 8.

To Check Backgrounds Robert Brumblay, Spokane county juvenile probation officer, said it would take about that long to complete an investigation of both the fatal shooting and the boys' backgrounds.

The hearing will determine whether Thomas Longdo and



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