

AIRPLANE CRASHES LEAVE 88 KNOWN DEAD

Oregonian Office at Salem Damaged by Fire

'Bomb' Believed Placed in Broken Window of Office

State Arson Squad Summoned To Scene

Salem — Fire, possibly touched off by a "bomb," erupted in the Salem circulation and distribution office of the Portland Oregonian at 5:06 a.m. today causing "considerable damage."

Salem Fire Chief Robert Mills said "the investigation so far would indicate that possibly some sort of bomb or explosive is involved."

Window Broken

He said a window of the empty office was apparently broken by a rock just prior to the blaze. No injuries were reported, he said.

Salem Fire Marshal Glenn Shedeck, heading the at-the-scene probe, said the state arson squad had been summoned from Portland.

Shedeck said pieces of a bottle that may have been placed in the office through the broken window were found. The half-gallon vessel had a partially screwed on cap, and the cap had a hole in it. Shedeck said the hole "looked like a place for a wick" and that there were indications the bottle had contained "some sort of flammable liquid."

Records Destroyed

Circulation records were destroyed along with desks, chairs, other files and a counter. An employee estimated worth of the items at \$1,500.

The Oregonian office here employs five persons who actually work in the office. The office was moved temporarily to the home of a bookkeeper.

Freeway Bids To Be Opened Soon

Bids on two Jackson county projects will be opened March 1 by the state highway commission in Salem.

The projects include bridge construction for the Highway 99 freeway.

One project calls for the construction of twin 280-foot structures over the present Pacific highway at Homestead-on-the-Rogue which will join the river bridge now under construction, frontage roads and interchanges, and 2.22 miles of grading. All of this work will be between Homestead and Rock Point.

The other project calls for 3.35 miles of work between Evans creek and Homestead. Included is a 255-foot reinforced concrete deck bridge over Evans creek, a 144-foot reinforced concrete structure with 84-foot roadway to carry the new interstate highway over Depot st. in Rogue River, and a double concrete 339-foot culvert to carry Ward creek. Scheduled completion dates on both projects are late spring of 1961.

Prospect Firemen Are Alerted Via Medford

Prospect — A round-robin telephone and two-way radio relay system was used early last Sunday morning to alert the Prospect fire department to fight a fire in a residence at the Red Blanket Lumber mill.

The sequence of events started when the Paul Struck family discovered the fire in their home about 12:45 a.m. Sunday. They were unable to call Prospect because of the storm damage to telephone lines between the mill and Prospect, nine miles away.

Foreman Alerted

The plant foreman was alerted, and the mill's two-way radio was used to call Roxy Radio base station in Medford, some 45 miles away. Mrs. Dorothy Lowry, who monitors the network over the week ends, contacted one of the mill owners in Medford, Willard Mattson, 911 Queen Anne ave.

Mattson, in turn, telephoned the Prospect Volunteer Fire department, which responded. They brought the fire under control before it

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AWARD WINNER — Delbert T. Landing (second from right) was presented the Distinguished Service Award Thursday at the annual banquet sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. With Landing are Larry Allen (left), president of the

Jaycee DSA Plaque Goes to Del Landing

Delbert T. Landing, 1959 campaign chairman for the United Medford Crusade, was presented the Distinguished Service Award Thursday evening at the annual banquet of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Landing was given the award for community leadership and service during the past year. He was nominated for the award by UMC and was one of eight nominees, the largest number ever submitted for the award.

In accepting the award, Landing mentioned his wife's assistance in his activities and added that every person in Medford deserved a part of the award. He commented that he was proud to accept it for them.

Treasurer Speaks

Howard C. Belton, state treasurer, expressed his pleasure at being present at this "happy occasion" when an

Dr. K. C. Farley Dies at Home Here

Dr. Kenneth C. Farley, 60, of 3563 Jacksonville highway, died this morning at his residence. He was the federal veterinarian in Jackson county for 20 years.

Dr. Farley entered the federal service 23 years ago. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Katherine Farley, and a daughter, Miss Jean Farley, San Francisco.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perle Funeral home.

Straub Renews Sterility Charge

Salem — State Democratic Chairman Robert Straub Thursday night renewed his criticism of Gov. Mark Hatfield for mentioning the possibility of sterilization of unwed mothers on welfare in a letter to the Oregon Welfare Commission.

Hatfield, in Denver, confirmed that the subject had been discussed at a meeting last fall. But he said he had not advocated it and that Straub had distorted the picture.

Straub, in Salem to address a meeting of the Jane Jefferson Democratic club of Marion county, said he was "shocked that the governor would bring such a thing to the attention of the Welfare Commission as an item they should consider."

Salem — The Shaw grade school southeast of here was broken into Thursday night but Marion county sheriff's deputies said apparently nothing was taken.

Police Theorize Combination of Accident, Suicide

A combination of accident and suicide is one of the theories that Medford city police are working on in the mysterious death of Theodore Elmer Semisch, 1051 West 13th st., who died in his home Wednesday afternoon from two bullet wounds.

Police say Semisch may have been working at a table on his loaded gun when it accidentally went off shooting him in the stomach. He fell to the floor and then, police theorize, possibly believed he was so badly wounded he would die anyway and put the gun to his chest and fired again.

When the second bullet didn't kill him immediately he then staggered to the phone where he called the telephone operator to request an ambulance before he died, police speculate.

There are several discrepancies in this theory, police admit, but it is the most plausible one they have come up with so far.

Taken to Lab

Police today took the death weapon, a .45 caliber revolver, the holster, numerous fingerprints, Semisch's clothing and other articles to the state police crime laboratory in Salem for identification purposes.

If all of the fingerprints found at Semisch's home and on the gun itself, turn out to be Semisch's, then the accident-suicide theory will become even more probable, a city detective said.

If not, then it may be murder. Police found the missing \$600 yesterday afternoon which they were looking for as a possible clue to the mystery which surrounds Semisch's death.

He had reportedly drawn the money out of the bank an hour before he died. Police discovered the money in a locked cabinet in the house along with some \$400 in travelers checks.

Unanswered Questions One of the questions that remains unanswered is, why did Semisch draw the money out of the bank and why did he have the traveler's checks?

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Semisch, who was working at the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital at the time of the shooting, told police she had no idea why he had the money nor did she know anything about the checks and he had not mentioned taking a trip to her.

Another puzzling question, police said, is if he wanted to die after the first shot and the second one didn't kill him either, then why didn't he shoot himself a third time instead of changing his mind and requesting help?

U. S. Navy Plane Claimed Probably Cause of Disaster

Craft Apparently Strayed Off Course

Rio de Janeiro — The Air Ministry said today a big U.S. Navy plane probably was to blame for the collision over Sugarloaf Mountain which killed at least 61 — and possibly 67 — persons here Thursday.

About 40 of the dead were Americans. The three survivors, Lt. (jg) George P. Fitzgibbons, of Worcester, Mass. Sonarman 2-C Frederick E. Wilson, of Dallas, and Ordnance Man 1-C Hal R. Holenza of Norfolk, Va., were hospitalized with minor injuries. Sympathy Expressed

President Eisenhower and Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek went to the hospital on their return here from Sao Paulo Thursday night to express their sympathy to the survivors.

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All of the 26 persons aboard the Brazilian airliner died. The number of dead aboard the Navy plane was a matter of dispute, the U. S. embassy saying there were 44 persons in the plane and Navy officials here and in Washington saying it carried only 38.

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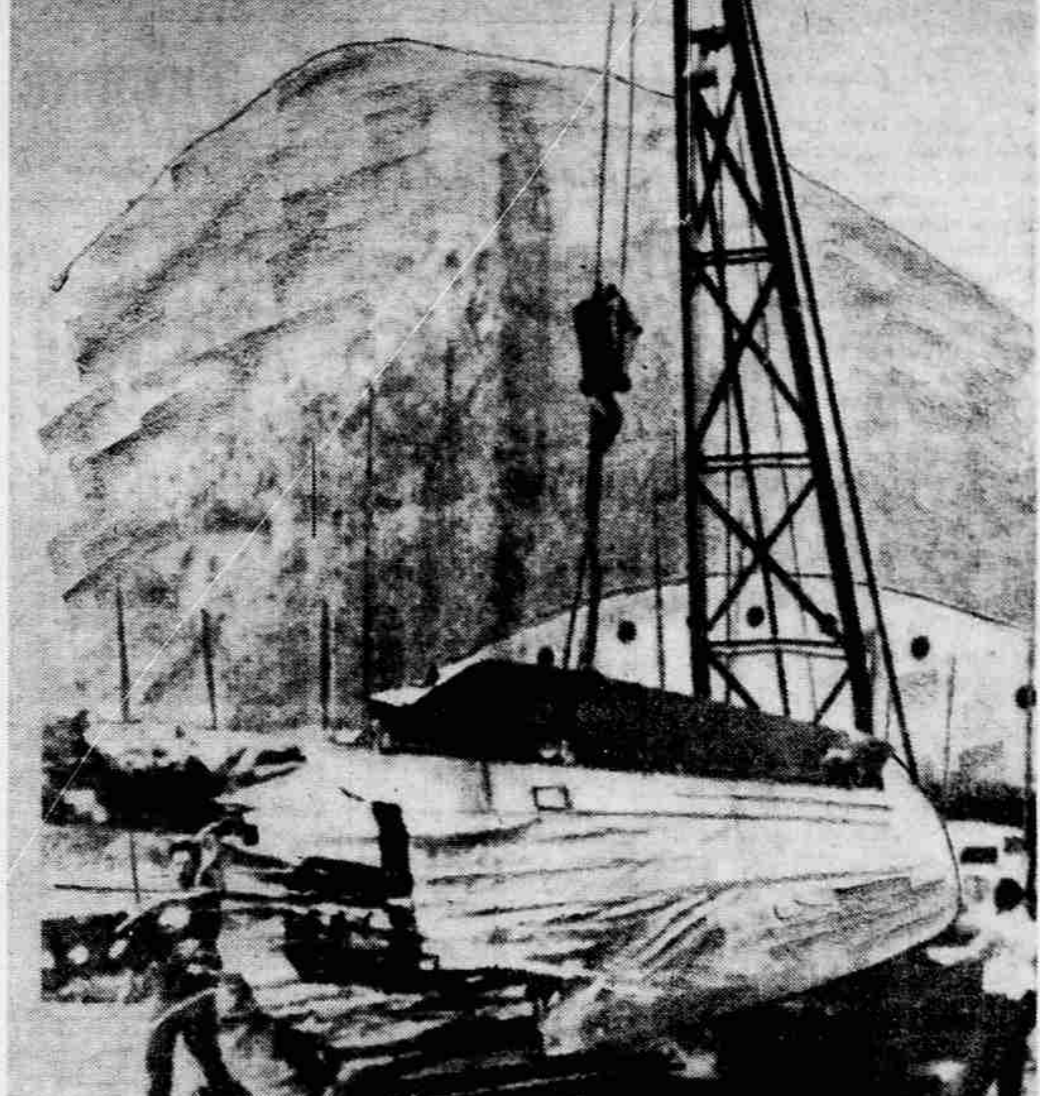
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New York-Bound Craft Blows Up At Shannon Field

23 Survive Crash; Two Still Missing

Shannon, Ireland — A New York-bound Italian airliner which had just taken on 7,000 gallons of gasoline "blew into 10 million pieces" on departure early today and rained survivors, bodies and wreckage onto a nearby cemetery.

Shannon Airport authorities said 27 persons were killed, and that there were 23 survivors. Two others of the 52 passengers and crew aboard the Alitalia DC7 were still "unaccounted for."

Ten of the passengers were American citizens. Seen 30 Miles Away

A Shannon airport spokesman said the cause of the crash appeared to be "engine failure" on takeoff. He said he believed the plane did not explode in flight but upon impact with the ground, sending flames up so high people thought it was an explosion in air.

The flames were seen 30 miles away. Wheels Smash Wall

Father Charles Comerford, a Roman Catholic priest who lives near a cemetery where the crash occurred, said the plane appeared to blow up into "10 million pieces while in flight," raining bodies and wreckage across a 300-yard area of the coastal marshland.

Wheels of the giant plane smashed into the wall of New Market cemetery and bounded about among the tombstones.

County May Ask For Armory Funds

County Judge Earl Miller said today that the county court may request that the National Guard include armory improvements in its next budget.

"I have that in mind," Miller said. "I wrote the National Guard a letter last year on improvement of the acoustics of the armory so it could be used for many public purposes. Perhaps we will have to prod them a little."

This was Miller's comment on a Mail Tribune editorial on Wednesday suggesting that the city and county officials look into why the armory has not been developed as a multi-purpose facility as promised when it was built.

Miller said he had estimated cost of acoustical improvements in the armory at approximately \$25,000. He had received a letter back from the National Guard that there were no funds available at that time.

"Improvement of the armory is not a county obligation entirely," Miller pointed out. "However, we will be glad to cooperate."

The local National Guard Armory board includes one city representative, one county representative and one member from the National Guard. When the armory was built the county contributed the land south of Medford and \$60,000 and the city \$40,000, Miller said.

Eisenhower Uses 'Copter To Avoid Demonstrators

Buenos Aires — President Eisenhower made a dramatic arrival in the heart of Buenos Aires by helicopter today, soaring over the heads of angry demonstrators who were demanding the return of ousted Dictator Juan D. Peron. They shook their fists at the chopper as it passed high above them.

Five bombs exploded in the city during the night, injuring three persons in what may have been anti-American demonstrations. Two of the bombs damaged American owned companies.

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78 Persons Appear To Donate Blood

About 78 persons had appeared at the Red Cross chapter here up to 11:30 o'clock this morning to donate blood during an emergency visit of the Bloodmobile, Red Cross officials said.

The Bloodmobile was at the chapter house between 10 o'clock this morning and 1 o'clock this afternoon. The visit was made because of a 600-pint shortage in the state resulting from men at Ft. Lewis, Wash., going on a maneuver. Normally 150 pints of blood are collected daily at Ft. Lewis.

Red Cross officials said 27 persons made appointments for today's visit, and there had been more than 40 "drop-in" donors. Total number of pints of blood collected this morning was not immediately available.

Portland — Educators from all over the country were gathering here today for the annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Student Council Acts On Many Proposals

The 12th annual Student Government Day ended last night with a student-run city council meeting. Not as politically conscious as their elder counterparts, the students took stands on several controversial issues.

If the students had their way there would be no jaywalking on Medford city streets, no billboards on city property at the airport, and no parking-at-any-time restrictions on the south side of Main st. from the east end of the Eighth st. bridge to Almond st.

They also decided to initiate action on two city parks along Bear creek and attempt to reduce the pollution in the city's stream.

Several other issues were discussed by Student Mayor Pat McLaughlin and the eight Medford and St. Mary's High school council men and women, but no decision was reached, and they were passed on to the regular governing body.

Underpass Proposed One of the items that was passed on is a student proposal to build two underpasses under the local railroad tracks at Stewart ave. and Andrews rd.

Another proposal on which no action was taken is a multi-purpose city-owned recreation center which would benefit all age groups. There was some conflict among the council over whether the center should contain cultural or sports facilities and the idea was sent to the regular planning commission.

They also decided to take no action on a proposed "dog control law" and recommended to the parks and recreation commission that they look into the feasibility of transferring the trees from Hawthorne park, which will have to be removed when the freeway is constructed to Jackson park.

Members of the council were John Lacy, Linda Lowry, Judy Bash, Ron Daley, Keith Berg, Wayne Thompson, Elgan Cook and David Ryn.

Announcement of Miss Gray's selection was made at an annual formal dinner of the women's service club last night at the Medford hotel.

She was presented a scroll and sheaf of roses. Miss Gray, who taught English for many years at McLoughlin Junior High school and other city public schools, now is tutoring a blind boy and teaching English to foreign children.

Mrs. Bonnie (Clarence) Wilson, Zonta past president and toastmistress for the dinner, made the announcement and presentation. Mrs. Eloise Winklebleck is president.

Rogers Scheduled to Arrive March 10

W. J. (Bill) Rogers, Pomona, Calif., of the Frost Fruit Warning Service, U.S. weather bureau, will be in Medford March 10, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticultural agent.

Rogers comes to Medford each year to provide fruit growers the frost forecast service.

Cordy did not estimate when the frost season would start. However, one pear grower said this morning that some light orchard heating may start in approximately two weeks.

Last year, light orchard heating started March 14 which was earlier than usual, according to Cordy.

"He Always Leaves A Nice Clean Desk"



WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 25. High Saturday 45-56.

TEMPERATURE Highest Yesterday 55 Lowest this Morning 36 To 10 a.m. Today trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:56 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:32 a.m. New Moon today 10:24 a.m. Venus, the brightest planet, is now rising a little later and a little further north each morning. Venus will leave the morning sky in the Spring and will return as an evening planet this Summer.