

# BEND HOUSE FIRE FATAL TO SIX

## Missile Lag of U.S. Said By Default

Editor's note: This is the first of five dispatches on the state of the nation's military power. The dispatches were written by the military affairs writer of United Press International, who traveled 6,000 miles in the past two weeks in search of some answers to questions being asked about the U.S. missile, space and overall defense effort.

By CHARLES CORDDRY

Washington—UPI—The United States lags behind Russia in the missile and space race by choice—in fact, by default. This country has the ingredients for dizzying progress if it wants to use them.



Charles Corddry

It has know-how in abundance. And it has created a broad space-age scientific and production base through a multi-billion dollar investment in rocketry over the past six years.

How fast America's present dramatic advances in science and technology are put to practical use in the space-missile field will depend on money limits and political judgments on what is needed.

There appears to be no limit on what could be spent.

## Reorganization Group to Debate Annexation

Discussion of the proposed annexation of property south of Barnett rd. to the Medford school district will be discussed at the Jackson county school district reorganization committee meeting tomorrow night in the county school superintendent's office, according to County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

The proposed property switch from the Phoenix school district to Medford, would include the Rogue Valley manor property. (The Clackamas county circuit court recently ruled that a similar institution there was taxable. The case has now been appealed to the state supreme court, Mekvold said. The manor could mean a valuation of \$15 million, officials here estimated.)

Frank Van Dyke, Medford attorney, last week presented a petition for the property change, signed by 100 per cent of the property owners and contract purchasers south of Barnett rd. and living within the Medford city limits.

Mekvold said he has requested an opinion from James Turnbull, deputy superintendent of the state department of education, on whether the reorganization committee can authorize such a transfer of property, when the administrative plan for the Phoenix school district under the reorganization program has already been sent to the state board of education. The hearing on this administrative district, scheduled for March 4, has been advertised already, Mekvold said.

The county reorganization committee will discuss also the timing of further action on reorganization or administrative plans for Central Point and Prospect districts, considered independent units, and the joining of Eagle Point and Butte Falls.

The committee will consider further the development of reorganization plans for Applegate, which might be joined with Medford school district.

## Summer Schools for Migrants Authorized

Salem—UPI—The Advisory Committee on Education of Migrant Children has authorized several districts to go ahead with plans for summer schools for children of migrant laborers.

They are Hillsboro-North Plains and Malheur county. Other districts are expected to participate in the pilot program.

These are conclusions gained in a 6,000-mile tour covering some major research and production centers in the missile-space vehicle field. The tour moved through a world seldom seen by any but its own military, science and industry inhabitants—a world of wind tunnels, rocket test stands, electronic computers, production lines and space medicine laboratories.

Says Problems Political

Sample comments from officials interviewed: D. A. Young, former head of the space technology program for the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency and now long-range planning director for Aerojet-General Corp.—Future problems in the missile field are not technical but political and economical. Never in the past 10 years have we strained our technology.

S. K. Hoffman, general manager of North American Aviation's rocket engine division—The government can command whatever it wants in rocket power for missiles and space vehicles.

W. L. Young, operations manager of Convair-Astronautics Division of General Dynamics Corp.—"Alas intercontinental ballistic missiles could be produced at twice the present rate with relatively small additional effort. Maj. Gen. O. J. Ritland, commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division—Military space vehicles should not be developed with the same priorities that enabled the United States to develop its first intercontinental ballistic missile in just five years.

Another official said an air-launched ballistic missile to be carried by jet bombers could be produced on extremely short schedules though still in the study stage. (Continued on Page 2)

## Morse Asks Probe Of Paper Strike

Washington—UPI—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today called for a congressional investigation of the Portland, Ore., newspaper strike.

Morse said in a Senate speech that the Portland Oregonian and the Oregon Journal had employed "professional strikebreakers" to put out a combined Oregonian-Journal edition in attempts to break the strike, which started last Nov. 10.

Morse introduced a resolution calling on the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee to "examine and investigate and make a complete study" of Portland strike and other newspaper industry labor-management disputes.



EDWARD A. MCGINTY  
Democrat Files

## Two Persons File For Position of County Surveyor

Five persons filed this morning in the county elections department for the position of county surveyor.

Edward A. McGinty, 37, a Democrat, and L. E. Ager, 57, a Republican, are the second and third persons to file for that office. Mark Boyden, of 2541 Sandy Terrace, filed for the position last month as a Republican candidate.

McGinty, who has operated his own land surveying business since 1954, is licensed in both Oregon and California. He is a U.S. mineral surveyor and served during World War II as an instrument operator locating enemy observation posts. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star.

McGinty makes his home at 103 King st., Medford, and has lived for 26 years in the Rogue valley, having attended Jacksonville schools.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, the Medford Elks club, and the YMCA and is assistant executive pistol range officer of the Medford Rifle and Pistol club.

In a statement as he filed, McGinty said that he "believes the office of county surveyor should be put on a business-like basis with the greatest possible efficiency and economy."

Ager, of 63 Gresham st., Ashland, has been registered Oregon land surveyor since March 10, 1944. His experience includes work on the state highways, railroads, for reclamation, for cities and for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Ager has served in the U.S. Army as an instructor in surveying and mapping. He is a member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. A native of Oregon, he was born in Klamath Falls and has been a resident of Jackson county for 25 years.

## Burglars Take \$500 From Moose Lodge

Burglars took approximately \$500 from a safe at the Royal Order of Moose lodge, 11 Newton St., Sunday morning, according to city police.

Police said the burglar or burglars gained entry to the building by breaking a window, then took the money by forcing open a home-made safe located in a storeroom.

They said the burglary must have occurred between 2:15 a.m. when a lodge valentine party ended, and 10:45 p.m. when a bartender, who had come in to clean up, discovered the crime.

In addition to the money, several unendorsed checks were taken, police said.

## Navy Working On Improved Polaris Missile

Hopes to Double Range Disclosed

Washington—UPI—The Navy disclosed today it is working on an improved Polaris ballistic missile with a 2,500-mile range instead of the present 1,200 miles.

Adm. John T. Hayward, chief of Navy research and development, told the House Space Committee that study projects now underway would give the submarine-launched Polaris a range "up to 2,500 miles."

Two Submarines Planned

Hayward said the Navy plans to have two nuclear-powered submarines in operation by the end of 1960. These will carry the shorter range Polaris, he said.

This was the first time the Navy had publicly stated their hopes to double the range of the Polaris missile.

Faster Increase Seen

Other congressional testimony released Sunday night revealed that the Air Force intelligence chief believes Soviet missile strength will increase faster than official U.S. estimates show.

The testimony before the combined Senate Space-Preparedness Committee also disclosed that the Air Force has surveyed 10 S. civilian airfields for possible dispersal of B47 bombers from military bases to frustrate any enemy attack.

## Johnson Lists Key Issues to Face Congress

Washington—UPI—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson told a closed door conference of Senate Democrats today that in dealing with key issues this year "national needs cannot be suspended for political considerations."

Johnson listed 14 issues he believes the Democratic-controlled Congress is "virtually certain to face this session." He said that in dealing with the issues, Congress must avoid committing the United States "to a path that will bring it to a second rate status."

Closed Conference

The Texas Democrat made his statement in opening the closed door conference called primarily to discuss the budget and President Eisenhower's request for authority to remove the 4 1/2 per cent ceiling on interest rates for long-term government bonds.

He said some of the other issues Congress will probably face include civil rights, defense, adequate farm legislation, "a better social security system," and adequate minimum wage law, and housing needs.

Other issues, he said, include college classroom loans, college student loan guarantees, health benefits for retired and elderly people, natural resources, health research, and exploration of outer space.

## "What Are You Doing? You Don't Seem To Realize Who I Am!"



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## Hearing for 4 Accused in Truck Blasts Due Feb. 23

### Arraignments Continued To Secure Counsel

### Unionist's Transfer Petition Rejected

Portland—UPI—Four men accused of dynamiting 10 newspaper trucks Jan. 31 were arraigned before Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding today and he continued the hearing until 2 p.m. Feb. 23.

A fifth man, Levi S. McDonald, 51, of the Stereotypers union, accused of hiring the dynamiters, remained in state jurisdiction when Federal court rejected his petition for transfer to federal jurisdiction. He was scheduled for arraignment this afternoon.

Insufficient Facts

The Federal court took the action on its own motion, on grounds McDonald's petition gave insufficient facts to justify the transfer, and that he had not exhausted his remedies in state courts.

Judge Redding continued the arraignments of Gerald Allen Couzens, 20; twins Edward and Charles Snyder, 23, and William Snyder, 19, to allow them to secure legal counsel and to prepare plans.

Afternoon Appearance

McDonald's attorney, Frank King, appeared before Judge Redding for his client and asked for a postponement of arraignment. The judge turned him down and ordered McDonald to appear at 2 p.m.

Couzens said he was represented by Attorney Robert Recken but was not ready to plead. Charles Snyder also has an attorney but said he couldn't remember his name. Edward and William Snyder said they would get lawyers this week, although the court offered to appoint counsel.

Maximum 20 Years

All five were indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury Saturday on charges of injury to property by explosives. Maximum penalty upon conviction is 20 years in prison and a \$500 fine.

McDonald was released Sunday on \$40,000 bail provided by a professional bondsman. The others were held on \$10,000 bail each.

Couzens and the Snyder brothers confessed Thursday night to the dynamiting and implicated McDonald as the payoff man.

Salem—UPI—Statistics of the public utility commissioner indicate that electric energy sales in Oregon for 1959 totaled \$97,141,364. This is up 9.55 per cent from the previous year.



CROWDS WAIT BIRTH—Crowds of curious "baby watchers" increase in size outside a mother pushing her youngster in a pram Buckingham Palace in London where she pauses to look up at the royal apartment Queen Elizabeth is awaiting her third child. (UPI Telephoto)

## Public Relations Man Joins Staff

Russ Jamison, Medford public relations man, will join the staff of radio station KMED March 1 as production manager, Ray Johnson, general manager of Radio Medford Inc., announced today.

Jamison will continue in the public relations business on a "limited" basis, serving only present accounts, he said today. His office will be closed with the public relations work being conducted from his home, 2209 Woodlawn dr.

The public relations man was program director at the radio station prior to opening his office here in 1955. He joined the KMED staff in 1950, coming to the valley from Salem.

Jamison is active in a number of civic groups. He is president of the Medford parks and recreation commission; chairman of the tourist and convention committee of the chamber of commerce; president of the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival association; secretary of the Medford Safety Council, and is presently working towards the establishment of a Junior Achievement program in the area. He was the recipient of the distinguished citizen in safety award for 1959, and is serving in an advisory capacity on public relations and publicity to numerous community organizations.

## Deputy Fire Marshal Becomes Fire Chief

Coos Bay—William P. Roble, 51, deputy state fire marshal assigned at Grants Pass and former Salem fire chief, will assume duties as Coos Bay fire chief April 1, it was announced today.

## France Plans Test Of 'Tactical' Bomb; Criticism Voiced

Paris—UPI—France will explode a "tactical" nuclear weapon within two months, informed sources said today.

France's first atomic test explosion has brought mounting criticism from other nations.

Reports continued to filter in today of chilly and even hostile receptions of the week end Sahara blast.

France was openly committed to an intense program of building nuclear weapons for its armed forces "to make our national independence respected in all circumstances," but already there were demands France concentrate on atoms for peace.

President Charles de Gaulle echoed French reaction to the blast when he telegraphed "Hurrah for France" greetings to the Sahara test site minutes after the first French nuclear explosion blowed skyward Saturday morning.

Today, newspapers began informing French readers that the test explosion met a chilly reception in many foreign countries and sharp anger in some, especially the Arab countries of North Africa.

## Record Distributor Tells Pay Agreement

Washington—UPI—A record distributor testified today that he agreed to pay Boston radio station WMEX \$1,400 to have his records aired as the station's "gold platter of the week."

## Man Arrested On Check Charge

City police believe they have solved 14 local bad check cases Saturday when they arrested Hubert William Murray, 25, Seelye Lake, Mont., who is also wanted in Portland on a charge of assault and battery, and Spokane, Wash., on a car theft charge.

Police said Murray admitted in a signed statement to passing 14 checks totaling approximately \$150 in Medford in recent weeks.

Murray told police he is on parole from the Montana state prison at Deer Lodge where he served an eight-month sentence in 1958 for bad checks.

Police said he has also admitted to passing bad checks in Portland, Springfield, Roseburg, Spokane and Winthrop, Wash.

He is wanted by Portland police on a charge of assault and battery with force and violence, as the result of an incident last Feb. 4, in which a woman was beaten and injured with a whiskey bottle, police said.

A car stolen from Spokane was recovered, with the arrest of Murray at a Medford hotel. He is charged with obtaining money by false pretenses and is confined in the county jail.

Vale—UPI—Malheur county's \$500,000 courthouse was dedicated Saturday.

## Four Children, Teen-Age Girl, Mother Perish

Attempt To Force Window Open Seen

Bend—UPI—Smoke that rose up a "natural vertical opening like a chimney" snuffed out the lives of four children, a teen-age girl and a young mother here early Sunday.

That was a summation of Fire Chief Vern Carlson of Bend after investigating the fire in the residential area of this central Oregon town.

Living Room Afire

Carlson said the entire living room was afire when his three trucks arrived at the flaming two-story frame house shortly after midnight, down-stairs bedroom and both of the bedrooms upstairs," he said.

Dead were Mrs. Ronald Salt Jr., 23; her four children, Marilyn 6, Larry, 4, Ronnie, 3, and Billy, 2; and Mrs. Salt's sister, Patty Taylor, 16, of Nashville, Tenn.

Window Try Fails

"There were no doors leading to the upstairs," Carlson said. "There was only a curtain separating the two upstairs bedrooms, and of course, this made a natural vertical opening for the smoke—just like a chimney."

He said cause of death was probably smoke and gases from the heated air.

He said there was an indication that Mrs. Salt tried to get into the back bedroom upstairs. She apparently picked up one of the children and tried to force open a window to escape. Mrs. Salt, her sister and two of the children were caught in that bedroom. One child was downstairs and another in the other upstairs bedroom.

Terrific Heat Indicated

Carlson said the upstairs was fireproofed but charred, indicating a terrific heat there.

Ronald Salt was working at a service station about 10 blocks away when the fire swept through the house.

Carlson theorized that an extension plug in the front room was the source of the fire.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Tuesday morning. Thickening cloudiness Tuesday afternoon with rain likely by evening. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 32-34. High Tuesday 55.	Temp. Highest Yesterday 52
Lowest this Morning 42	Prec. to 10 a.m. Today Trace
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today 5:43 p.m.	Sunrise tomorrow 7:08 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 9:12 p.m.	Last Quarter Feb. 19
PROMINENT STAR	
Betelgeuse, high in south 8:24 p.m.	
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Jupiter, low in southeast 5:03 a.m.	
Saturn, rises 5:25 a.m.	
Mars and Venus, rise 6:06 a.m.	

## Robert Spears, Once Believed Plane Crash Victim, Gets 5 Years in Jail

Phoenix—UPI—Texas naturopath Robert V. Spears, 64, today was sentenced to five years in prison for transporting a car across state lines in violation of federal law.

Pleads Guilty

The heavily insured defendant, once believed to have died with 41 others in a mysterious airliner crash into the Gulf of Mexico Nov. 16, pleaded guilty to violation of the Dyer act Feb. 1 after he was arrested by the FBI.

\$5,000. Spears also faces trial in Los Angeles on abortion charges.

He denied in marathon questioning sessions with FBI agents that he had anything to do with the National Airliner DC7 crash in the Gulf of Mexico, but he admitted driving the car of William Allen Taylor, 58, here.

Look Place on Plane

Taylor, a Tampa, Fla., salesman and prison inmate at one time with Spears, was believed to have been killed in the airliner crash. Spears told agents Taylor took his place aboard the ill-fated

craft at the last minute.

Spears, an ex-convict with a long record of arrests dating back to 1917, said he "spontaneously" decided to take advantage of his supposed death when the airliner crashed and he was believed one of the victims.

Motives Told

Motives for his decision, he said, were to provide his wife Francis, 38, Dallas, Tex., and their two small children with his \$100,000 insurance and at the same time escape a possible long-term prison sentence if convicted of abortion charges in Los Angeles.

## Morse To Open Capital Campaign Headquarters

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Washington—If you dial Sterling 3-2730 here in the national capital, a voice answers: "Morse for President Headquarters."

An empty store in the business section is being converted into campaign headquarters for Sen. Wayne Morse. The man in charge, Gilbert Suser, a hotel coffee company executive, is hesitant to talk about Morse's campaign. He said the headquarters won't have its banner up and its official opening until Friday.

Morse said the headquarters was donated, with utilities, free. He said his campaign "is coming along very nicely in the District of Columbia, where he plans to enter the presidential primary May 3, against Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Humphrey and Sen. John F. Kennedy are the only other presidential contenders with campaign offices here.