

# Big Development in Atomic Explosives May Expand Nuclear Arms Club



DAMAGED HOME—Workmen at Crater Lake National Park start removing a tree which was blown across the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlisle about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The house was extensively damaged, but the Carlises escaped without injury. After the tree damaged the home, the Carlises and other residents of the park took refuge in the maintenance building until the storm subsided about 3 1/2 hours later.

## Bank Officer First To Take Stand in Trial of Bengtson

### Opening Statements Given This Morning

Peter Ruef, operations officer for the First National Bank of Oregon here, was the first witness to testify this morning in the circuit court case involving embezzlement charges against O. H. Bengtson.

Ruef testified as a state's witness on bank statements presented as evidence in the case.

Stipulations were entered into by attorneys for the district attorney's office and lawyers representing Bengtson as to evidence to be presented. This is expected to shorten the time taken for arguments. It means that the attorneys agree on certain points concerning the evidence.

Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell, in his opening statement this morning, advised the jury to "keep your eyes on the ball," the date, Oct. 21, 1959, and the amount \$3,701.14. This is the amount with which Bengtson is charged with embezzling from the Medford Escrow company Oct. 21, 1959, while an officer of the company.

### Withdraws Money

Scannell said Bengtson had withdrawn money from two personal accounts but needed \$3,701.14 to settle a claim of \$5,000. This he alleged was settled on Oct. 21, 1959.

Scannell said he would show evidence of Bengtson's financial condition, show intent, show the date of all transactions and show that an application had been made for a cashier's check to be drawn on the \$3,701.14 in question.

Richard R. Carney, Portland lawyer, noted that his client, Bengtson, has been a lawyer in Medford "for close to 30 years." He had been a manager of the Jackson County Savings and Loan association for a long time.

The Medford Escrow company was founded when he was manager of the savings and loan, Carney said. When Bengtson left the company, he took the escrow company with him.

Mrs. Rachel Peterson Carter, Jacksonville, secretary of the Escrow company, soon took over all of the escrow company operation, Carney said. All checks were signed by her with the exception of a few personal checks from Bengtson, he alleged.

### Takes Over Company

Mrs. Carter took over the escrow company operation since Bengtson was busy with his law practice, Carney explained. Mrs. Carter later became company president, and has received \$2,600 interest on her investments in the company, he added.

Bengtson, in effect, borrowed \$3,600 from a local woman who had left the money in the escrow company to be invested, the attorney explained.

Mrs. Carter set up a loan account with an interest rate and made a payment on the loan to the woman. Bengtson was also going to put up a mortgage, the attorney alleged.

This was simply a debtor-creditor relationship. No attempts were made to cover up the transaction. There was no embezzlement, Carney emphasized.

### Candidates to Debate Issues

Ashland — Robert Duncan, Democratic candidate for reelection for state representative, and Republican candidate John Dellenback will debate controversial election issues in Ashland Wednesday night.

The debate is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women. It will be held in Britt ballroom on the Southern Oregon college campus at 8 p.m.

Each candidate will clarify his position regarding O and C timber funds, income and sales taxes and other issues of special interest to voters of Jackson county.

Following the opening statements by the candidates, a question and answer period will be held. Archie C. Fries, Jr., will act as moderator.

### FIRST NEGRO LAWYER

Portland — Mrs. Mercedes F. Deiz today became the first practicing woman Negro attorney in Oregon when she took the counsel table in the court of Circuit Judge Lyle Wolff. Mrs. Deiz recently completed legal studies at the Northwestern College of Law here and was admitted to the bar.

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### Protection of UN Guard

The statement pointed out that the principal "political dignitaries of the central Congolese government have long enjoyed the protection of a United Nations guard."

"As a neutral in the internal political crises, the United Nations cannot change the orders of the guard to facilitate the serving of a warrant of arrest," the UN statement added.

### Troop Movement Reported

However, it was reported that an armed squadron of Congolese army troops was en route from Thysville on Mobutu's orders.

The United Nations put more than 100 well-armed Ghanaian troops into a palm grove near Lumumba's residence this morning. But it evidently decided they could provoke trouble and withdrew them after Mobutu ordered armored cars into position facing the UN force.

### BULLETIN

Point Arguello, Calif. — (UPI) — The United States today launched the first SAMOS "key spy" satellite designed eventually to replace the U2 spy plane.

### Appling Says Sweetland 'Stalling on Issues'

Portland — (UPI) — Republican Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. today charged his Democratic opponent, Monroe Sweetland, with "stalling on the issues of this campaign" and demanded that Sweetland "answer some important questions for the people of Oregon about your record."

Addressing the Northwest Portland Kiwanians, Appling said Sweetland should account to the voters for (1) Opposing "badly-needed" 18 per cent tax cut in 1957, (2) Fighting legislation now protecting the

## Politicians Differ On Meaning Behind Employment Figure

Washington — (UPI) — Which way do the new job figures point?

Democrats and some independent economists are afraid that if a recession is coming this winter, the figures spell serious trouble in the form of heavy unemployment.

Republicans stress the record number of people with jobs. This shows, according to a government expert, that a business recession is not occurring.

The situation is somewhat confused because employment is good but unemployment also is high.

### 1,357 Students Are Enrolled at SOC

Ashland — Incomplete registration figures for the fall term enrollment at Southern Oregon college reveal that a total of 1,357 students had enrolled through Saturday, Oct. 8. This is an increase of more than 9 per cent over the comparable enrollment figure for the preceding year of 1,240.

Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar, stressed the incompleteness of the total, saying that a number of students were not as yet officially enrolled because of the failure of record transcripts to arrive, illness, or other reasons.

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## National Park Homes Damaged By Freakish Wind

Repair work has started on residences at Crater Lake National park damaged in a localized, freakish wind storm about 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The storm lasted about 3 1/2 hours, and felled some 40 to 50 trees, some ranging in size up to five feet in diameter, in the three residential areas at park headquarters.

Park Superintendent Otto Brown estimated damage to the residences was about \$2,000. Repair work started immediately because of the threat of snow at any time at the park. The cost of removing the trees from the areas was not estimated.

One tree extensively damaged the house of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlisle, who were in it at the time. They, and seven other park residents, moved to the reinforced concrete maintenance shop buildings some 300 yards from the homes, where they stayed until the storm had subsided.

Besides the Fred Carlises, others moving into the maintenance shop were Mr. and Mrs. James Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodley, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hartell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gerald and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Truelode and their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Varnum did not move to the temporary refuge, Brown said, because one member of the family was ill.

After the residents had evacuated their homes, the residence of Hartell sustained a crushed back porch from a tree which also tore off the eaves and broke the water pipe of the adjoining Harold Norris home.

In addition to the trees in the Sleepy Hollow residential area, some 11 large trees fell in the new William Steel circle residential area. No damage was reported to residences there.

Other trees fell in the upper residential area, some narrowly missing the chief ranger's house.

Brown said no one was injured in the freakish storm, and estimated wind about 75 miles per hour to fell the size trees it did.

He said the storm probably originated from winds which whipped into the residential areas located in a canyon sided by steep slopes on both sides. There were no other locations in the park where felled trees have been noticed, he said.

### Frazier Listed in Fair Condition

Joe R. Frazier, 25, of 764 West McAndrews rd., was reported in fair condition this morning at Rogue Valley hospital suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday evening.

The driver of the vehicle, John Lyle Thatcher, 23, of 1100 East Main st., was examined and released by the hospital, it was reported.

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## Hatfield's Remarks On Boardman Trade Denied by Ullman

Heppner, Ore. — (UPI) — Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) denied today that an amendment of his to legislation providing for the exchange of land for the Boardman Bombing Range jeopardized the measure.

Ullman said Gov. Mark Hatfield in Pendleton last Saturday said that the Ullman amendment to the exchange legislation was "headed off" and "jeopardized" the legislation.

The governor has demonstrated flagrant irresponsibility by making the Boardman exchange a political football," Ullman said.

### School Field Work To Start in Ashland

Ashland — A low bid of \$12,176 for grading and excavating playgrounds and athletic fields of the new junior high school was accepted by the Ashland board of education Monday night.

The bid was submitted by Bostick and James, Medford. The contract calls for grading and excavating a physical education class area, plus football and baseball fields, about 10 acres of land adjacent to the school will be improved.

### Hornbrook Man Killed in Crash

Yreka-Alfred Amos Albers, 36, Hornbrook, was killed, and John William Jerry, Ft. Jones, was injured late Sunday when the car in which they were riding went off the Ft. Jones rd.

California Highway patrolmen said the car rolled over several times. Both men were thrown from the car, which Albers was driving.

Police said the car was apparently traveling at an excessive speed. There were no skidmarks on the pavement, they said, but there were marks and debris in the dirt along the south side of the mountain road for about 235 feet.

Patrolmen said Albers died almost immediately, and Jerry was taken to Siskiyou General hospital here.

### 37,211 Registered To Vote in County

Jackson county voter registration has hit an all-time high of 37,211, according to an official count made by the elections department here.

This includes only part of Saturday's late registration, election department officials said. This is the highest number of voter registrations ever recorded in Jackson county. It gives the Democrats a lead of 894. The final official vote tabulation is expected Thursday.

Of the total, Democrats number 18,594, and the Republicans 17,700.

## Seaman Quoted As 'Having Fill' Of Soviet Premier

New York — (UPI) — A seaman from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's liner Baltika who sought asylum in the United States today said "practically everybody" in his native Estonia wants to flee to the West.

Victor Jaanimets was being questioned by U.S. immigration authorities about his plea for asylum following his dramatic escape from fellow Baltika crewmen while on a shore leave shopping tour.

### UMC Campaign To Wind Up Oct. 27

The United Methodist Crusade campaign will officially end Thursday, Oct. 27, Hal Gardner, chairman, announced at the Monday report luncheon.

Following next Monday's luncheon, he said, "Over the Top" committee headed by Jerry Gastin, president of the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters association, will give special attention to report material not turned in. The association is sponsoring the "Over the Top" committee.

The Home Crusade, under direction of Mrs. James Rowan and Mrs. R. B. Thieroff, will start next Monday.

### Bids Called for Freeway Projects

The Oregon State Highway commission will open bids for work along the Highway 99 Freeway north of Medford at 9 a.m. Nov. 3.

Bids have been called for 2.29 miles of grading and 6.78 miles of paving, erection of nine structures and signing on the Seven-Oaks-Jackson st. section of the freeway.

Many of the structures from the Seven Oaks junction southward have been completed, or started. Grading has been completed to near the freeway's junction with Table Rock rd.

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department has estimated the 1960 corn crop at 4,258,511,000 bushels.

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VICTOR JAANIMETS, Goss Ashore for Good

"I've had my fill of Khrushchev," the New York Journal-American quoted the stocky, blond seaman as saying, "He's a tyrant — another Hitler."

Jaanimets told officials of the International Rescue Committee he would do "anything" to stay in the United States.

### Protected From Russians

Immigration officials kept Jaanimets under wraps and said the Russians would not be allowed to see him if they tried. So far, the Russians have not acknowledged Jaanimets' escape.

In Washington, the Justice Department said immigration officials would keep Jaanimets in custody for five to ten days to complete their investigation before ruling on his plea for asylum.

"There are others on the ship who will try to get away now that I have escaped," the Journal-American quoted Jaanimets as saying, "Half the crew would walk off right now if they could."

### 'Russians Told Lies'

The Baltika arrived here three weeks ago with Khrushchev and Iron Curtain leaders aboard for the General Assembly of the United Nations. It has been docked at an East river pier under heavy police guard.

"I have been in America only a short time but I have seen enough to know that all the bad things said about our country in the Soviet Union are propaganda," the Journal-American said Jaanimets said. "The Russian people are told nothing but lies, lies, lies..."

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The scientist supplied the subcommittee with three bound volumes of petitions carrying the signatures of 11,021 scientists from 50 countries. The petitions, including names of Soviet scientists, were presented to the United Nations in 1958.

### List Provided

He handed over a list of 1,200 names of those he contacted for help in collecting signatures, but refused to disclose which ones actually did the work.