



**PROVEN CAPABILITY**—The U.S. has established a proven capability to maintain mis-rosecond surveillance over a space ship hurtling around the earth at 800,000 yards-per-minute, it was announced in Palo Alto Calif., late last week. Details of this ability to locate and track, 2,500 miles from earth, a man-made needle in a haystack of space were divulged by Philco Corporation. The veil of secrecy was lifted after two years of development in 19 Discoverer flights. Drawing shows how communications and control system works as satellite orbits earth. Personnel at stations monitor what is happening along flight path and critical information is flashed back to test center. When necessary, the stations issue corrective commands. (UPI Telephoto)

## Fortune Is Removed From Speculation By John F. Kennedy

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Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — President-elect John F. Kennedy has removed his personal fortune, which may be as large as \$10 million, from the field of speculative investment for as long as he is in the White House.

Preparing for his inauguration Jan. 20 and wanting to avoid possible conflict of interest although not required by law, Kennedy recently disposed of all stock holdings and reinvested the proceeds in government bonds — federal, state and municipal.

## Strong Bidding Reported At BLM Timber Sale

Strong bidding was evident at the oral auction timber sale held by the Medford district of the bureau of land management Thursday.

The four tracts contained 10,629,000 board feet located in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. They were sold for a total of \$373,402.80.

Spalding and Son, Inc., Grants Pass, purchased 1,180,000 board feet located on Howard creek in the Galice area for \$39,251.80. Their high bid of \$35 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir exceeded the offers of H.R. and Robert Darrow and Bate Lumber company.

A tract containing 3,981,000 board feet located in the Butte Falls area was purchased by Medford Corporation for \$150,631.25. Their offer of \$45.25 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir was the highest price bid for any species in any of the sales. Lee Logging, Timber Products company and Oregon Veneer company were the unsuccessful bidders for this tract.

**Sardine Creek**  
The second Jackson county tract was located on Sardine creek. It contained 2,291,000 board feet and was purchased by Double Dee Lumber company, Central Point, for \$64,512.75. They bid \$29.50 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir, which was the lowest sale price for Douglas fir in the four sales. Lee Logging and Timber Products company competed with the successful bidder for the tract.

The last tract was purchased by Bate Lumber company, Merlin, in a sale in which six bidders were competing. This tract of 3,177,000 board feet was located on Snow creek in Douglas county. The high bid for the Douglas fir was \$40.50 per thousand board feet and for the sale was \$119,007. The unsuccessful bidders were Stomer Lumber company, C and D Lumber company, Superior Lumber company, Southern Oregon Plywood Inc. and Schmidt and Crews Logging company.

John Carnegie, district sales officer, said that the next sale for the Medford district is planned Feb. 9 at which time three tracts containing 12,312,000 board feet appraised for \$233,711.70 will be offered for sale. Two of these sales are located in Jackson county and the other in Josephine county.

## Williams Man Is Determined; Gets Sentenced to Year

Grants Pass — An "optical illusion" wasn't the case at all when Wilmer Miller, 43, of Williams, was sentenced to a year in county jail and given a \$500 fine in a local justice court, or was it?

In fact, the man just couldn't "see" why he should return the bifocals he had stolen from his wife last Dec. 2 — thus the court action. His estranged wife, Mary Evella Miller, 325 SW H st., Grants Pass, signed a petty larceny complaint, and herif's deputies arrested Miller Friday morning.

Local law enforcement officers even pleaded with him to settle the whole "spectacle" by returning the glasses before he was formally arrested.

Miller was determined, however, and continued to refuse after being sentenced to the maximum term and fine for petty larceny.

## 46 MILLION STUDENTS

Washington — (UPI) — The Census Bureau reports that approximately 46 million students were enrolled in American schools and colleges last fall.

## REACTORS FOR PEACE

Moscow — (UPI) — Russia announced Sunday it will help Indonesia build two atomic reactors for "peaceful aims."

## Couple Returns From Nassau Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Evans, Medford, recently returned from an all-expense paid vacation to Nassau in the Bahamas sponsored by Electrical Distributing, Inc., Portland, and the Norge Sales corporation.

The couple, representing Eads Furniture company, Medford, qualified in a recent retail sales dealers campaign of Norge products.

The vacationers left Portland Jan. 10, via chartered airlines, and returned yesterday. While in Nassau, the dealers and their wives stayed at the Emerald Beach hotel. Featured on the trip were deep sea fishing, swimming, boating, dancing, night club entertainment, and parties.

## \$750,000 in Gold Bullion Stolen

Buenos Aires — (UPI) — Four hold-up men, disguised as airline employees, escaped with gold bullion worth \$750,000 Sunday night in a daring robbery at the international airport in suburban Ezeiza.

The armed robbers, wearing coveralls with the emblem of Panagra Airlines, suddenly appeared at the customs office where the gold bricks were being checked. They overpowered the office head and four

employees, then tied and gagged them.

The robbers carried the bricks, which weighed about 900 pounds in all, to a waiting vehicle and sped off. The airport is about 18 miles southwest of Buenos Aires.

## ASKS POLITICAL ASYLUM

Sydney, Australia — (UPI) — Dr. Ryszard Stanislaw Cielinski, commercial consul for Poland, asked for political asylum Saturday rather than return to his Communist homeland.



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## Letter Sent Mayor Regarding Benches; Text of Veto Given

The Crater Lions club sent a letter on Jan. 11 to Mayor John W. Snider of Medford, in which the club set forth its reasons for backing a proposal to place bus waiting benches on city streets.

The letter was dated two days prior to the mayor's executive veto of a city ordinance providing for bus waiting benches. The veto overrules the city council's 6 to 2 decision favoring the ordinance.

It would take a two-thirds majority of the council to pass the ordinance over the mayor's veto.

In its letter to the mayor, the Crater Lions club contended that there is a definite need for bus waiting benches in the city, and noted that such cities as Portland, Salem, Springfield, Albany and Corvallis have such benches.

Approximately 100 benches would have been installed along city bus routes, according to the club. Benches bearing advertising would be placed only in commercial and industrial areas. No benches bearing advertising would be placed in an area bounded by Riverside ave., Grape st., Ninth st. and Fourth st.

The club also pointed out that no benches would be placed on property without the property owner's approval.

The Crater Lions club would have sold the advertising and collected all net profits from the venture. The Crater Bench company, operated by Die Walsh, would have provided for the installation, location and maintenance of the benches.

The club's letter also stated: "All proceeds will be expended by the Crater Lions club within the area of parks and recreation as it deems proper, and within the area of city betterment and youth activities within the city of Medford."

## Taxpayers Would Receive Little Benefit in Plan

Editor's Note—On Jan. 13, Mayor John W. Snider of Medford vetoed a city council ordinance that would have provided for the installation of bus waiting benches on city streets. The text of the mayor's veto message follows:

As provided for by sections 15 and 24 of the Medford city charter, I do hereby veto Council Bill 7892, relating to the execution of a one year franchise with Die Walsh, doing business as the Crater Bench company, for the construction, erection and maintenance of benches for the free use and accommodation of persons awaiting transportation.

Although I believe in the comfort and convenience afforded by well placed street benches, I cannot in good conscience approve of the use of commercial advertising to attain them.

I respect the proponents of the plan for their desire to do a community service, but I must disapprove of the proportionately small amount of revenue that would accrue to the direct benefit of Medford taxpayers.

In the past we have rejected offers to sell advertising space on parking meters. By resisting these and other offers we have preserved the dignity of a city that has gained a reputation for being something special.

It is my intention to donate the first bench, without any advertising or inscription, in memory of my father. I want to encourage others to join me in providing benches for the use of all who would find rest and comfort in their use.

## Complex Outfit Returns Capsules To Pacific Field

Palo Alto, Calif. — (UPI) — A complex system of electronic equipment, scattered over the Pacific ocean, has been described as the Air Force declassified information on how it was able to capture space-born capsules from Discoverer satellites.

At the heart of the electronic and computing system which times and directs the satellites is a communications and control system developed by Philco Corp.'s Western Development laboratories here.

Tracking and monitoring by instruments starts when the Discoverer and its rocket leave the launching pad at Vandenberg Air Force base in southern California. Simultaneously, the system is ready to issue commands to the satellite from the Air Force Satellite Test center at nearby Sunnyvale, Calif., operated by the 6594th Test wing.

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At the proper instant, the capsule is ejected. When it is nearly 50 miles above the earth, the Kodiak station turns the capsule over to the Hawaii station for the Air Force recovery planes.



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## Reduced Freight Rates Are Possible

Portland — (UPI) — A freight rate reduction which could save western lumber and plywood shippers a possible \$20 million moved a step closer to reality with the formal approval last week of the southern railroads.

The rate reductions applies to shipments from the west to all points east of the Rocky Mountains. The final step is the publication by the railroads of a new tariff which normally becomes effective after 30 days. Protests may be filed with Interstate Commerce Commission during that period.

Officials estimate the reduction would mean freight costs would be about 5 per cent less.

**SIMPLE ECONOMICS**  
London — (UPI) — Seventy agriculture students at a dairy farm in Lincolnshire drink dried milk instead of milk fresh from the farm's 50 cows. "It may sound odd but it's a simple case of economics," the farm director said Sunday, explaining the dried milk is cheaper.

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## Booklets Review Reapportionment

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon legislators have been given reapportionment "do-it-yourself" kits by the Legislative Council committee.

The 41-page booklets review reapportionment in Oregon and suggest various ways of going about it. The state's last major reapportionment of legislative districts was in 1952 — the first in 20 years.

One sure thing is that Oregon will continue to have 60 state representatives and 30 senators.

The house elections and reapportionment committee is headed by Rep. George Anala (D-Hood River).

The senate has no committee to deal specifically with reapportionment but chairman of the senate elections committee is Sen. Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras).

## HEARTENING FISH STORY

Chicago — (UPI) — Chicagoans, currently basking with most of the nation in unseasonal warmth, will continue to enjoy a mild winter, a commercial fisherman says. Mathon Kyritis, who annually translates fish habits into weather prophesies, said he caught Lake Michigan perch in a mere 90 feet of water, which affords little protection from the cold. "They should be 200 feet deep at this time of the year," he said.



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