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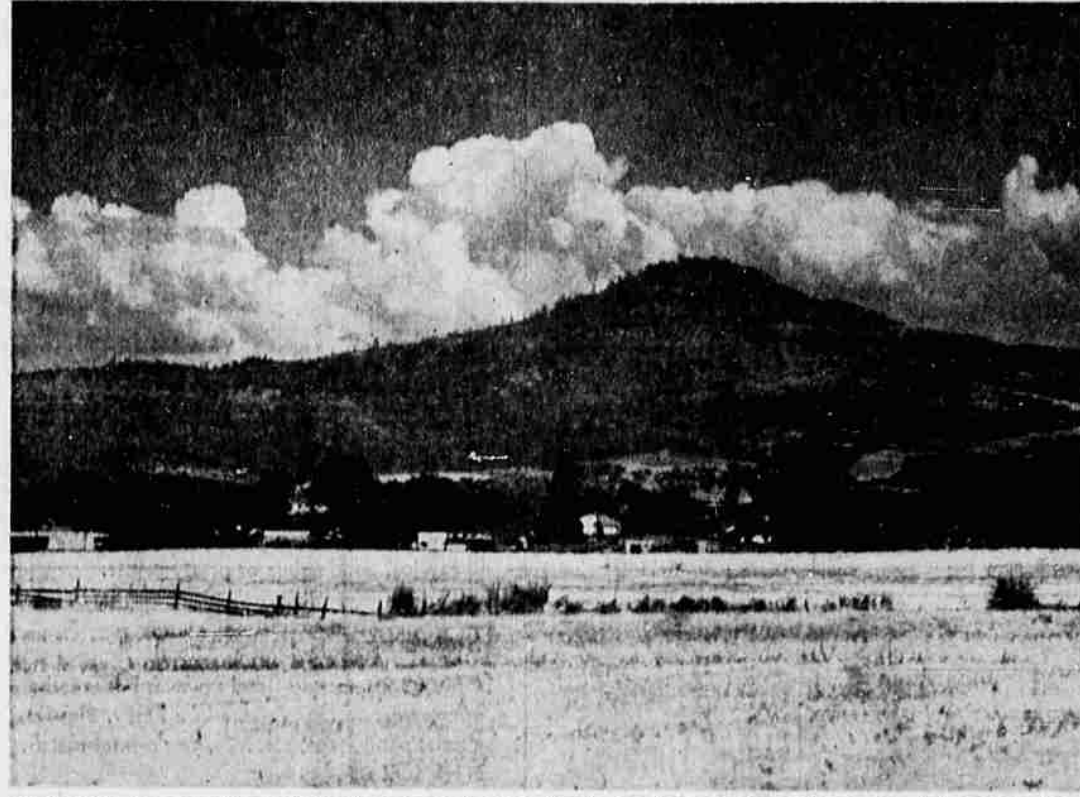
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**BUILD UP**—The cumulus clouds that have been showing themselves for the last few days in southern Oregon indicate an uneasy situation in the area's timberlands, as a rash of lightning-caused fires have been reported in the Siskiyou and Cascade ranges. Although not "full-blown" thunder-

### Ruling May Result In Purchase of Sheriff's Cars

Three more sheriff's cars may have to be purchased because of a recent attorney general's ruling. It was learned in county court this morning.

No privately owned cars can be covered by mileage allowance when used on criminal and civil cases with a few exceptions, the opinion stated.

This would affect three privately owned cars, one in the tax department, one in the civil division and one in the criminal division. Sheriff Joe Walsh said this morning.

Five cars purchased June 30 are to be delivered soon to the criminal division, Walsh said. Five other cars were received in April, also for the criminal division.

**May Declare Emergency**  
County Judge Earl Miller said it may be necessary to declare an emergency exists and purchase three more cars for the sheriff's department without the usual bid procedure, but District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said today he doubts if this could be done legally.

Although the attorney general's opinion would be effective Aug. 1, about 30 days could be allowed in which to comply with the opinion, he explained. The opinion applies to all counties with a population of more than 50,000 persons, the district attorney added.

The matter of mileage allowances and travel allowances for the sheriff's office was originally investigated by County Clerk Marvin Madden. Walsh said he had asked for the attorney general's opinion through the district attorney's office a year ago.

It was dated July 7, but due to pressure of business the matter wasn't brought to the county court's attention until this morning, Reeder said.

County Commissioner Ralph James denied that the problem had been brought up because of political reasons.

**Noted Exceptions**  
Reeder noted some exceptions to the ruling would be when a member of the sheriff's department must travel out of the county in making an arrest, to return prisoners or to transport convicts. The opinion stated that the form in which mileage claims are presented can be decided by the county court.

### 30-Man Crew Mopping Up 400-Acre Fire Near Ashland

A 30-man crew is mopping up today on a fire which flashed over a 400-acre area yesterday on Walker creek off Dead Indian rd. east of Ashland.

The blaze was touched off by Wednesday evening's thunderstorm and is one of some 25 which were ignited by lightning on state forestry department-protected and Rogue National forest lands.

Flames on Walker creek swept through foxtail and grass, brush and some oak and pine timber, the southwest district office of the state forestry department reported. A line was put around the fire by 10 o'clock last night and it was declared under control by 10:30 p.m. Little if any further trouble from the blaze was anticipated, forest patrolmen said.

Some 40 men were on the fire at its height.

Of eight other fires on land under state protection, the largest was a 1 1/2-acre blaze on Poole hill. Others were under an acre in size. Crews were mopping up on these and they were described as "pretty good shape."

**Sixteen Blazes Reported**  
Sixteen blazes on the Rogue forest were reported out or in the mop-up stage, except a new one on Poole hill on the forest boundary. Largest of the 16 was about one acre.

The forest service has managed fire suppression with its own personnel despite being short of help because of men sent to other areas.

Threat of additional fires still hangs over the area. The state forestry department reported some lightning and light rain in the southeast part of the district this morning. More lightning activity was forecast this afternoon and evening. "We hope we can get through today. It looks a little rough," a state forestry spokesman stated.

The district had a reconnaissance plane in the air looking for possible "hold-over" fires. There's a chance

### Receipt Increases Noted in County During Past Year

Substantial increases in county receipts during the 1959-60 fiscal year are noted in the annual statement by the county treasurer to Jackson county court.

Treasurer Karl L. Janouch reported total receipts of \$13,504,772.29 during the period, compared to \$10,979,434.14 during the previous year. Largest increases were noted in payments from the U. S. government, up \$722,550.18, county taxes and fees, up \$549,473.46, and from the state of Oregon, up \$118,163.91.

Income from interest on deposit and investment earnings more than doubled during the last year, Janouch said. During the 1959-60 fiscal year a total of \$118,806.98 was received for interest, compared to \$54,457.23 during 1958-1959. This money was distributed \$73,312.14 to county government; \$44,949.84 school funds; and \$545 irrigation districts.

**Four Reasons Noted**  
Janouch gave four reasons for the increase in interest earnings.

1. More money on deposit.  
2. Earlier receipts, a \$2,314,670.07 Oregon and California fund check arrived one month early.

3. Prompter deposits of money with treasurer by county offices; and  
4. Higher interest rates.

Total receipts, plus \$2,337,270.06 cash on hand July 1, 1959, totaled \$15,842,042.60, for the year. Total disbursements were \$12,802,754.60, leaving a cash balance June 30 from all taxing units of \$3,759,287.75. These figures include both county funds, and money collected and disbursed on behalf of cities, school districts, and other taxing units of the county.

The county government ended the year with a net cash balance of \$1,446,145.43 in the budget accounts. The county treasurer stressed that this amount is not a "surplus." He stated that the fiscal year ends June 30 and sufficient funds must be on hand at that time for operating expenses until the arrival of the O and C fund check.

### Spring Lake Fire Considered Worst

Six mountain climbers with cables and winches attacked remote sections of the Spring Lake fire today after being dispatched into the rugged Snake River canyon country Thursday.

The stubborn 6,700-acre blaze was considered the worst still burning in eastern Oregon. In rough, craggy country, the fire has resisted efforts of ground and air firefighters to bring it under control.

Forest service officials said the mountain climbers would try to prevent the fire from crawling across rocky faces of land to enter new timberland.

In other areas, fire control centers reported most fires under control today, including 40 small fires started by lightning Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Board Considers Leasing Fair Area

Possibility of leasing the south end of the county fairgrounds fronting the baseball park is being considered by the Jackson county fair board, C. H. Buffington, fair board member, said today.

The fair board had been leasing the area to Kogap Lumber Industries, Medford, and later, part of it for Go-Kart racing. However, the two interests seem to conflict, and Kogap no longer wished to lease the property, Buffington explained.

Revenue from the lease is used for operation of the fairgrounds buildings, he said.

### McLeod Bridge To Be Closed Two Days

County Engineer Robert Carstensen announced today that the McLeod bridge over Rogue river at McLeod will be closed during Monday, Monday night and Tuesday, Aug. 1 and 2, for reconstruction.

## Belgium Pulls 1,500 Troops From Congo

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Leopoldville, The Congo - (UPI) - Belgium announced today it would recall immediately 1,500 of its 10,000 troops in the Congo in view of the United Nations emergency forces growing strength in maintaining law and order here.

The U.N. Security Council ordered Belgium to withdraw its troops but set no time limit. The Belgian cabinet met today in Brussels and a spokesman announced the first 1,500 would be flown out "in the next few days."

"Belgium's military intervention in the Congo was purely to save the lives of our countrymen," Belgian Health Minister Paul Meyers said after the Cabinet meeting.

**Status Not Clear**  
The announcement did not clarify the status of Katanga Province which has declared its independence from Congo and asked Belgium to keep its troops there.

U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold was disclosed today to have rejected suggestions he visit Katanga, apparently for fear a visit there would lead support to Katanga's secession from the Congo.

Observers said he appeared to have rejected the idea because a visit would amount to some form of recognition of the rebel government of Premier Moise Tshombe.

Hammarskjold's spokesman said he would leave for South Africa on Tuesday and return here Aug. 7 to meet Premier Patrice Lumumba who would have returned from his American trip by then.

### Kennedy Claims He's Misquoted

Hyannis Port, Mass. - (UPI) - Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy said today GOP leaders know they are misquoting him when they say or imply he favored apologizing to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev for the U2 spy plane incident.

Kennedy again denied any such proposal and said that he had stated only that it "might have been useful to express regrets" if this would have saved the summit conference.

He told newsmen Vice President Richard M. Nixon and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who raised the apology issue, both "knew very well" the extent of his "regrets" statement when they raised the issue at the GOP National Convention.

Kennedy said he listened to Nixon's speech on television Thursday night and found it "interesting."

Los Angeles - (UPI) - A Minnesota ex-convict was called back today to testify about his claim of bargaining with Carole Tregoff over the price to kill her co-defendant's wife, socialite Barbara Finch.



**SPACE TEST FAILS**—The first major test of the Mercury space capsule riding aboard an ICBM Atlas missile met failure about six miles off Cape Canaveral today when the booster exploded and the missile and capsule plunged into the Atlantic. Above photo was taken just before launching. (USAF Photo via UPI Telephoto)

## GOP Starting From Behind, But 'We'll Win,' Says Nixon

Chicago - (UPI) - Richard M. Nixon, pledging to campaign "until our throats are raw," said today he believes he is "starting from behind" in the race for the presidency but that he will win in November.

The Republican presidential nominee said anyone would "have a hole in his head" who did not admit that the GOP national ticket was "starting

behind" in the race with the Democrats.

Nixon outlined a whirlwind schedule of early campaigning that will take him next week to Nevada, California, Hawaii and Washington State before he returns to the nation's capital for the congressional session beginning Aug. 8.

"I said the Republicans have a fighting chance" to win control of the House of Representatives. He said that chance rests on the party's farm program which he will spell out in his campaign.

**Most Democrats Registered**  
In explaining why he is "starting behind," Nixon explained that the Democrats have a larger registration of voters and have far more members of Congress, whose presence on the ballot would strengthen local tickets in the Nov. 8 election.

Hence, he said he believed at this point that his opponent, Sen. John F. Kennedy, "begins with an advantage."

However, he said there is a tendency for voters to support men instead of parties and that "We start with no pessimism—we believe we'll win."

**No Overconfidence**  
Nixon suggested that there was some advantage in starting behind because there was no possibility that the party workers would be overconfident as they were when Thomas E. Dewey lost the 1948 election to President Truman.

Nixon told a news conference his meeting Saturday with Midwest farm leaders will be "primarily a listening session" for him. He said sometime in the next two weeks he will set a date for the "major farm speech" he will make early in the campaign.

Nixon added that the GOP farm program "must be one the farm members can run on," and that so far the Republican farm plank has been "very favorably received."

Nixon's news conference followed an appearance before the Republican National Committee.

## Atlas Explodes 65 Seconds After Smooth Launch

### Mercury Capsule's Maiden Flight Fails

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UPI) - The first working model of America's man-into-space capsule apparently was blown to bits miles high in the sky today when the Atlas missile it was riding exploded 65 seconds after a smooth launching.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration made this terse announcement little more than two hours after the inaugural flight of the type space craft that soon will carry an American on an adventure into space.

**Probably an Explosion**  
"Some event occurred of a catastrophic nature, probably an explosion" about 65 seconds after the big rocket and its bell-shaped capsule were fired at 8:13 a.m.

Scientists said the one-ton capsule probably plunged into the Atlantic ocean and sank between four and 12 miles east of Cape Canaveral.

**Hunt for Wreckage**  
The capsule - tipped Atlas was fired in the rain and disappeared into a bank of clouds just a few seconds later.

It was soon announced that scientists attempting to track the capsule's scheduled 1,500-mile un-manned flight had lost radio contact 65 seconds after takeoff.

**Crews Comb Area**  
Search crews combed the area in an attempt to recover the wreckage.

This was to have been the Mercury capsule's maiden flight on the Atlas and a milestone that would have gotten Project Mercury, the nation's high-priority and high-priced dream for manned conquest of space well off the ground.

## Government Shake-up Rumors Spread in Cuba

Havana - (UPI) - A rapid fire series of political developments following the illness of Premier Fidel Castro raised speculation today of major changes in Cuban policy and a shakeup of the Castro government.

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**Rumors on Illness Spread**  
The OAS is to take up the question of Russian intervention in Cuba. Raul Castro is a violent opponent of the organization and it was believed he would insist that Cuba boycott the meeting. Roa had been expected to outline Cuba's position Sunday.

The wildest rumors swept Havana as to the nature of the illness of Castro, who has been reported recovering from an attack of pneumonia. The consensus of doctors here appeared to be that he was suffering from something other than the effects of pneumonia, but what it was remained uncertain.

**WEATHER**  
FORECASTS: Variable cloudiness with thundershowers in vicinity through Saturday. Low tonight 61. High Saturday 92.  
Temp.  
Highest Yesterday 105  
Lowest this Morning 67  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 7:35 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:31 a.m.  
Moonset tonight 10:44 p.m.  
First Quarter July 31  
PROBABLE STARS  
Spica, near the Moon.  
Arcturus, high above Spica  
Aldebaran, rises 1:31 a.m.  
The Pleiades, well above Aldebaran.

### Morton Re-elected

Top Republican was re-elected the party's national chairmen, Vice President Nixon and U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees respectively, addressed the committee. (UPI Telephoto)

### Preliminary Report On Parks Received

A preliminary report containing a comprehensive study of Medford's park problems was presented to the city planning commission Thursday night during a special "executive session."

### "Sometimes I Feel Like Running Away, Too, But I Don't Know Where To Go"

