Air Force Asked To Clear Up Mystery of Object in Sky Over Oregon

Washington – (UPI) – A research group has appealed to Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp to clear up the mystery of a round, flame-spouting object which supposedly assumed mushroom shape and escaped jet plane pursuers over central Oregon last Sept. 24.

The privately-financed National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena charged that an official report logged by the Federal Aviation Agency "proves that the Air Force concealed the facts in the case."

"The Air Force was fully aware that its own and the FAA evidence proved this was some unknown machine under intelligent control," NICAP said.

There was no immediate comment from Sharp. But an Air Force spokesman insisted there was "insufficient information" on which to draw any conclusion about the Oregon sighting other than that it "was probably a balloon."

Challenging the Air Force interpretation of the Oregon object, NICAP produced photo-copies of logs from the FAA's air route traffic control center at the Seattle-Tacoma, Wash., airport and from the agency's air traffic communication station at Redmond, Ore.

It summed up the logs as stating "a mysterious, round flying object was seen by FAA observers at Redmond, Ore., as it escaped from Air Force jets with exhaust-like flames spouting from its base."

"The FAA also stated the UFO was tracked by Air Force radar as it evaded the jets and later as it maneuvered between 6,000 and 52,000 feet," the committee said.

The Air Force, in a Jan 19, 1960, letter, said an official "account of the sighting fails to reveal any evidence of radar tracking or any success of the attempted intercept."

The letter said intelligence experts believed "this object was probably a balloon as evidenced by its relatively long period in the area (more than an hour) and the fact that unless equipped with reflectors balloons are not good radar reflectors."

The Redmond log said the object was first sighted by Robert Dickerson, a policeman, as a "strange bright light descending rapidly north" of his station at that city. The object stopped and hovered for several minutes several hundred feet from the ground, the log said, and Dickerson drove toward it.

"At this time the light turned orange and it moved to the northeast . . . very rapidly," the log continued, relocating itself about 10 miles away at a height of about 3,000 feet.

L. E. Davis, chief of the FAA's [illegible]ond station, said in t[illegible]og that 10 minutes later, at about 5:10 a.m., he reported the object to the Seattle station. His log then stated:

"We continued to observe UFO . . .

"Observed high speed aircraft approaching from southeast. As aircraft approached UFO took shape of mushroom, observed long yellow and red flame from lower side as UFO rose rapidly and disappeared above clouds estimated 14,000 feet . . .

"UFO reappeared south of Redmond approximately 30 miles estimated 25,000 feet. Seattle air route control center advised radar contacted UFO . . . 25 miles south of Redmond at 52,000 feet. No further sightings made at this station."

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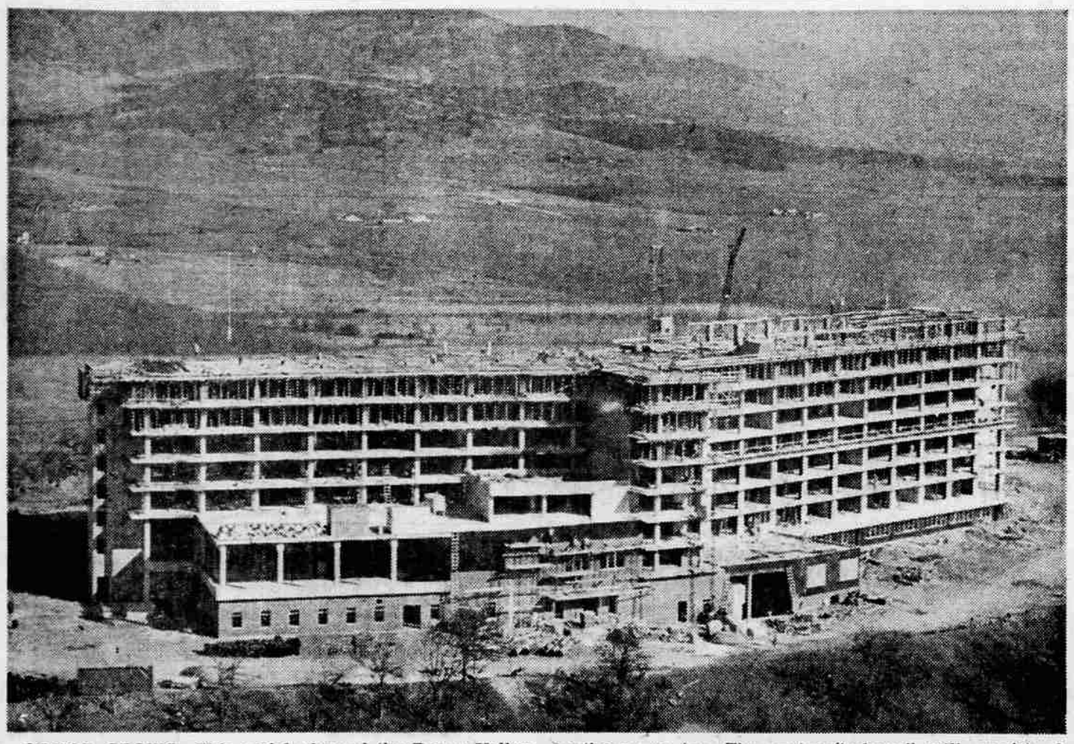

MANOR GROWS—This aerial view of the Rogue Valley Manor, taken from a helicopter last week, shows to an advantage the actual size of the $5 million structure. The seventh story was almost completed, and work on the forms for the eighth story, at right, had started when the picture was taken. The building will be 10 stories high, with a penthouse on top. The center "column" will consist of lounges for each floor and the dining room will be located where the four large window openings can be seen at left. A physicial therepy room for the infirmary can be seen near the center column on the dining room roof.

Preliminary Plans For Expansion of Airport Finished

Medford city officials have completed preliminary planning for expansion of municipal airport facilities to handle future jet service, City Manager Robert Duff said today.

When the airport expansion can be done, however, remains to be seen, he said, since it will require considerable expense. As of now, Duff said, there are no federal funds available to help defray costs for such expansion.

Indications are that jet service here may be five years away, but local airline officials and city representatives agree that jet service in the future is certain.

Returns From Meeting

Ken W. Cook, ground service manager here for United Air Lines, recently returned from Chicago where he attended the annual "flight plan" meeting of the company, where plans for expanding present DC-8 jet schedules, and the introduction of the Boeing 720 medium-range jet service this summer, were reviewed.

Cook said United "now has a total investment of $383 million for 78 jet airplanes. The commitment includes 40 long-range Douglas DC-8s, with 20 already delivered; 18 medium-range Boeing 720s, and 20 short-range French Caravelles.

"Service by these jets," Cook said, "will continue to be expanded to additional cities as the airplanes become available."

Runways at the Medford airport, like runways at most airports this city's size, are not long enough to handle even the short-range jets, he noted.

Cook said jet service here by United is probably five years away, and that one of the items which is now delaying short and medium-range service throughout the country is runway length.

Duff estimated that the north-south main runway, which is now 5,400 feet long, may have to be extended an additional 3,000 feet to provide sufficient length for short-range jet planes.

Cook noted that the French Caravelle uses a comparatively short runway, but one longer than the present Medford runway.

Extending the north-south runway, Duff said, would involve purchasing additional property, probably the most expensive item in such an expansion program, along with some road relocation and sufficient land for "clear zones" at the end of runways.

What the cost of an airport expansion program would be has not been estimated other than it would be an extensive investment.

Fairchild F-27s are now used by West Coast Airlines here. The F-27 is a prop-jet plane, and does not require the length runway a regular jet requires. Cook said United has no plans at present for using prop-jet type planes in its system.

Ike Said To Be Opposed To Medical Care for Aged

Russ Demand for Liquidation of Bases Rejected

Geneva—(UPI)—The United States today summarily rejected Soviet demands for the liquidation of overseas bases as the first step toward disarmament. It said American troops would remain as long as they are needed "to defend the Free World's security."

Not Fruitful

U. S. delegate Frederick M. Eaton told the 10-nation Disarmament Conference that it would be "neither profitable nor fruitful" to discuss overseas bases here.

He was replying to repeated Soviet demands for the "liquidation of foreign bases." Eaton said American troops are stationed abroad by invitation of the host countries.

Delegate Reminded

He sharply reminded Russia's Valerian Zorin that the Soviets also have troops stationed outside their borders, but with this difference—they were not always invited. They have gone there sometimes as the result of direct attack or political action and have been used on occasions against hostile populations, Eaton said.

Eaton did not refer specifically to the Hungarian freedom uprising of 1956 or the East German workers' revolt against the Communist regime in 1953, but his meaning was clear.

Planning Group's Budget Is Tabled; $14,226 Sought

The Jackson county budget committee this morning tabled the county planning commission's budget request of $14,226 pending a regional planning meeting tomorrow night in the county courthouse.

The budget committee apparently felt the needs of the planning commission could be more accurately determined after the organizational meeting. Purpose of the meeting is to have a coordinated planning program for all cities and towns of Jackson county.

The $14,226 total budget request for the 1960-61 fiscal year is a $444 increase over the current year's budget of $13,782.

Major Items

Major budget items include $460 for planning, a new item; $5,388 annual salary for planning technician, $240 increase over current salary of $5,148; assistant planning technician's salary of $4,032, a new item; secretary's salary of $3,096, increase of $324 over the current salary of $2,772.

Gordon Hudson, Medford druggist and budget committee member, argued that the planning commission is wasting money the more it delays putting in a county zoning program. "We should get more money in this budget to hire more people and get it done or forget it altogether," Hudson urged.

Arnold Bohnert, Central Point area farmer and committee member, pointed out that the county would not have some of the problems it has now if county-wide zoning had been voted in several years ago.

Land-Use Study

Lynn Newbry, Ashland packinghouse owner and budget committee member, urged that county-wide zoning be applied first, then a land-use study be completed to establish zone variations. Setting up land use areas is merely creating opposition to zoning, he emphasized.

Alva Walker, Gold Hill, representative of the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, was to appear before the budget committee about noon today to request a tentative fund of $4,000 to $5,000 for promotional expenses.

The current year's budget item is $1,500. The increase is needed so association representatives can appear before Congress to argue for the basin development measure during a hearing now set for early in 1961. This does not include the Agate dam project, which will be considered separately, he explained.

Proposal for Federal Help Turned Down

Washington –(UPI)– President Eisenhower was reported today to have turned thumbs down on Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming's proposed federal program to help the aged pay for medical care.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) said after a white house conference that the administration will oppose a labor-backed medical care plan sponsored by a House Democrat and will offer no substiture plan of its own.

More Information Needed

Dirksen said the administration's viewpoint is that a great deal more information must be gathered before any program is started.

Dirksen, Senate Republican leader, said Flemming in his appearance before the House committee Wednesday will not oppose any alternative to the Democratic bill.

"There will be a lot of conversation and a lot of questions, but no plan," Dirksen told newsmen after the White House conference among Eisenhower, Flemming, and GOP congressional leaders.

Rep. Aime J. Forand (D-R.I.), a members of the House Ways and Means committee, is pushing a proposal to provide medical care as part of the benefits available to the elderly under the social security program. Social security taxes would be raised on both employer and employee to cover the cost.

More Modest Plan

Flemming came up with a more modest plan, under which federal and state governments would help pay the premiums on voluntary health insurance for old folks, as an alternative.

He goes before the Ways and Means Committee Wednesday, and had hoped to offer his plan with the President's blessing. He developed it with reported support from Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

African Racial Demonstrations In Second Day

Johannesburg, South Africa –(UPI)–Police opened fire today to disperse native African mobs demonstrating in the streets of the town of Langa near Capetown in the second day of racial violence.

There were no reports of casualties in the latest incident. But the unofficial toll in two days of fighting stood at about 100 dead and nearly 300 wounded.

Massive Strike Feared

Officials feared a massive strike of African workers was imminent to protest laws which force them to carry identity cards at all times or face arrest.

Rioters burned two schools, automobiles and government buildings in Langa Monday night. Unofficial estimates said 12 persons were killed in Langa then, with at least 70 others killed in other towns. Ten more Africans died in hospitals today.

Generally, South Africa was quiet but tense.

Mistaken Pedal Results in Crash Of Four Vehicles

A woman who mistook a gas pedal for a brake caused a "spectacular" four-car smash-up at the intersection of Holly and Eighth sts. yesterday afternoon.

Medford city police said it is extremely lucky that no one was injured.

The woman, Mrs. Velma L. Wilson, 38, of 301 North Fir st., told police that the car she was driving was headed north on Holly st., and as she approached the stop sign on Eighth st. she placed her foot on what she thought was the brake and started to press down, but the more she pressed, the faster the vehicle went.

Foot on Gas Pedal

She told police she then discovered she had her foot on the gas pedal but it was too late to stop. She proceeded through the stop sign at a high rate of speed and was struck by a vehicle headed west on Eighth st., police said.

The impact of this collision knocked her car into the opposite lane on Holly st. where it was struck by a second car. The Wilson vehicle then kept going and struck a parked Volkswagon, knocking it some 40 feet into the adjacent city park, where it came to rest against a tree.

Mrs. Wilson's vehicle also proceeded into the park some 50 feet, before its forward momentum was halted by another tree.

Damage Noted

Police said that the Volkswagon is probably a total loss. Mrs. Wilson's Caddillac and a Jaguar, which was involved in the accident, were also heavily damaged and had to be towed from the scene.

Police said that Mrs. Wilson's 5-year-old son, who was a passenger in the vehicle, came out of the accident without a scratch. She was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

Portland–(UPI)–Harry E. Lichter of Wisconsin has been named as chief museum curator of the Oregon Historical Society.

Today's Issue Marks Start of 55th Year For Mail Tribune

Today's issue of the Medford Mail Tribune marks the beginning of its 55th year of publication as a Medford daily.

On March 22, 1906 the paper, which was then known as the Medford Daily Tribune, published its first edition for a circulation of only a few hundred persons.

The number of these first few subscribers contrasts with today's circulation record of 18,110, which was attained just last week.

Prior to 1906 the Tribune had published as an Ashland daily for several years and was known as the Ashland Daily Tribune. However, in that year it moved to Medford, because in the words of its first editor, J. M. Potter, as written in an editorial in that first edition:

Better Vantage Point

"Medford is a better point of vantage from which to view and report the great work of developing the entire county (Jackson) as it is more advantageously located. Medford is the hub of one of the greatest agricultural, timber and mineral sections in the U.S. and as its capital it must necessarily grow in importance as a trading center."

In 1909 the Tribune consolidated with the Medford Mail and assumed its present name. The paper has been at its existing location on Fir st. since 1911 although many changes have been made in the building since then.

It now ranks as the sixth largest paper in the state, behind those in Portland, Salem and Eugene. Gerald T. Latham, business manager, says the paper is looking toward a circulation of 25,000 within the next ten years.

From 1906 to 1921 the newspaper was printed by means of a flatbed press. The capacity of this flatbed was minimal when compared to the capacity of the new press which the paper is now installing.

This early press could run off only 6,000 papers an hour, compared to the present press capacity of 26,000 16-page papers, or the new press capacity of 48,000 48-page papers an hour.

Directors Named For Art Group

Nine directors, who will constitute the first board for the new Rogue Valley Art association, were elected at the first annual meeting of the group last night in Hedrick Junior High school.

The directors are William Barker, Eugene Bennett, who has been serving as temporary chairman, Robert Bosworth, Ben Day, Mrs. Fred C. Lorish, Dr. Richard Porto, Jack Teeters, Ben Trowbridge Jr., and Carl Wimberly Jr. They will meet in the near future and elect officers.

Bosworth, chairman of the building and sites committee, reported that volunteers are repairing and painting a room at 220 West Main st., which the group as acquired to serve as an art gallery. He asked for additional volunteers in order that the work may be completed by April 1, opening dayte. A crew will work tonight.

Mrs. Harry Danielson, gallery chairman, is also seeking volunteers to take charge of the gallery during open hours.

A show had been secured for the opening through the Oregon Art Alliance. It will consist of oils, watercolors, prints and drawings from Oregon State college, and a group of scultures from students at the University of Oregon.

Mother of Three Gets Prison Term

Oregon City – (UPI) – Mrs. Charlotte L. Barnett, 24, mother of three children, was sentenced to from three to five years in the state penitentiary Monday after pleading guilty to a manslaughter charge.

Detector Tests Given Several in Probe of Shooting

Lie detector tests were given a number of persons last night during questioning by state police and sheriff's officers concerning the fatal shooting of Mrs. Lester Hamilton, 40, of Ashland, deputies reported today.

The tests will continue today and probably tomorrow, a deputy said.

California authorities are continuing to question a hitchhiker apprehended in Bakersfield, Calif. Deputies said an officer would question the man in Bakersfield as soon as more positive identity is established that he is the man described by an informant as being near the Hamilton farmhouse about the time of the shooting. The informant has now changed the description originally given, deputies said.

Hitchhiker Held

The hitchhiker, identified as Chester Joseph Sears, 48, was picked up by California highway patrolmen south of Bakersfield yesterday on Highway 99. Sears admitted to California authorities he was in Ashland, but denied any knowledge of the crime. He told them he arrived in Bakersfield Friday from Portland.

Mrs. Hamilton was found dead of gunshot wounds near the doorway of her farm home last Tuesday afternoon by her husband.

Deputies believe the murder weapon is a .22 caliber revolver.

School Bus Hit By Train; Six Die

Coy, Ala. —(UPI)— A freight train hit a school bus at a crossing near this rural community today and at least six teen-age children were killed.

Authorities had reported eight dead but Audie Sadis, Wilcox county transportation superintendent, said there were six known dead and three critically injured.

Sadis said the driver of the bus, David Jackson, about 20, was not seriously injured but was suffering from shock.

Democrats Schedule Two Meetings Here

Two Democratic party meetings are scheduled today and tomorrow. The Young Democrats club of Southern Oregon will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight at Democratic headquarters, 232 West Fifth st., Medford, at which time officers will be elected and by-laws will be discussed.

A special meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Labor Temple, 24¼ South Grape st., Medford. The meeting is open to the public and all interested Democrats are invited to meet Democratic candidates.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Considerable high cloudiness through Wednesday. Continued mild. Low tonight High Wednesday 72.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	80
Lowest this Morning	42

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:26 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:10 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:03 a.m.
New Moon	March 26

PROMINENT CONSTELLATION

Orion, in the southwest 8:01 p.

Orion, in the southwest 8:01 p.m.

The two brightest stars in this group are Betelgeuse and Rigel. Betelgeuse is high above Rigel.

Bank at Sherwood Target of Holdup

Sherwood, Ore.–(UPI)–Police and FBI agents today sought two men who held up the Sherwood branch of the U.S. National Bank and escaped with about $15,000. It was the third robbery at the bank in three years.

One of the bandits was armed with a sawed-off shotgun and the other with an automatic pistol.

The bandits got money from the vault and also emptied three tellers' tills. The robbery lasted about 10 minutes.

Fire Damages Interior Of Ashland Residence

Ashland – A small frame house at 955 B st. received major interior damage this morning in a fire apparently caused by a faulty flue, Ashland firemen reported.

Firemen received the alarm about 9:45 a.m. and brought the blaze under control soon after arriving at the scene.

Occupant of the home is Virginia Ruth Jackson.

Queen Elizabeth II Picks Name for Son

London—(UPI)—Queen Elizabeth II today named her month-old son Andrew Albert Christian Edward. He will be known as Prince Andrew.

Man's Body Found In McKenzie Area

Eugene–(UPI)–The body of an unidentified man, found in the Cascade mountains, was returned here today. An autopsy was scheduled.

The body was found late Sunday by two University of Oregon students who were hiking in the Cascades about 55 miles east of here just off the McKenzie River highway.

Gene Hulett, state police sergeant, said there were no papers or billfold on the man. He was described as about 40 to 45 years of age, 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, with brown hair.

Neuberger's Will Admitted To Probate

Portland – (UPI) – The will of the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger was admitted to probate Monday by Circuit Judge William L. Dickson. There was no estimate on the value of the estate. Neuberger's widow, Maurine, was named executrix.

Leash Law Voting In City Precincts

The proposed leash law will be placed on the county ballot for the May primary election, but will apply only to Medford precincts, Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell said today.

Chris Hagler, county dog control officer, said this could become a county-wide issue by 100 county residents or more petitioning for it. The proposed regulation would require dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes when off their property. It is not a muzzle law, Hagler noted.

The dog control officer predicted 9,000 dog licenses will be sold in the county by the end of March. He noted that several chickens and sheep had been killed by dogs recently in the county.

Hagler noted that over a third of his complaints are on dogs killing chickens.

"You Think That Equality Stuff Is Likely To Spread Up North Here?"

Man in Photo Believed Killer of Chicago Women

Starved Rock Park, Ill –(UPI)–One of the three women murdered in Starved Rock Park took a picture of a man who may have been the killer, Sheriff Ray Eutsey said today.

Eutsey showed reporters a blow-up of a triple-exposure and said the picture contained the figure of a man. Reporters tended to agree with him.

The shadowy figure, Eutsey told a news conference, appears to be of a man about 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds. The man has a high forehead and is between 25 and 30 years old, Eutsey said, and is wearing booths and a parka jacket and appears to be carrying something in his left hand that may be the murder weapon.

An alert has been issued for a man of that description, Eutsey said.

Porter Told Information on Ike's Domestic Staff 'Private Business'

Washington – (UPI) – Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said he was told by the White House Monday that information on the mansion's domestic staff is the "private business" of President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

69 Persons Employed

He said Jack Z. Anderson of the White House staff would tell him only that 69 persons are employed – 40 of them white, 27 Negro, and 2 Filipino – and that all waiters but one are colored.

Porter had asked for name, race, age, length of service and position of each employe. He said he made the inquiry as a result of comments by a member of Premier Khrushchev's party visiting the White House last fall.

He said another congressman present at the time told him the Russian, seeing only Negro servants, inquired sarcastically, "are these your slaves?"

Wrote Letter

In a letter to Anderson on March 17 Porter related the story and asked, among other things, whether it was White House policy to hire only or predominantly Negroes for domestic service.

"If it is I should like to suggest that it be changed immediately," he said. "The White House is not an antebellum southern plantation. Race color or creed should not be among the qualifications for any kind of employment there or elsewhere in the United States."

Porter said Anderson replied in a letter giving only the racial breakdown.

Private Business

He added that Anderson called at his office to say that this was all the information that would be supplied. However, he added that all the waiters but one were colored.

Porter quoted Anderson as saying other information was the "private business" of the Eisenhowers.