

NIKITA, MACMILLAN WILL MEET THURSDAY

45 Fires Started by Lightning in Southern Oregon

Crews Mop Up 100-Acre Blaze Near Emigrant

Applegate, Williams Areas Hit Hardest

An eruption of some 45 fires from lightning strikes in Jackson and Josephine counties from yesterday's thunderstorm had fire fighters of the state department of forestry and the Rogue River National forest busy today.

In addition, state forest patrol crews were mopping up on a 100-acre grass and scrub oak fire on Samson creek near Emigrant lake.

Lightning caused a fire at Hoover lakes in the White City area about 3:20 p.m. yesterday when it struck high tension power lines. Central Point rural firemen said.

A power pole, trees and grass were burned.

Nature cooperated with the firemen. Heavy rain put the blaze out as firemen arrived.

Heaviest concentration of lightning fires was in the Applegate and Williams areas. Rogue forest reported 13 blazes, all in its Applegate district.

Josephine unit of the southwest state forestry district had about 25 fires, a good number of them in the Williams creek vicinity. Seven lightning fires were on state forest protected land in Jackson county.

The Rogue forest used jumpers on two blazes and dropped borate solution on two. Forest headquarters here said this morning that the largest fires, "up to this point," were one acre in size and all were manned.

Southwest district reported three lightning fires in the Applegate area, two in the Evans creek area and one each in Sams Valley and on upper Elk creek. One other spotted yesterday morning in the Butte Falls vicinity was out. Largest fire covered an acre.

The state forestry office here said it understood the Samson creek fire started from a welding operation. Patrolmen were notified about 4:40 p.m. Four tank trucks and 30 men, largely pick up workers, were dispatched. Some 30 men were on the fires on state protected land this morning with 12 of them mopping up on the large fire.

William Myers, 63, Milo, was treated at Ashland general hospital for burns on his hands and knees reportedly suffered at the Samson creek fire scene.

Largest of the lightning strike fires on state land was said to be about one acre. Overhead personnel were being called in to help cope with the Josephine fires.

Castro Heading Back To Havana

New York — (UPI) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro packed his bags to return to Havana today, convinced his free-wheeling indictment of the United States has had a profound effect on the United Nations.

The bearded 34-year-old revolutionary checked out of the Theresa Hotel in Harlem this morning and boarded a Cubana airliner for Havana.

In Havana, the Cuban Confederation of Labor called on all workers to gather at the presidential palace late today. Castro was expected to speak to the massive throng from a balcony.

Friends of Castro said he was elated over achieving a life's ambition — a world-wide United Nations forum for his political views.

'Day in History' Only Routine News in Russia

Moscow — (UPI) — The Russian press today reported only down-to-earth news events on Sept. 27, 1960, rumored beforehand to be the day when the Russians might bring a man back alive from space.

The official recording of Tuesday as "a day in history" was patterned on Maxim Gorky's "day in the World" of 25 years ago. On Sept. 27, 1935, he chronicled in detail the events of the world and its people.

Reports and speculation that the Russians would dramatize Tuesday by bringing back alive a man from space were not borne out by the Russian press and Radio Moscow.

Papers Assert Lumumba Bid For Soviet Aid

Leopoldville, The Congo — (UPI) — The Congolese council of high commissioners set up by strongman Col. Joseph Mobutu release documents tonight alleging that ousted Premier Patrice Lumumba's government had appealed to Russia and Communist China for direct aid in arms and "volunteers."

The council also released a photostat of a long letter allegedly written by Ghana President Kwame Nkrumah to his "brother" Lumumba advising him in detail on how to win the present struggle for power with President Joseph Kasavubu, and how to deal with the United Nations.

The president of the Leopoldville provincial government predicted meanwhile that civil war would break out in the capital between followers of Lumumba and Kasavubu within one week unless their bitter quarrel was settled beforehand.

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Ghana Blasted

A spokesman for the council of high commissioners, Mario Cardoso, revealed the contents of the documents about Lumumba's alleged appeal to the Communist bloc powers at a news conference.

He also blasted Ghana for wanting to "colonize the Congo." He said he wanted to denounce "colonization of blacks by blacks."

Meanwhile, a planeload of Mobutu's officers toured the Congo provinces to invite warring political leaders to a summit conference in Leopoldville to stabilize the Congo government.

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Drive Chairman Dr. John W. Bradshaw, in announcing today that more than \$12,000 had been donated Monday and Tuesday, said the drive has been "very successful" and proves that Ashland and Talent residents "can take a tough job like this and get it done."

During the final hours of the two-day effort last night, 130 volunteer workers under 12 division chairmen blanketed the Ashland-Talent area for donations and pledges.

Exceeds Donations

Donations from the staffs and faculties of Ashland's schools, Dr. Bradshaw said, have exceeded last year's totals in all cases. Over \$1,100 was received from Southern Oregon college alone.

"It's apparent," the chairman added, that local residents and business firms "are giving more than their shares."

Purpose of the shortened drive—the one in 1959 lasted five months—was to complete all the leg work in the shortest time possible. Dr. Bradshaw said the idea "has certainly been well received."

Followup calls slated for the rest of the week will be made "with all possible speed," Dr. Bradshaw added, and Fund headquarters at 285 East Main st., Ashland, also will be open throughout the week. Telephone number is MRdock 5-0771.

Contract Signed For New Hospital

Ashland — Mayor Richard L. Neill and F. R. (Scotty) Fairweather, Medford contractor, signed the contract today for construction of Ashland's \$375,898 new hospital.

The signing follows city council approval in August of Fairweather's low bid for the 34-bed hospital.

Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, said construction at the hospital site on the corner of Maple and Chestnut sts. will start Thursday.

Terms of the contract call for completion of the project within 270 working days. Biegel estimated the completion date will be in November, 1961.

Enrollment Reaches 1,220 at College

Ashland — With three days of registration remaining, enrollment at Southern Oregon college yesterday was only 30 students shy of last fall's final figure of 1,250.

SOC's second day enrollment figure of 1,220 included 662 men and 558 women, the college announced. Total for the corresponding day of last fall was 1,211.

Area Convention Planned in City

An area convention for 20-30 International clubs from Oregon, northern California and part of Nevada, will be held in Medford Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Bill Brew, local convention chairman, has announced.

The convention is expected to attract between 200 and 400 members of about 50 20-30 clubs in the area and about 45 Active clubs. Since the two international organizations are in the process of merging, Active clubs in the area have been invited to participate in the convention proceedings.

The clubs in Medford and Salem have already merged, and are now known as Active 20-30 clubs.

Invited to the convention are Clint McClure, El Paso, Tex., president of 20-30 International; Jack Kummert, Santa Rosa, Calif., first vice president of 20-30; Ron Bolter, Ogden, Utah, second vice president; and Owen Barnes, Seattle, Wash., president of Active International.

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

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KHRUSHCHEV, TITO MEET—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, left, welcomes one-time arch foe Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to the Soviet UN headquarters on New York's Park ave. Tito said "hello" and went inside the building. (UPI Telephoto)

FPC Renders Far Reaching Verdict On Gas Prices

Washington — (UPI) — The Federal Power Commission handed down today a far-reaching ruling that would speed up the setting of natural gas prices for nearly 4,000 independent producers by use of a scale of rates based on geographic areas.

The impact on consumer prices or producer rates could not be predicted immediately.

But the ruling rejected the traditional public utility approach for independent producers. This was based on cost of service and rate of return.

And independent producer is one which sells gas in interstate commerce but is not affiliated with a pipeline company.

Basic Purpose

The FPC ruling asserted that the basic purpose of its area price plan was "to set prices adequate to maintain the gas supplies needed by the nation's consumers, but at prices no higher than necessary to accomplish that purpose."

In Portland, a spokesman for Northwest Natural Gas Co. said the firm expects the ruling to have "direct and early effect" on gas rates to its customers in Oregon. He said it might result in higher rates eventually if the decision means that some independent gas producers in the Southwest are able to raise the prices they charge El Paso Natural Gas Co. Northwest buys its gas from the El Paso company.

City, State Still Far Apart on Fair Price for Acreage

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said today the city and the state highway department are still "pretty far apart" in trying to establish a fair price for Hawthorne park property that will be needed for the Pacific freeway.

The city and the state have been negotiating for the past three months on a price to be paid the city for the park property. Duff said he hopes an agreement can be reached in "the next couple of months."

The freeway, following a route through the center of town, will chop off some 4.6 acres at the west end of the 17-acre park. According to Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth, the 4.6 acres represents about 20 per cent of the developed park property in the city.

Duff said in negotiating for a fair price on the property "we are trying to replace the values that we will lose in Hawthorne park with other park property."

The city has its eye on some property along Bear creek, south of town, that would possibly make a good park site. Duff said that the money which the city is paid for the Hawthorne park property could then be used to purchase the land south of town.

If this land is purchased, Duff said, it would make a park quite a bit bigger than Hawthorne park and would be developed over a period of years.

Bids Considered For Physical Ed Plant at School

Bids from five contractors were opened by the Medford school board yesterday afternoon for construction of a boys physical education plant at Medford High school.

No action was taken on awarding the contract until after basic bids are studied in relation to the seven alternates.

Some action is expected Thursday morning before the board goes on its second tour of district facilities. School administrators indicated yesterday that the contract would be awarded as soon as possible.

Basic Bids

Basic bids received were Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, \$175,950; Bartz Construction company, Medford, \$178,350; Wiley Construction company, Ashland, \$179,497; Harold Salter, Rogue River, \$179,800; and Loren Ritchie, Medford, \$186,396.

The seven alternates figures for block walls instead of tilt-up construction, for omitting roofing, interior and exterior painting, not finishing gym floor, omitting suspended ceilings in some rooms in the building, and a monoform roof.

Edward Branchfield, chairman of the board, said he was pleased with the bids, and noted that they are within the funds available.

The project includes a gymnasium, which will be used for boys physical education classes only, and several classrooms. No spectator seats are included in the gym, and the classrooms are expected to be ready for use soon after the second term of school starts.

The work is part of a two-year building program being financed through bonds approved by district voters.

Five HS Students High on NMS Test

Five area high school students today were named semifinalists in the 1960-61 National Merit Scholarship competition.

They are Harold W. Bailey and Karen G. Christensen, both Medford High school; Peter Jon Kreisman and Linda Ray Neal, both Ashland High school; and Larry F. Janssen, Grants Pass High school.

They are among 10,000 high school students in the country who scored the highest in the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test given in more than 15,000 high schools last spring.

Semifinalists will take a three-hour examination, the three-hour scholastic aptitude test of the college entrance examination board, Dec. 3. Students whose scores on the second test substantiate their performance on the qualifying test and who are endorsed by their high schools will become finalists in the competition.

As finalists, students will be eligible for scholarship awards sponsored by 115 business and industrial societies, foundations, individuals, and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation itself.

Names of the merit scholars will be announced about May 1, 1961, and the exact number will depend on the extent of sponsor support of the merit program.

Session Seen Major Break in Summit Impasse

K-like Meeting Still Not Planned

New York — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Soviet headquarters in the first major East-West summit contact, the British U.N. delegation announced today.

The session shaped up as the first major break in a summit impasse since the abortive Paris conference.

Diplomatic sources revealed the Khrushchev-Macmillan plan following a post-breakfast conference between British Foreign Secretary Lord Home and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the Russian headquarters.

President Tito of Yugoslavia meanwhile visited Khrushchev at the Soviet headquarters today.

Nasser Suggestion Falls

Reports of a possible Macmillan-Khrushchev meeting began circulating Tuesday when President Eisenhower and Khrushchev failed to adopt a suggestion by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the U.A.R. that they meet under U.N. auspices to patch up their differences.

Khrushchev told newsmen in one of his curbside interviews Tuesday such a meeting with Macmillan might be possible.

Khrushchev still had no comment today on a possible meeting with Eisenhower. When a reporter asked him this morning he replied, "Nobody told me that I'm supposed to talk to him."

No Plans Held

The White House said in Washington there were no plans for Eisenhower to meet with Khrushchev. However the White House kept alive the possibility Eisenhower may return to New York to make further personal efforts to counter Khrushchev's attacks on the United Nations.

Diplomatic sources believed world-wide disarmament would be the main topic of the Macmillan-Khrushchev talks although it was recalled that Macmillan was the go-between who set up the May Paris summit conference. American and British officials, however, discounted the likelihood of Macmillan trying to mediate in the present situation.

Dr. Merkel To Return to County

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, former Jackson county public health officer, will return to his old job here Nov. 1, according to H. P. Jewett, chairman of the Jackson county board of health.

Jewett said this morning he received a long-distance telephone call from Dr. Merkel which reversed a recent decision not to return to Jackson county. Dr. Merkel is now chief of the division of preventive medicine in the San Diego county department of public health. He has been working in the San Diego county health department since he left here Aug. 1, 1959.

Jewett said Dr. C. I. Drummond has officially resigned as head of the county health department because of ill health. He became ill this summer and took a leave of absence for July, August and September.

Dr. Merkel had been in Jackson county for 21 years previous to leaving for the California position. He had returned here recently while on vacation, and had considered returning to his former position then, Jewett said.

Jackson County Gets CD Emergency Hospital

Jackson county was one of two Oregon counties today to receive civil defense emergency hospitals. According to Oregon Civil Defense Director A. M. Shaets, Salem, the two new units bring the total now stored in the state to 22.

The 200-bed emergency hospital unit was unloaded this morning in Ashland under the direction of Arlo Miller, civil defense director there.

Stored At College

The unit is being stored at the Southern Oregon college gymnasium. It includes hospital supplies and equipment, x-ray unit, and a certain amount of drugs, it was explained. Complete surgery and operation equipment is included in the field type emergency unit, it was reported.

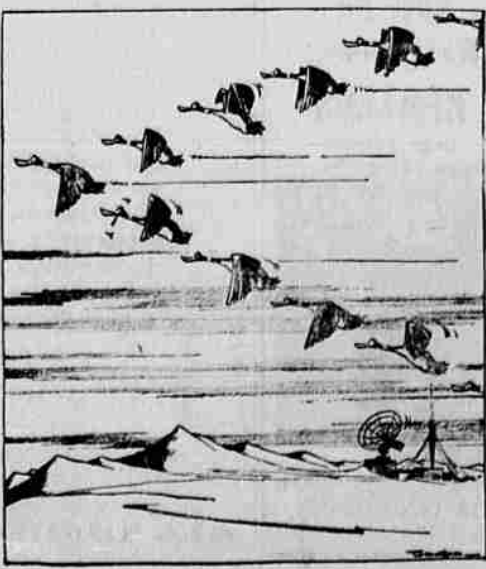
The college made space available for the unit and an area had been wire enclosed for it. The gymnasium was selected since in cases of emergency a campus building nearby will be used for the unit to be assembled.

Bought By Government

The units, purchased by the federal government at \$25,000 each, are stored in preparation for nuclear attack or other disaster.

This is the second emergency hospital unit for Jackson county, according to Jackson County Civil Defense Director Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks. The other unit, received about two years ago and identical to the unit received today, is stored at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Thursday. Low tonight 50. High Thursday 90.

Highest Yesterday	81	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	48	
Prev to 10 a.m. Today	68	

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today — 5:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 6:06 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow — 12:09 a.m.
Full Moon (Harvest Moon) — Oct. 4

The planet, Saturn, seen to the right of the Moon tonight, is now about 917 million miles from the Earth. The star right below Saturn is Nunki.