

JUNCTION CITY POLICE CHIEF SLAIN

France Tests Nuclear Device

Sahara Desert
Explosion Scene;
Commies Object

Third Test Fired
In De Gaulle's Plan

Paris—(UPI)—France set off its third atomic explosion in the Sahara Desert today, pushing relentlessly ahead with President Charles de Gaulle's drive to make this country the world's fourth nuclear power.

A communique said only that the latest blast was that of a "nuclear device" of "small force." The announcement did not say that it was an atomic bomb, and reliable sources said the device was not a weapon but was another stage in the testing process leading up to development of an actual A-bomb.

Double Aim
Air Force Gen. Jean Thiry, commanding the operational group in charge of the test explosion, said at his advanced headquarters at Hamoudia that the latest test had a double aim:

"To advance the technology of nuclear weapons and to give the Army, Navy and Air Forces practical data on conditions for using the nuclear weapon and particularly on protection methods in nuclear warfare."

Reds Condemn Test

The Communist Chinese and the Soviet Union were quick to condemn France for continuing tests in De Gaulle's effort to give his nation an independent nuclear striking force as soon as possible at a cost of more than a billion dollars.

Peyton Murder Investigator Ill

Portland—(UPI)—Sheriff Capt. Gordon Auburn, chief investigator in the Peyton Murder case, was hospitalized Monday with pneumonia.

Auburn has headed the investigation into last month's slaying in a lover's lane of Larry Ralph Peyton, 19, Portland, and the abduction of coed Beverly Ann Allan, also 19, Port Townsend, Wash.

His condition was not reported as critical. The Peyton investigation will probably continue under Chief Deputy Ard Pratt and Lt. Ed Duffy until Auburn's return.

Christmas day was Auburn's first day off duty since the investigation began Nov. 27.

Pro-Western Forces Capture Drop Zone

Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—Pro-Western forces advanced in from Vientiane have captured the Soviet arms-drop zone at Phone Hong, nearly 50 miles north of here, it was reported today.

The anti-Communist forces, advancing in two columns, were reported close on the heels of "neutralists" Capt. Kong Le's paratroopers, driven out of Vientiane in a savage 78-hour battle 10 days ago.

At the same time, it was reported that two companies of Brig. Gen. Phoumi Nosavan's pro-Western infantry had driven Communist guerrillas out of a village 15 miles south of Luang Prabang.

Texas Lawyer Seen Navy Secretary

Washington—(UPI)—Texas lawyer John B. Connally was reported today by a well-informed congressional source to be President-elect John F. Kennedy's choice as secretary of the Navy.

Connally formerly was secretary to Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson and manager of Johnson's unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. At present, he is trustee of the estate of the late Texas oil millionaire Sid Richardson.

Connally's name had not figured in most published speculation on the Navy post. Some reports said Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. had been under serious consideration.

BREACH REPORTED
Leopoldville, The Congo—A serious breach was reported today between backers of the Congolese Parliament and supporters of the College of Commissioners over plans to keep the commissioners in office.

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Jacksonville Residents Killed in Auto Crash

"There's Some Dangerous Radical Talk About Democracy Going Around Again"



Rex Putnam Quits As Superintendent Of Instruction

Salem—(UPI)—Dr. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction since 1937, announced today he is resigning effective Jan. 31.

In a letter to Gov. Mark Hatfield, Putnam said that he "would like to be relieved of the ever-increasing responsibilities, stresses, and strains" in order to conserve his health.

Putnam said he wanted to extend his "deepest appreciation for the loyalty and faithfulness of my clerical and professional staff, and members of the state board of education with whom I have worked so closely and amicably for such a long time. They are all dedicated people."

In accepting the resignation, Hatfield said Putnam has "given selfless service to the state of Oregon for nearly a quarter of a century during which time he has earned a warm spot in the hearts of us all with whom he has been associated."

Kingsley Field Terminal Damaged

Klamath Falls—(UPI)—An explosion and fire in a supply closet caused considerable damage to the new Municipal Air Terminal at Kingsley field here early today.

Service was disrupted at a time when flights were packed with holiday travelers and telephone, teletype and electric service in the control tower and terminal was halted. The lobby portion of the building suffered the most damage but the restaurant and bar above the lobby will be closed for several days with smoke damage, firemen said.

The blast blew out the supply room door and a portion of the ceiling in the hallway and cracked large windows. Flames melted plastic light fixtures.

The terminal was completed last spring at a cost to the city of \$125,000.

Firemen were investigating the cause. An exact damage estimate was not available.

Rev. Dagwell Leaves For Visit To Italy

Portland—(UPI)—The Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, retired Episcopal Bishop of Western Oregon, left today for a visit to Italy.

The Rev. Mr. Dagwell will conduct a brief tour of service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rome. He expects to serve as acting rector until Easter after which he will visit other churches in Europe.

Father, Daughter Die in 99 Mishap; Mother, Son Hurt

A Jacksonville man and his daughter were killed in a two-car accident about 33 miles north of Roseburg last yesterday afternoon.

The man's wife and his son are listed as being in "poor" condition today in a Cottage Grove hospital.

Dead are Robert Elmo Welch, 57, and Edna Marie Welch, 21, both of 107 Blackstone st., Jacksonville.

Mr. Welch has been an employee of the city of Medford since 1946 and at the time of his death was chief of the city's surveying crew. City Manager Robert A. Duff said this morning, "We've lost a good man."

State police said the Welch car apparently skidded and was involved in a collision with a tow truck driven by J. W. McDonald, 56, Rice Hill. McDonald suffered only minor injuries.

Police said Mr. Welch was killed outright in the accident which occurred about 4:30 p.m. His daughter died about two hours later in a Cottage Grove hospital, they said.

His wife, Irene, 51, and son, Charles, 20, were hospitalized. Hospital attendants said today that Mrs. Welch "rallied some" during the night.

By United Press International
Eight persons met death on Oregon highways during the Christmas week end. A ninth person, Mrs. Leonard C. Parker of Portland, was killed at 12:45 a.m. today in a two-car collision near Albany.

Since the accident occurred after midnight Monday, it will not count in the holiday total.

Other week end deaths included Yvonne Arlene Butler, 33, Milwaukie, killed in a bus wreck north of Klamath Falls; William Holcomb, 65, Foster; William Robitsch, 74, Tillamook; Bert Chaffin Jr., 8, and his sister, Edith, 6 months, of St. Helens; Tony Jensen, 29, Clackamas; and Robert E. Welch, 57, and his daughter, Edna, 21, both of Jacksonville.

This means that Hatfield will have appointed three of the state's six major officers during his term as governor. Hatfield appointed Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., and State Treasurer Howard C. Belton. They both won election in November.

The other major posts are governor, attorney general, labor commissioner and public instruction superintendent.

Appointed in 1937
The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for all public, primary and secondary education in the state. It was made a non-partisan office in 1939.

Hatfield has recommended that the post be appointive under his government reorganization plan, along with labor commissioner.

Putnam, 70, was appointed to the job Sept. 1, 1937. He won election in 1938 and since then was reelected five times. His current four year term does not end until 1962.

Putnam, who suffered a heart attack several years ago, was born at Buffalo Gap, S.D., June 7, 1890.

Fog Not Unusual This Time of Year

Heavy fog which has blanketed the Medford area is nothing unusual for this time of year.

Average number of days of heavy fog in December is 13. Today's fog pushed this month's total to 14. Fog which limits visibility to one-fourth mile or less is considered heavy.

December, 1959, had 16 days of heavy fog. State police this morning reported roads and highways in the area free of ice or snow, but most of them covered by ground fog early this morning. Police said the fog was lifting in most areas by mid-morning.

Sammy Davis Jr. Says Stark Expected

Hollywood—(UPI)—Sammy Davis Jr. announced today he and his bride of six weeks, blonde Mary Britt, expect a baby next July or August.

The Negro entertainer and the Swedish actress were married Nov. 13 in a Jewish ceremony at which Frank Sinatra was best man.



EMMETT WHITHAM
Branch Manager



HOWARD PIERCE
Replaces Whitham

Manager Named, Phoenix Opening Listed by Bank

The grand opening of the new Phoenix branch of First National Bank of Oregon will be held Friday, Feb. 10, according to Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system.

Emmett Whitham, Ashland civic leader and banker, has been named manager of the new banking office. He has a 31-year background in all phases of banking, and has been with First National since 1936.

Named to replace Whitham as assistant manager at Ashland is Howard Pierce, who grew up in Grants Pass and joined First National there 13 years ago. He has been serving with the bank in Portland for the past six years.

An all-day open house will be held to mark the opening of the branch. It will be First National's 86th banking office in Oregon and the fourth in Jacksonville county. Plans will be announced later, Whitham said.

The new bank features the latest innovations in modern bank design—including drive-in banking, after-hours depositary, off-street parking, spacious safe deposit vault, and four tellers' windows. It is frame and stone construction with abundant use of glass and interior hardwood paneling.

Whitham began his banking career at the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in 1929. He became associated with First National's main office in 1936 and a year later moved to Ashland. He progressed through all departments of the branch, and was elected assistant cashier in 1948, general loan officer in 1950 and assistant manager a year ago.

Whitham served as president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis last year, and is a member of the city council and the city long-range planning commission. He is a director of the Ashland-Talent United Fund, chairman of the school district 5 budget committee, and has served as treasurer of the Ashland Red Cross and March of Dimes campaigns.

He is past master of the Masonic Lodge and past patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Pierce joined Grants Pass branch upon his graduation from high school.

Taylor Arraigned; Awaits Session Of Grand Jury

Waives Hearing, Right to Attorney

John R. Taylor, Salem, was arraigned in district court this morning on charges of assault with intent to kill and two charges of grand larceny involving auto theft.

He waived preliminary hearing and the right to an attorney and was bound over to the grand jury.

He is being held in the Jackson county jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail on the assault charge and \$2,500 bail for each of the grand larceny charges.

"A grand jury will be called sometime this week," District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said. "I think it is a clear case of assault with intent to kill," he added.

Taylor is charged with firing three .22 caliber bullets into the leg of State Policeman Donald Cain Tuesday night, Dec. 20, when Cain stopped him as he was hitchhiking near the intersection of Highway 99 and 66, Ashland.

Taylor also is charged with stealing two cars to escape to The Dalles area where he was captured the following day.

Didn't Understand Charge
Taylor told District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer he didn't understand the assault charge when it was first read to him. "I never intended to kill him," he remarked. Asked if he wanted an attorney or preliminary hearing, Taylor replied with and serve my time."

State police and sheriff's deputies said today they plan to question the youth in connection with the murder of Mrs. Marian Hamilton in Ashland last spring. Bullets which Taylor fired into the state policeman have been left at the state crime laboratory to check against bullets removed from the body of the Ashland rancher's wife.

Deputies said Taylor has admitted to the burglary of a Grants Pass hardware store about a week before the shooting near Ashland. A number of guns were taken, possibly the two Taylor had with him when he shot Cain, police said. Officers said Taylor is wanted for questioning in connection with other crimes in the state.

Two Dog Biting Incidents Reported

The curse of all mailmen and paperboys—the common dog—struck twice yesterday, once at each of these occupations.

The first victim was Mailman Joseph Edward Barrett, who told city police that he was bitten by a dog about 10:30 a.m., while delivering mail on Alta st.

Barrett said the bite bruised his ankle but did not break the skin. Police contacted the owner of the dog, Jean Andrew Mills, 924 Alta st., and she informed them that her dog "has a dislike for mailmen."

The second victim was a paperboy, Bruce Michael Kaye, 13, of 1011 Mt. Pitt ave., told police he was bitten by a dog about 3 p.m. while delivering papers on Murray st.

Police said the bite damaged the skin on the boy's leg, and they advised his mother to have the wound examined by a doctor.

The owner of the dog, Rose Mary Breeze, 921 Murray st., told police that the boy kicked at the dog first.

Khrushchev Assures Oppressed Peoples

Moscow—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today the Soviet Union would join the "oppressed peoples" of the world in any "decisive struggle" against colonialism.

Khrushchev, in a statement reported by Tass, said Communist principles formed the basis of the recent U.N. anti-colonialist declaration.

But he accused the "colonial powers" of trying to block the decision and declared: "If the colonial powers, rejecting the U.N. call, continue to block the liberation of the oppressed peoples and oppose their independence, then there will be nothing left for such peoples but to sweep away these obstacles erected in their path in a decisive struggle."

"And they will not remain alone in this struggle."



SUSPECT ARRESTED—Accused murderer Robert Evans, left, is taken from Junction City jail by Oregon Police Officer C. Veto. Evans is accused of killing Woodrow Whetstone, Junction City police chief, and Everett Fletcher, 54, in a "love triangle" argument. Verna Mae Mulligan, operator of a cafe, was wounded by a shot fired by Evans. Whetstone was killed when he tried to settle an argument between Fletcher and Evans. (UPI Telephoto)

Retail Activity in Medford At Healthy Level in Fiscal '60

New York—How was business in Medford in the last fiscal year?

According to a nationwide survey just made public, retail activity in Medford was at a healthy level right through the first half of 1960.

With a majority of the workers getting bigger incomes, personal expenditures were high.

The survey, covering every part of the United States, is for the 12 months ending June 30, 1960. It was compiled by the Standard Rate and Data Service on the basis of data gathered from national, state and local sources.

Gross Figure
It shows that retail business in Medford reached a gross figure of \$85,556,000 in the year, climbing past the \$59,456,000 recorded in fiscal 1959.

This was in direct contrast to the experience in some other areas of the country where there was considerable unemployment and, consequently, a large drop in business.

With their \$65,556,000 volume, retailers in Medford accounted for .0300 per cent of the nation's business, the SRDS report notes. It was more than their quota since the city's population is only .0136 per cent of the nation.

Sales strength was noted in most groups of stores, but especially in those selling children's clothing and shoes, drugs, household equipment, food and other supplies that reflect the fact that the birth rate has been high and that there are more youngsters.

Incomes Hold Up
Most of the confident spending by Medford residents stemmed from the fact that personal incomes, by and large, held up well.

The report shows that local earnings, after allowing for tax deductions, amounted to \$50,674,000 in the year, compared to \$46,329,000 in fiscal 1959.

It was at the average rate of \$5,927 per household, which is more than was available in the rest of the state, \$5,596 per household.

The fact that sales were greater than income shows that the city is the marketing center for the region.

Denying that the lack of buoyancy in business in more recent months is due to the fact that people are overextended, the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center claims that it is true only for a small part of the population. Most people can borrow much more if they want to. Self-discipline and sound budgeting stop them from doing so.

Newbury Has 'No Burning' Issue To Take To Salem When Legislature Convenes

Lyndel Newbury, Talent, recently appointed state senator, said this morning he has "no real burning issue" to take to the state legislature when it convenes Monday, Jan. 9.

He did say, however, that he is strongly interested in keeping O and C timber receipts in the O and C counties and is opposed to any part of them being used for all schools in the state.

Asked about the possibility of labor legislation affecting fruit growers in this area, he answered that he plans "to keep an eye on it." "Oregon has no labor legislation now and should have some," he remarked.

He repeated that he will have a better idea of what his aims and goals should be after he has been in the state legislature for three months.

Asked about taxes, he answered, "You can say I'm interested in this state and the county paying the bill."

Former Suitor Of Woman Held On Murder Count

Another Man Dead; Divorcee Wounded

Junction City, Ore.—(UPI)—Two men, including the police chief of this town of 1,614 persons, were dead from shot-gun blasts today and the former suitor of a woman cafe operator was held on murder charges.

The woman was seriously wounded.

Police said Woodrow Whetstone, 43, police chief here since last January, died late Monday while trying to break up a quarrel between Robert Evans, 45, Crawfordville, and Everett Fletcher, 54, Junction City.

Daughters Unharmed
Fletcher was fatally wounded and Verna Mae Mulligan, 42, the cafe operator, was shot in the shoulder and chest. Two daughters of Mrs. Mulligan, a divorcee, were unharmed.

Evans, arrested without resistance at his home east of here two hours after the shootings, was booked into the Lane county jail at Eugene.

State police said Evans admitted the shootings. He was to be arraigned in District Court today on first degree murder charges.

Had Argued
Police said Mrs. Mulligan, Fletcher and the two girls, Faye, 14, and Kathryn, 11, were driving in Fletcher's car after they closed the cafe about 5 p.m. Fletcher worked in the cafe. Police said Evans had been in the cafe during the day arguing with Fletcher.

The older daughter told authorities Evans began following in his car and they drove to Chief Whetstone's home, fearing possible trouble. Evans and Fletcher began arguing again, police said and while the older girl went to the house to get the chief Evans produced a .12 guage shotgun.

Whetstone, armed with a pistol, came out to try to break up the quarrel. He was shot in the stomach and died almost instantly. Fletcher was shot in the chest and died later in a Eugene hospital.

Mother Is Shot
The girl told police her mother ran toward the house screaming and was shot and wounded. She ran into the Whetstone house and collapsed on the floor. She underwent surgery Monday night.

Evans then drove off. Police said he first went to the home of a brother, John, and then to his own home. The brother later drove to Evans' home and persuaded him to turn himself in, police said.

Both of Mrs. Mulligan's daughters were distraught and suffering from shock. Deputy Sheriff James Douglas said one of the girls told him trouble had been brewing for "two or three years."

Whetstone is survived by his widow and two children.

Hammarck Plans Plane Trip To Congo

New York—(UPI)—Airlines sources said today U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold plans to fly to the Congo Monday.

There was no immediate comment from U.N. headquarters.

FLEMMING PONDERS

Washington—(UPI)—Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming is considering possible appointment as president of the University of Oregon at Eugene, his office said today.