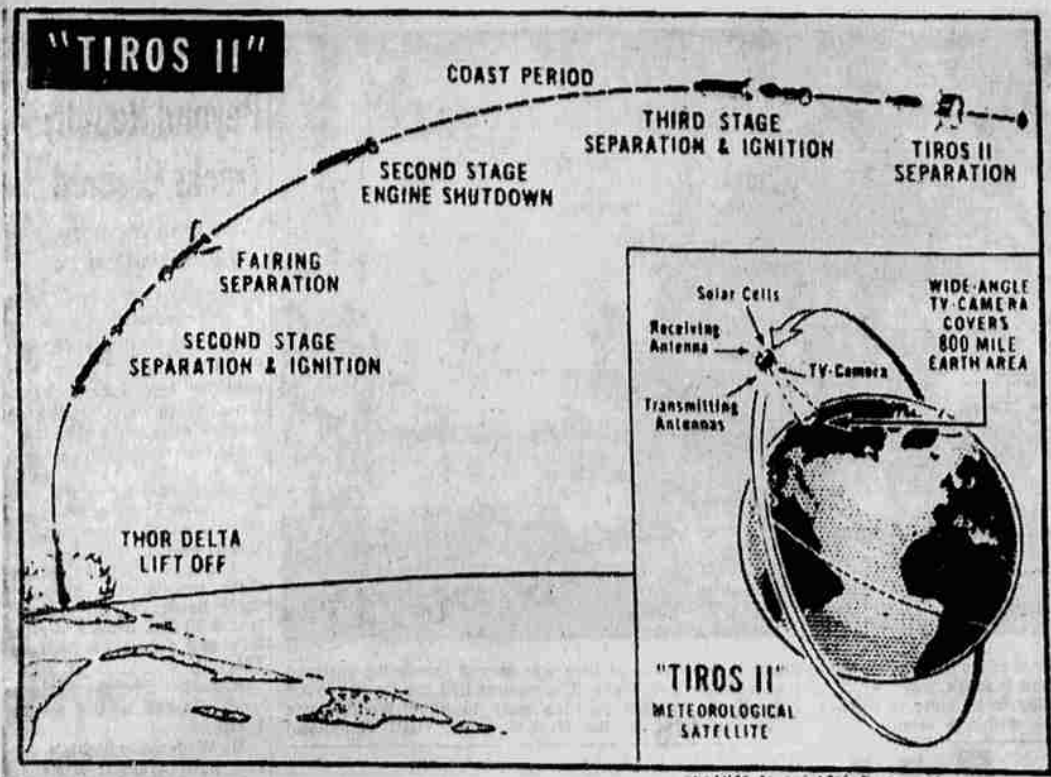


# Emergency Legislation Urged in Federal-State Medicare Program



**TIROS SEPARATION** - The United States shot a drum-shaped Tiros II weather satellite into an almost perfect orbit Wednesday as a forerunner of regular weather forecasts from a station in space. This diagram shows how the 280-pound Tiros II separated in various stages from the Thor-Delta rocket. (UPI Telephoto)

## Counties' Share Estimated To Be \$850,000 Yearly

Salem—UPI—The governor's advisory committee on the federal-state medicare program has recommended "emergency legislation" introduced early in the 1961 legislature to establish the program in Oregon July 1, 1961.

The committee's preliminary finding estimated cost of the program at \$13 million a biennium, with half coming from the federal government and the other half from the state and counties.

Share of the counties was estimated at \$850,000 a year. The committee estimated that between 55,000 and 65,000 persons in Oregon over 65 would be eligible for the medical care payments.

**Commission Wanted**

The preliminary report calls on the legislature to designate the State Public Welfare Commission to administer the program.

Eligibility requirements for the aid include Oregonians who:

1. Are not eligible for old age assistance.
  2. Have annual incomes of less than \$1,500 or \$2,000 for a married couple.
  3. Have assets other than a home, personal effects and insurance cash values of less than \$1,500, or \$2,000 for a married couple.
- The preliminary report will go to affected state agencies and private groups for reaction before the committee makes final recommendations. Final Report Jan. 1. Committee chairman Joseph Harvey Jr., P., said the committee hopes to have its final report for Gov. Mark Hatfield about Jan. 1.

## Danny Thomas TV Show Becoming Something Of Video Institution

By VERNON SCOTT  
UPI Hollywood Correspondent

Hollywood—UPI—A successful television show in this age of quick flops is judged a runaway hit if it lasts a full season.

That being the case, Danny Thomas is something of an institution.

His series is in its eighth year and gives no signs of slowing down.

What is Danny's explanation for the program's longevity? "Casting," he says. "When the casting is exactly right the psychological effect is astonishing. The identification is tremendous. It is an entirely different thing than casting motion pictures."

"Another thing that helped us stay on the air was the switch in networks. When 'Love Lucy' went off the air we moved into the same time slot.

**Entirely New Audience**

"A new time on a new evening brings in an entirely different audience. We brought along some of our own viewers and inherited many of the 'Lucy' fans.

"There is another important aspect of our longevity. A TV show is more than a pile of scripts with a cast and crew.

"Everybody involved with the series takes suggestions and script changes. During rehearsals we all pitch in with ideas to improve the dialogue and other elements of the story."

Danny demonstrated this during a rehearsal. Frequent-

## More Apartments Planned at U of O

Eugene—UPI—The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has recommended planning of an additional 52 apartment units for married students and instructed architects to proceed with plans for a three-story dormitory building for the University of Oregon.

The new building, to house two dorms and accommodate 720 students, would be constructed at an estimated cost of \$3.3 million.

The total cost of the apartments was estimated at \$335,700 plus architects fees.

## 4-H NEWS

**Buttered Buns**

The meeting of the Buttered Buns 4-H cooking club was held Nov. 21 at Mrs. Barnes' house. There were two new members. They are Jackie McConnell and Shirley Jones.

We elected officers: Kathy Thompson was elected president; Julie Thompson, vice president; Philis Brown, secretary; Nancy Frick, reporter; Donna Delrich, assistant reporter; Jackie McConnell, flag leader; Shirley Jones, song leader.

We decided what goals we wanted for the year, and set the meeting date the first Monday each month. Julie Thompson and Judy Frank will bring refreshments to the next meeting Jan. 2.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Barnes.

Donna Delrich, Assistant Reporter

**COMMUNISM FOE DIES**  
New York—Joseph Anthony Marcus, 68, head of the Institute of Foreign Trade who in recent years wrote and lectured against Communism, died Tuesday.

Tokyo—UPI—Communist relations with each other, the Communist New China news agency reported Wednesday in a broadcast monitored here.

**TELENEWS MAN DIES**  
New York—Robert H. Reid, 52, general sales manager of Telenews and formerly sales manager of International News Service before its merger with United Press to form United Press International, died Wednesday. He had been with the Hearst organization for 25 years.

**COAL TRAFFIC**  
Pittsburgh—Coal traffic is responsible for 30 per cent of U.S. railroad jobs.

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