

Sacred Heart Hospital Plans to Close

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Bomb Reported in High School Twice

Twice this morning city officials received a call reporting a bomb at the Medford High school.
The first call, received by the city police at 7:07 a.m., was from a man who said that a "powerful bomb" was at the high school and that he "didn't want anyone to get hurt."
Following a thorough search of the building by about 20 police officers and 10 city firemen the search was discontinued shortly after 9 o'clock. At 9:16 a.m. the fire department received a similar call, also from a man, who said that a bomb was in a "locker at the school."
In both cases it was reported that the man hung up quickly so it was impossible to have the call traced.
After the second report school officials checked all lockers at the school. No bombs were found on the premises.
City police reported that the few students at the school when the first call was received left the building with only the maintenance staff and school officials remaining in the building.
Classes resumed after 9 o'clock.
During the first search the air was released from a tire of one of the police patrol

Kennedy Concerned Over Debate Veto

New York (UPI) - Sen. John F. Kennedy said today he was concerned because Vice President Richard M. Nixon had turned down a fifth television debate before the November election.
Kennedy said he also was opposed to turning over the last of four debates he has scheduled with Nixon on Oct. 21 to the two vice presidential candidates.
But Kennedy agreed with a Nixon campaign headquarters suggestion that the last debate be lengthened to two hours instead of one.
Kennedy and Nixon will meet in their third hour-long debate Thursday night. The fourth debate, by agreement, is to be on foreign policy.

BULLETIN

New York (UPI) - Viktor Jasinets, who fled communism from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's liner Balika, was granted asylum in the United States today, U.S. immigration authorities announced.

Khrushchev Plans To Present Two More Resolutions

Russian Premier Again in Tirade
United Nations, N.Y. (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, far from exhausted by his General Assembly tirade on disarmament Tuesday night, decided to try it again today on two more pet subjects - colonialism and the American U2 spy flight.
Soviet sources said Khrushchev was expected to come to this afternoon's assembly session to argue his proposal to put the Russian propaganda items directly into floor debate although he suffered a major defeat on disarmament Tuesday night.
Normally such items would be referred to the 99-nation Political Committee for preliminary debate. He was expected to lose in this effort, too, as he did Tuesday night when the General Assembly by a vote of 62-12 turned down his bid for an armaments debate.
The United States, heading off one Soviet move after another, prepared to beat down two Soviet proposals at the afternoon session:
-Assembly debate on "a menace to world peace created by aggressive action of the U.S. against the U.S.S.R." This referred to the U2 and RB47 flights.
-Assembly debate on Soviet demands for "immediate" independence for "colonial" territories.
The 20-nation Steering Committee has voted that both issues be sent first to the Political Committee.
The United States was going into the next phase of U.N. assembly action with the warning that it might withdraw from the world organization if warlike Red China were admitted.
"Whether the United States will be willing to sit in the same organization with people who want to make war all the time, I am not sure," U.S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth told news men Tuesday.
Khrushchev Speech Fuller
Wadsworth said the close 42-34 vote by which the Red China issue was shelved for this session last Saturday, did not mean Peiping would get in next year.
Wadsworth spoke before Khrushchev erupted in an untemperate outburst before the startled assembly, trying to put across his proposal for disarmament rather than send it to a committee. It was a futile exercise in arm-waving.

California Man Killed in Cave-In At Building Site

Yreka - Dwight Eugene Moody, 29, Arcata, Calif., was killed, and two other men injured about noon yesterday in a cave-in at a forest access road construction site about 50 miles southwest of Yreka.
Siskiyou county sheriff's deputies said Gene Phelps, 39, a Yreka contractor, and Vern Taylor, 46, a forest service employee from Yreka, was injured. Taylor was the more seriously injured of the two, deputies said.
The accident occurred on McNeil creek in the Forks of Salmon area. Workmen were packing dirt under a large culvert when the cave-in occurred, deputies said.
A helicopter from Etna carrying Dr. Ash Craft was dispatched to the scene, where Dr. Craft treated the injured men before they were flown out.
Deputies said it took a 15-man rescue team more than two hours before Phelps and Taylor were freed.
The road is being constructed by Sharps Construction company, Yreka, for the forest service.

10 Lookouts Are Removed by State

Ten of the 11 lookouts of the state department of forestry are now down, the southwest district office has reported.
Only Tallowbox lookout, John Groner, is still at his station. He is still at his post because of the station for some radio communication and because the Applegate area got less rain than other parts of the county, it was explained.
The office said that the lookout facilities are not closed, however. Lookouts are on standby and some of them if forests dry out.

Records Tumble as Whitey Ford Wins; Series Again Even

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Radio-TV Highlights

Thursday's debate, third in a series of four between Vice President Richard Nixon and Sen. John Kennedy, presidential candidates, will be broadcast by KYJC (1230 kc) and KMED (1470 kc) at 3:30 p.m. It will be seen over KBES-TV at 7:30 p.m.
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PIRATE OUT—Pittsburgh's Bill Virvon is out at second base in the first inning of today's World Series baseball game at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. Yankee shortstop Tony Kubek waits for the toss from second baseman Bobby Richardson. Calling the play is umpire Nestor Chylak. On the play Dick Groat hit into a double play to Richardson, who tossed to Kubek and the throw to first baseman Bill Skowron. (UPI Telephoto)

Tempo Picks Up In Embezzlement Charge Trial

Tempo of the circuit court case involving embezzlement charges against O. H. Bengtson picked up today as Mrs. Rachael Peterson Carter, former Medford Escrow company officer, testified.
Mrs. Carter was on the witness stand yesterday afternoon and most of this morning. This morning Brian B. Mullen, deputy district attorney, was apparently trying to prove Mrs. Carter was president of the escrow company in name only.
This morning she testified as to who the officers of the escrow company are. She also testified that she had never seen the bylaws of the corporation until they were shown her this morning in court.
Asked how she became company president she replied she was never elected. Bengtson informed her that she was president, she added.
Further questioning at mid-morning was interrupted by a conference in the judge's chambers between Attorneys Gerald Scannell and Mullen, of the district attorney's office; Robert Boyer and Richard Carney, representing Bengtson, and Circuit Judge Orval Millard of Grants Pass.
A recess was called later while the deputy district attorneys prepared other documents as evidence in the case.
Witnesses who testified yesterday after noon included Peter Ruef, operations officer for the First National Bank of Oregon, Mrs. Carter, Helen McGray and Selma Young, involved in a transaction with Medford Escrow company, and Cecil Ray Moore, Selma Young's employer.

Sweetland Supports Forand Bill; Talks To Demo Club Here

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, said in Medford last night that his opponent is trying to make a campaign issue out of the Forand bill, even though the Secretary of State's office would have "nothing to do with this."
Sweetland said, however, that he is glad the matter has been entered into the campaign because he can now discuss it "legitimately." He said the problem of medical care for the aged is of increasing importance, particularly in Oregon, and he threw his support behind the Forand bill.
Sweetland, a state senator from Clackamas county and publisher of the Milwaukie (Ore.) Review, addressed his remarks to a dinner meeting of the Democratic Social club at Kim's restaurant. Approximately 50 persons attended the meeting.
Earl Bill Deatherage, Sweetland's campaign manager in Jackson county, said that the Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon had received notice two weeks in advance that Sweetland would not be able to speak to their group last Monday.
San Francisco (UPI) - Southern Pacific company has filed an application with the Interstate Commerce commission for its approval of SP acquiring control of the Western Pacific Railroad company, SP President D. J. Russell announced today.
Russell said Southern Pacific Land company, an SP subsidiary, had acquired for investment 182,300 shares of the common stock of Western Pacific by purchases on the New York Stock Exchange.
He said Southern Pacific was gaining control of Western Pacific through acquisition of additional stock which he added, would be accomplished through an offer for the exchange of Southern Pacific common stock, share for share, for Western Pacific common stock, or through the purchase of Western Pacific stock, as the company may be advised.

Burlington Official To Visit Medford

Harry C. Murphy, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company, Chicago, will be in Medford Thursday evening and Friday morning.
He will be accompanied here by Guy R. Glover, vice president in charge of traffic; F. E. Sperry, assistant vice president in charge of operations; and S. S. Hankis, western traffic manager, San Francisco.
W. H. Pyle, Burlington's commercial agent here, said he has planned for a local fruit packing firm and a lumber mill for the officials. Thursday evening they will meet with shippers from this area.
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. For patches during early morning hours. Variable clouds Thursday with possibility of a few showers late in day. Low tonight 53. High Thursday 65.
Highest Yesterday 60
Lowest This Morning 42
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:35 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:22 a.m.
The Moon rises 11:36 p.m. tonight and is in Aogee.
Last Quarter today 9:24 a.m.
VIRGIL & PLANETS
Venus, sets 4:23 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south-west 7:53 p.m.
Saturn, low in south-west 8:53 p.m.
Mars, rises 10:23 p.m.

Action Announced After Study; May Be Year or Two

Financial Reasons Given for Decision
Sacred Heart Hospital will be forced to close its doors within the next year or two, it was announced today.
The announcement was made by Sister Luke of the Savior, administrator of the hospital. She cited a high and increasing debt, a continued operating deficit, and increasing patronage of Rogue Valley hospital, combined with high costs of improvements and construction, as reasons for the decision.
The decision to close, after the Rogue Valley hospital completes its planned new wing, was made by the Sisters of Providence, who operate the hospital, and by the hospital board.
The plan received approval from the sisters' headquarters in Montreal, Canada, yesterday.
The Sisters of Providence plan to leave the hospital before it is closed. Sister Luke said, and it may be within the next month or so. Meanwhile, the hospital has appealed to the Rogue Valley hospital board to work out a plan of operation and administration for Sacred Heart until it closes.
(A spokesman for Rogue Valley hospital today said the board will meet tomorrow, and will consider the problems involved in providing a continuity of hospital care facilities. Board members said they will give their full cooperation in meeting the hospital needs of the community, pending completion of the new hospital wing.)
The problems involved, it was pointed out, include maintaining the necessary number of beds, operating adequate surgical facilities, and the finances to do so.)
The closure of the hospital has been long rumored and discussed. Doctors of the county earlier this year announced their view that Medford would be best served by both hospitals continuing to operate.
"But Sister Luke, obviously saddened by the necessity of the decision, said conditions have made it impossible to continue."
Wants Success
"I want Rogue Valley hospital to succeed," she said. "I do not want there to be any bitterness when we finally close and leave the valley."
The decision followed receipt of a comprehensive study of the two hospitals, and of local medical needs, prepared for both hospitals by James A. Hamilton, As sociates, hospital consultants.
The survey found that, contrary to earlier beliefs, the trend in medical treatment will not make Medford a "medical center" for a large area, except in a few specialties. Growth of good hospital facilities in Ashland, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, and elsewhere in southern Oregon and northern California, will result in mostly local people patronizing the local medical facilities, the survey stated.
It recommended, first, a "two-hospital" plan, with a new Sacred Heart building adjacent to the Rogue Valley site, with many facilities combined. As alternatives it listed a modified two-hospital plan, a single-hospital plan, and, finally, continued operation of two independent hospitals.
Price Estimates
The price estimates ranged from \$2,740,000 for the first up to \$3,181,000 for the latter.
The Sacred Heart board, supported by the Sisters, declined to accept any of these proposals, either because of prohibitive costs, or because of a loss of essential purpose.
Sister Luke said yesterday that during the half-century the Sacred Heart hospital has been in operation, it has accumulated a debt totaling \$285,000. Of this \$100,000 is the original debt, never paid off, and another \$180,000 is an accumulation of deficits over the past 7 1/2 years.
Recently, a drive to raise \$75,000 in operating funds brought in only \$29,000, much of it from local physicians, Sister Luke said.
She estimated the hospital has some \$200,000 worth of equipment which must be disposed of, perhaps to Rogue Valley hospital.
Nine sisters comprise the supervisory staff of the hospital, she said, and when they leave, they will be assigned to other Catholic hospitals. The rest of the staff will remain during construction of the new Rogue Valley wing.
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Oregon Traffic Fatal To Five

By United Press International
A large explosion, a truck's plunge over an earthen dam and two traffic accidents claimed the lives of five persons in Oregon Tuesday.
A sixth person, Owen R. Buse, 63, North Bend, also died in a traffic accident but authorities think his death was caused by a heart attack.
Ward Warren, 45, was injured fatally, and Ed Coburn, 54, was believed drowned after an explosion ripped a 206-foot fuel barge at the Dalles. Louis George Englehart, 32, Willamette City, was killed Tuesday afternoon when the truck he was driving crashed off the earthen dam at the Hills Creek Dam project.
Orvil Owen Harris, 71, Forest Grove, was killed in a collision between the pickup truck in which he was riding and a logging truck about 15 miles northwest of Warm Springs.
Mrs. Frona McCormack, 79, Salem, died of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car in the Salem city limits.
WOMAN INJURED
Mrs. Bertha Dalton was reported in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital at noon today following a one-vehicle accident about 11:15 a.m. on Highway 99 at Blackwell hill.

Sacred Heart Hospital Founded Here in 1910

Sacred Heart hospital was founded in Medford in 1910. Dr. R. J. Conroy and Dr. R. W. Clancy, Medford physicians, interviewed Archbishop Christie in Portland and requested some Catholic Sisters who would consider opening a hospital in southern Oregon, according to information from Sister Luke, present hospital administrator.
The sisters of St. Vincent Catholic hospital in Portland volunteered to erect a hospital in Medford. When they arrived here they took over what was then the Southern Oregon hospital. It was a yellow wood frame house on the corner of South Central ave. and 11th st. and already occupied by 14 patients. A Mrs. Hays was then supervisor.
The sisters moved into the attic of the wood frame house. Construction of the present Sacred Heart hospital on Siskiyou heights was started soon after the sisters located here. On Jan. 2, 1912, the new hospital was officially opened. Estimated cost was \$175,000.
During the last 10 years Sacred Heart has averaged 4,000 in-patients a year and about 2,200 out-patients, Sister Luke said.
Shop and storage facilities in outbuildings were added 10 years ago. A section of the hospital was remodeled in 1954, and surgery and lab facilities provided.
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DISPLAY BANNER—Chris Barker of the Security Insurance and Realty company, Medford, holds Junior Fire Marshal banner which will be presented to schools in the Medford district in connection with the fire prevention achievement awards. Looking on are Medford City Fire Marshal Truman Nelson, left, Capt. Wes Coleman of the Westside fire station (behind Barker), and the Medford Fire Chief Gordon Barker at right. The Junior Fire Marshal program was introduced into the Medford schools this week in connection with National Fire Prevention Week. (Simonson-Walker Photo)