

# Pro-Western Laotians Said Ready To Talk

## Gold Beach Fire Kills Four Tots

### Mother Next Door As Flames Engulf Family Residence

Victims Range From One To Five Years

Gold Beach—Four small children perished today when fire swept through their home about seven miles north of here, the sheriff's office reported.

The victims, ranging in age from 1 to 5 years, included two boys and two girls. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turnow, who lived at Nesika beach.

The home was destroyed. Sheriff's officers said firemen had to wait for the blaze to cool down before an attempt could be made to recover the bodies.

The fire was reported shortly before 8 a.m. The mother had gone to a home next door for a few minutes and when she returned the home was ablaze. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

The father, a logger, was at work.

### Two Arraigned on Burglary Charges

Two men who have admitted burglaries in Jackson county recently were arraigned before Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday afternoon.

One of the two men, David Melvin Coshow, 50, of Sunnyvale, Calif., pleaded guilty to charges of burglary not in a dwelling involving the Crockett hardware store, Central Point. The case was continued for pre-sentence report.

Hearing on a second charge of burglary not in a dwelling involving the Corner Club, Central Point, was continued at Coshow's request.

David Albert Hoffer, 36, of a local hotel, was arraigned on two charges of burglary not in a dwelling, one involving the Crockett hardware store and the other the Corner Club. John Dubais was appointed his attorney and the case was continued.

It was incorrectly stated in Tuesday's Mail Tribune that Hoffer was also free on bail from Payette, Idaho, on a burglary charge. According to the Siskiyou county sheriff's office, they hold a warrant from Payette, Idaho, for Hoffer on a charge of burglary with bail set at \$5,000. Hoffer has not appeared on this charge, it was reported.

### Orchard Heating Is Scattered in Area

Orchard heating was light and scattered throughout the valley early this morning, according to County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy. Lowest temperatures were 27 to 28 degrees at 3:30 a.m.

The preliminary forecast for tonight is probably no heating, according to Meteorologist William Rogers. Indications are now that temperatures will be a degree or two higher.

Although the buds are quite tender no damage was done, Cordy said.

"Politics Is Fascinating—Don't You Think?"



## Russia Withdraws Demand for Action On Flight of RB47

United Nations, N.Y.—Russia today withdrew its demand for United Nations action against the United States for the flight of an RB47 reconnaissance plane downed over the Barents Sea last July.

Soviet Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin attached no strings to the withdrawal of the RB47 question from the General Assembly's agenda, but asked that debate on the Communist suppression of Hungary and Tibet also be cancelled.

Zorin said Russia had decided to drop the RB47 incident because it "has properly assessed the fact that one of the first steps of the new U.S. President, Mr. Kennedy, on his inauguration, was the issuing of an order prohibiting U.S. military planes from violating the air space of the Soviet Union."

Ambassador Charles W. Yost, deputy chief of the U.S. delegation, welcomed Zorin's announcement but said the Hungarian and Tibetan items "do not, however, fall in the same category." Yost said the United States would "reserve its position entirely as to the appropriateness and necessity of considering" Hungary and Tibet at this assembly session.

The RB47 reconnaissance plane, carrying electronic equipment on what Washington insists was a purely scientific flight, was shot down by a Soviet fighter 50 miles off the Russian coast July 1. The United States contends the plane was over international waters.

The Kremlin last month released two survivors of the crew of six who were on the plane. The fate of the others has not been learned.

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The Medford Chamber of Commerce yesterday moved into its new building at the corner of Central ave. and 10th st.

The new \$13,000 building about doubles the amount of floor space in the chamber's quarters in the D'Anjou building a block south of the new building on Central ave.

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PICTURE SESSION — President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and their wives pose for photographers outside of the President's office in Washington prior to their meeting today. From left, they are Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Macmillan, Kennedy and British Foreign Minister Lord Home. (UPI Telephoto)

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## Cold War Issues Discussed By Kennedy and Macmillan

Washington—President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan met today in the first of a series of critical talks to coordinate diplomatic strategy on Laos and other cold war issues.

A major purpose of the White House talks was to tighten the Anglo-American bonds in preparation for renewed efforts to reach agreement with Russia on a broad range of issues including disarmament, Berlin and Germany, and the Congo.

Principal attention for the time being centered on Laos, where the Western allies hope to end the civil war and lay the groundwork for creation of an independent and neutral country.

The British and American leaders met against a background of rising hope that Russia soon would join them in a call for a cease fire in Laos, to be followed by a 14-nation political conference on the Asian crisis.

The White House said Kennedy and Macmillan will hold another conference Thursday afternoon on board the presidential yacht Honey Fitz during a cruise on the Potomac river.

The Honey Fitz, a 92-foot cabin cruiser named after Kennedy's maternal grandfather, was known as the Barbara Ann when it was used by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The action was filed against the groups by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Taft.

Named in the complaint, and the object of Judge Slopers' order, were: Benevolent Order of Countrymen; The Countrymen Society, Inc.; The Independent Countrymen, Inc.; American Countrymen Association, Inc.; Oregon Benevolent Society, Inc.; Western Benefit Society; Western Mutual Benefit Association; Western States Services, Inc.; Order of the

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### Bill Extending Civil Rights Law Given Approval

House Committee Votes 'Do Pass'

Salem—The House Committee on State and Federal Affairs today voted out "do pass" a bill extending Oregon's civil rights law after an attempt to strike Senate amendments failed.

The measure, approved by the Senate, prohibits businesses offering general services and goods to the public from discriminating on the basis of race, religion or national origin.

Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) objected to the Senate amendment allowing refusal of service on "just cause." He said this waters down the bill. He preferred the original version which was stronger.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk) agreed and they tried to get the amendment stricken but failed 6-2. The committee then voted unanimously to send the bill out as is.

The committee, still going along with Gov. Hatfield on his proposed mental health division, voted to have HB1261 reprinted and sent back to committee where final approval is expected Friday. This division, part of Hatfield's cabinet government plan, includes the state mental institutions.

State on Public Safety The committee stalled on Hatfield's bill for a department of public safety, one of the seven cabinet departments the envisions.

Eymann suggested an eighth cabinet agency—the department of corrections—but no action was taken. Hatfield proposes that corrections be a division in the overall public safety department.

The Senate was to meet at 2:30 p.m. after some senators returned from Portland for the swearing in of former Sen. Jean Lewis as a Multnomah County Circuit Judge.

Golden Cross, and the United Benevolent Society.

Thornton had charged the companies were violating the law by engaging in the insurance business without having qualified as insurance companies.

Because of a previous action, the groups had been operating for the past year under a monitorship appointed by the court here.

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The commission budget request also includes installation of electric power generators.

Docks are being constructed for Emigrant and Howard Prairie lakes with present funds, Haworth said. Six 24-foot sections will be installed at Howard Prairie and four 24-foot sections at Emigrant lake by the middle of this month, he indicated.

Haworth was asked if he felt there was a need for a full-time county recreation director. He answered by saying, "I'm not in a position to say whether a director is needed."

However, he did say that it was his opinion that a full-time recreation administrator was not needed.

### Agreement by Major Powers on Cease Fire Waited

Moscow Assurance Still Being Sought

Vientiane, Laos—The pro-Western government declared today it is ready to lay down arms and talk with the Communist Pathet Lao rebels as soon as the major powers agree on a cease fire.

Brig. Gen. Phoumi Nosavan—deputy premier, national defense minister and the strongman of the government—made the statement through the government-operated Lao Press news agency.

He said the objective of the major powers—particularly the United States, Britain and France—appears identical to that of the royal Lao government: "The end of hostilities."

The United States and Britain still were seeking assurances from Moscow that it agreed on the necessity of an effective cease fire prior to the start of an international conference on the future of Laos.

Cabinet Meets Phoumi and other Lao officials discussed the proposals for a Lao-Lao settlement, as outlined in British and Soviet notes, at a two-hour cabinet meeting Tuesday.

It was called after Phoumi reported that rebel paratroopers had jumped in the Vang Vieng area, about 65 miles north of this administrative capital on the highway to Luang Prabang, the royal capital.

The move appeared to be aimed at seizing a vital air strip but there was no word on whether they had succeeded.

Just last Friday the rebels seized Tha Thom in a similar drop. Both were carried out from Soviet-built planes.

Letting the Vang Vieng air strip fall into rebel hands would put this capital in jeopardy and cut off supplies to royal troops.

### House Kills Lower Voting Age Bill

Salem—The Oregon House decided Wednesday young people 18 to 21 are too young to vote.

The House, voting 34-29, killed a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age. Rep. Katherine A. Musa (D-The Dalles), chief sponsor of the bill, objected the measure should have been passed on to the voters for their decision.

Mrs. Musa said she considered the young people of today "well equipped to take on the burden of voting... they have judgment, education, and more understanding of government than people 30 years ago did when they were much older."

Rep. Ken Maher (D-Portland) retorted he considered "youths under 21 not sufficiently mature or able to comprehend the problems and issues we face today."

### Student Loan Fund Supplement Asked

Salem—A "critical" shortage of student loan funds at public colleges has led to introduction of a special appropriation request of \$150,000.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) asked the Senate Rules committee Tuesday for permission to introduce the measure which he said would provide \$1.3 million in federal matching money.

Sweetland said student loan funds have "suddenly" run out and there has been an unprecedented demand for them the past two years.

### Commission Seeks Plans for Concessions

Ashland—The Jackson county parks and recreation commission has requested the county court to ask for proposed plans for operating concessions at Emigrant lake, Robert Haworth, city-county park and recreation director, said Tuesday.

The proposals submitted to the court would be opened April 19, and then would be referred to the commission for study and a final recommendation. A concessionaire could be operating at Emigrant by May 1, Haworth said.

In speaking to the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Haworth said the commission has requested funds for construction of a concession building at the lake.

Use of Lake "We're looking for a concessionaire who has experience in operating a marine (sales of

marine products)," Haworth said. He estimated at least 500 power boats used the lake last week, end. He added that he expects the large number of power boat users at Emigrant to continue.

Fishing prospects are complicated, Haworth indicated. He said the state game commission has recommended planting of spiny ray fish (warm water) in Emigrant. This would mean that fishing wouldn't be good for at least two years. There is a possibility rainbow trout will be planted, making good fishing available next year, Haworth commented.

The county court has been asked to provide funds for docks and moorings, adequate water supply and sanitary facilities and road improvement at Emigrant, he said.

The commission has asked