

# AIRLINERS COLLIDE; 128 KILLED

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### \$165,000 Ski Development Is Suggested

Ashland—A preliminary report on the feasibility of a \$165,000 ski development on Mt. Ashland was presented to officials of the U.S. Forest service Thursday in Ashland. A 14-page report prepared by the Ashland Economic Development commission was presented by Jack Nichols, veteran skier serving the commission in an advisory capacity.

### Pedestrian Dies After Being Hit By Car in City

Mrs. Ingeborg Larum, 76, of 1005 West Main st., died last night from injuries received when she was struck by a car yesterday afternoon while crossing 12th st. between Franquette and Riverside avenues. Driver of the car, Frank Lee Rush, 67, of 122 Portland ave., told Medford police he was blinded by headlights of an oncoming car and did not see Mrs. Larum until it was too late to avoid striking her. The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Larum died at 10:30 p.m.

### First City Fatality Recorded in July

Medford's first traffic fatality of 1960 was recorded on July 8, when Mr. George A. Cummins, 62, of 3781 South Pacific highway, died of injuries received in a one-car accident July 1, city police said today. Police said they did not at first think Mr. Cummins' death would be attributed to the accident, since he apparently had been in poor health and it was first thought he died of natural causes. Police were not notified of the death until July 18. They said the man's physician determined the cause of death. The accident itself occurred when a vehicle operated by Mr. Cummins crashed head-on into a utility pole at the intersection of Court st. and McAndrews rd. about 4:40 a.m. July 1. Mr. Cummins' injuries were not at that time believed to be serious, and he was cited for operating a vehicle on the wrong side of the street, city police said.

### Demurrers Filed In Bengtson Case

Eight demurrers were filed in circuit court today regarding eight indictments returned last month by the Jackson county grand jury against O. H. Bengtson, Medford lawyer. The demurrers charge that the indictments are not direct and certain as to the crime charged and the particular circumstances to the crime, that more than one crime is charged in the indictments, and that the indictments do not state facts that would constitute a crime. Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannel said that either a memorandum in opposition would be filed and/or arguments held in open court regarding the demurrers. Bengtson was convicted earlier this year on one charge of embezzling funds of the Medford Escrow company, of which he was an officer. A trial on a second indictment has been scheduled in Josephine county circuit court Jan. 3.

### Keating Opposes Administrator Type County Government

Rodney Keating, former Jackson county judge, told the county home rule study committee last night he opposes a trained county administrator or county manager, a board of supervisors with district representation, and central purchasing and personnel departments. He offered some suggestions for county government, including a county commission of three members and elimination of the county judge position. At earlier meetings, a trained county administrator, a board of supervisors with district representation and central purchasing and personnel departments have been suggested. Not Necessary. County government is so complex that it would be almost impossible to find one man qualified to direct all phases of it, Keating explained. Such an administrator would be expensive and would need so many assistants the county administration would be top heavy. Keating said a board of supervisors with district representation would be unnecessary since the county court or commission should represent all parts of the county. Central purchasing could be handled by the county court which "is virtually being done now," the ex-county judge said. It would be almost impossible to find a man qualified to handle all the county purchasing, he said. A county counsel or an attorney to handle only the county's legal business is not needed, Keating said. It is the business of the county court to see that it gets a legal opinion from the district attorney as soon as it needs one. Keating proposed eliminating the county treasurer and combining the office with that of county clerk. He also would combine the county assessor and tax collector section of the sheriff's office, and the county surveyor and engineer. One member of the county court could review personnel problems and should review job classifications from time to time. A monetary award should be given for suggestions leading to improvement of county services. County employees should be required to retire at a certain age, he said.

### Mackay Said Getting Unemployment Pay

Portland—UPI—An Oregon Department of Employment spokesman has confirmed that Hamish Scott Mackay, a 55-year-old Portland carpenter who was deported to Canada last month, is drawing \$40 a week in unemployment benefits from Oregon.

### JUDGE RESIGNS

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield has accepted the resignation of Lane County Circuit Judge Frank Reid, effective today.

### Standard Insurance Company's Board Of Directors Meeting in Medford Today

The first Medford meeting of the Standard Insurance company's board of directors is under way today. The directors also plan to tour the new building being completed by the company in Medford. Local member of the board of directors is Glenn Jackson. At noon today some 100 directors, policy holders, and representatives of investment firms with which the company deals, attended a luncheon at the Rogue Valley Country club. This morning the building committee of the company dis-



PLANE CRASH STARTS FIRE—The tail section of a United Airlines DC8 jet is shown after the plane crashed in Brooklyn, N.Y., today after colliding with a TWA Constellation.

There was only one survivor of the 127 persons aboard the two planes. The crash set an entire block of tenement houses on fire. (UPI Telephone)



STAND BY WRECKAGE—Rescue workers and firemen stand beside the wreckage of the TWA airliner which

crashed on Staten Island, New York, today after a mid-air collision with a United Airlines DC8 jet. (UPI Telephone)

### United Plane Fires Tenements In Brooklyn

#### TWA Craft Lands On Staten Island

New York—UPI—A giant United Air Lines DC8 jet and a TWA Super Constellation with a total of 127 persons aboard collided in a snowstorm over New York City today and plummeted to the ground 12 miles apart.

One boy, Stephen Baltz, 11, Chicago, appeared to be the only survivor.

The huge DC8 on which he was one of the 77 passengers and seven crew members thundered in flames into a row of brownstone tenements in Brooklyn, setting an entire block on fire.

Victims killed in their homes added to the apparent death toll of 127 on the planes.

The TWA Constellation was bound from Dayton, Ohio, and Columbus to New York and fell on Staten Island 12 miles southwest of the Brooklyn crash. It carried 39 passengers, including two infants, and a crew of five.

#### Six Survivors Die

Six survivors were carried from the TWA wreckage to hospitals but all six died shortly after arrival.

The United jet was bound from Chicago to Idlewild International Airport. It was circling over Long Island for a landing when it collided with the prop-driven Constellation heading in toward La Guardia Airport, about 10 miles from Idlewild on the other side of Long Island.

Ten buildings and the Methodist Pillar of Fire Church were set on fire in the Brooklyn residential area when the tail section and part of the fuselage of the UAL plane hit. Residents ran screaming into the snow-clogged street.

Louis Vinick, 80, Brooklyn, crawled into the wreckage and carried out the Baltz boy. He was taken to Methodist Hospital where his condition was reported critical.

Stephen had been put aboard the plane in Chicago this morning by his father, vice president and general counsel W. S. Baltz of Admiral Corp. The boy was flying to join his mother and other children of the family who had gone east for the holidays a few days ago. Stephen stayed at home then to recuperate from a throat infection.

The fire in the Brooklyn street, which looked like a battle scene with a small army of firemen, doctors, priests and police ministering to hysterical residents and carrying off bodies, was not brought under control until two hours after the crash at 10:37 a.m.

#### TWA Plane Explodes

The TWA plane was exploding and breaking apart as it fell from the snowclouds. One wing separated from the fuselage just before it crashed near Miller field, a small airport on Staten Island.

It was the first fatal crash in the United States of a pure jet carrying commercial passengers since the jets went into operation in October, 1958.

By grim coincidence, planes of the same airline were previously involved in the worst commercial crash of all—the collision of TWA and United craft over the Grand Canyon June 30, 1956, when 128 persons were killed.

#### His Residential Section

The DC8 hit a residential section between downtown Brooklyn and Prospect Park. Bits of the plane and portions of human bodies were scattered up and down Sterling Place for one block.

More than 15 injured Brooklynites were taken to hospitals. There was one known fatality among those in the street—a sanitation worker.

The screams of panic-stricken residents filled the neighborhood. Six of the buildings with roofs on fire were four-story tenements. Scores of doctors, priests and nuns knelt over victims on the slushy street.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Considerable clouds tonight and Saturday with a few heavy showers mostly over mountains. Low tonight 35-38. High Saturday near 50.	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	58
Lowest This Morning	41
Precep. to 10 a.m. Today	.91
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	4:46 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:15 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	6:27 a.m.
New Moon	Dec. 18
The planet, Mars, in the east tonight at	9:41 p.m.
will be in the west at 5:17 a.m. More info now about \$17 million away.	

### Forces Patrol South China Sea

Washington—UPI—U.S. Marine and naval forces patrolled the South China Sea today ready to back up America's pledge to protect the pro-Western government of Laos against any aggression by its Communist neighbors. At the same time, the State Department is preparing one of the stiffest notes ever sent to Russia, rejecting Soviet charges that the United States is intervening in the battle between pro-Communist and pro-American forces in the strife-torn Asian nation. The United States already has denounced the Russian protest as a mere cover-up for a continuing Soviet airlift of artillery and ammunition to the pro-Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas and the paratroopers of leftist Capt. Kong Le. These Communist-armed troops are battling the forces of pro-American Gen. Phoumi Nosavan for control of the Laotian capital of Vientiane.

### New Office for Chamber Authorized

Construction of a new office building for the Medford Chamber of Commerce is expected to start in the near future at the corner of 10th st. and Central ave. The board yesterday authorized chamber officers to proceed with final plans for financing construction. It also authorized negotiation of a building contract. Bob Taylor, president-elect and chairman of the building finance committee, said 90 per cent of the financing is complete, and the other 10 per cent probably will be available in the near future. The building will house chamber offices, which are now located in the D'Arjoux building on South Central ave. An old wooden house at the site of the new building was torn down recently. The board directed that officers proceed at a cost not to exceed \$33,000 for property and building over a 10-year period. Monthly payments are not to exceed \$350, the board said.

### Minimum Prison Sentences Discussed

Portland—UPI—Circuit judges from Oregon today discussed whether all penitentiary sentences should be for a minimum five-year term. The minimum five-year term was recommended by the Legislative Interim Committee on Criminal Law to replace the present one-year minimum term. The little girl's body was discovered in a beanpatch east of Eugene several days later.

### Kennedy Fills Two More Cabinet Jobs

Washington—UPI—President-elect John F. Kennedy today named his brother, Robert, as attorney general and selected a Republican, Douglas Dillon, as his secretary of treasury. Kennedy also announced that Byron R. (Whizzer) White, Denver lawyer and former All-American football player, will serve as deputy attorney general.

### Six Persons Still Are Hospitalized

Six persons who were injured in automobile accidents last week end which killed three persons, were still reported hospitalized today. Still in critical condition, but reported to be improved, at Sacred Heart hospital are Julian A. Marks, 53, of Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City, and Carl Richard Harrison, 32, of 56 Perrydale ave., Medford. In good condition at the same hospital are Mrs. Kenneth Dean (Mildred) Gorman, 2722 Merriman rd., and John James Beaman, 53, of 32 Myrtle st. In fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital is Frank Frederick Ewald, 305 Laurel st., and in good condition is his wife, Orvella Ada. A seventh person, Annie F. Paige, 87, of Kentfield, Calif., who was injured in an Oct. 7 accident south of Phoenix, was transferred yesterday to the Ft. Miley Veterans Administration hospital near San Francisco. She was a retired Army nurse.

### County Receives Funds from Forest

Jackson county has received \$431,311.21 as its share of national forest timber cutting receipts, according to Karl Janouch, county treasurer. Of this total, \$323,483.41 will go to the general roads fund and \$107,827.80 to the county schools. According to law, 75 per cent of the forest receipts go to the roads fund and 25 per cent to the schools, Janouch explained. Last year national forest receipts totaled \$466,556.28. Officials of the Rogue River National forest had no immediate explanation of the decrease.

### Boivin Receives Assignment Requests

Salem—UPI—Sen. Harry Boivin, (D-Klamath Falls), said today he has received letters from seven backers of Sen. Alfred Corbett, (D-Portland), for Senate president asking Boivin for various committee assignments in the 1961 Senate. One of the letters, Boivin said, came from Corbett's major supporter, Sen. Robert Straub, (D-Eugene), also state Democratic chairman.

### Suspect Questioned In Killing of Girl

Delano, Calif.—UPI—An ex-convict was arrested by police here Thursday for questioning in the murder of Alice Louise Lee, 7, near Eugene, Ore., on Aug. 29.

## News Briefs

Nongkhai, Thailand—UPI—The battle for the Laotian capital of Vientiane raged into its fourth day today and Communist-supported troops were reported to have seized five Americans as hostages.

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—Russia demanded today that Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold be stripped of his authority over the forces of the U.N. Command in the Congo.

London—UPI—The Addis Ababa Radio said today the rebellion against Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie had been crushed and the rebels were fleeing the country. The broadcast was heard in Nairobi, Kenya.

Los Angeles—UPI—A plea for freedom on the basis of double jeopardy today was denied Dr. R. Bernard Finch and his red-haired mistress Carole Tregoff and they were ordered to face their third murder trial, set for Jan. 3.

### Council Meets Last Time This Year

Last night's Medford city council meeting, the final meeting of the year, was also the last meeting ever for Councilman Ed Hall from Ward 1. Councilman Hall, after serving one four-year term, did not run for reelection in November. His seat will be filled by Bill Singler, the only candidate for Hall's seat at the November election.

The council honored Hall publicly at the meeting last night with a standing round of applause, and permitting him to make the final motion of the year—the motion for adjournment.

Following the meeting the council and other city officials met informally in the coffee room on the city hall third floor. There, Mayor John W. Snider presented Hall with a plaque denoting his tenure as a city councilman. A cake had also been prepared, honoring both outgoing Hall and incoming Singler.

Hall will not be officially out of office until Jan. 5. Portland—UPI—Services will be held Monday for Will T. Peters, 77, well known in aviation circles, who died Wednesday.

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