

State Representative and Mrs. John B. Dellenback invited about 13 Jackson county boys and girls to Salem for a "short course" on the Oregon legislature recently. Read about this project written by Mrs. Dellenback, secretary for her husband, on Page 12 A of today's Mail Tribune.

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U.S. Picks First Astronaut; Name Not Yet Released

Crucial Space-Shot Planned for Tuesday

Cape Canaveral—UPI—An astronaut has been chosen to make America's first manned rocket flight into space next week, it was learned Saturday.

Scientists in the nation's \$550-million project Mercury Man-into Space program picked their man from a "select list" of three astronauts who have undergone special training for the last three months. Identity of the No. 1 astronaut remained a secret. But reliable sources reported it was either Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard or Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr.—and that Shepard was considered more likely.

No Announcement

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said only that "no announcement has been made as to selection."

Two men were chosen from the trio of candidates—one as the "prime" astronaut and the other as his "back-up," to step in at the last minute in case of a change in plans.

At stake was America's first step toward manned conquest of space. This will be a 16-minute ride inside a 1½-ton Mercury capsule aboard a Redstone rocket. It is scheduled to be launched from Cape Canaveral Tuesday morning.

For the U.S. spaceman, this will be only a peek through the doorway of space. He will soar to an altitude of about 115 miles, high enough to view the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida peninsula, Caribbean Islands and perhaps as far north as the Carolinas.

Not Orbital

It will not be and was not intended to be a sweeping orbital trip like the global swing which carried Russia's Maj. Yuri Gagarin to a maximum altitude of 187 miles April 12. But for the few minutes he will be aloft in the "sub-orbital" flight, the American spaceman's outlook on the world should be just as dramatic.

A full orbital flight for one of the seven astronauts who are still in the Mercury program is not expected for another six months to a year.

Tuesday's flight next week is a "crawl before you walk" affair, designed to test the bell-shaped space capsule, voice communications from space and—perhaps most importantly—to find out how well a man can perform under extremes of weightlessness and crushing pressure.

Hatfield Criticizes Civil Defense Cut

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield told the Legislature Friday his sharp slash in the civil defense budget "would give aid and comfort to Castro and his kind."

The budget was cut from \$288,000 to \$173,000. Hatfield called it "fantastic" and said "the action is contrary to all urging of the president and his advisors."

"Oh, There Ought To Be A Cease-Fire Any Time Now"



Court Rejects Plan For Wrecking Yard

The Jackson county court Friday denied an application to establish a wrecking yard just south of Talent on Highway 99 and residents of the area are now making plans to further improve the area so as to prevent other wrecking yards from moving in.

The county court unanimously voted to deny the application.

"Our main reason was the tremendous opposition from the people of the area," County Judge Earl Miller explained. "We do not want to deny the right of wrecking yards or other business to locate in the valley, but we thought another location would be more suitable. This decision was made in the best interests of the people of the area as expressed at last week's hearing."

Ashland Officer Aids Girl Cyclist

Ashland—An Ashland policeman rushed to the aid of a maiden in distress Saturday afternoon and saved her from possible serious injury. Bruce Hoy, a member Ashland's finest, had just stopped a car on Indiana st. when he heard screams coming from a Southern Oregon college coed who was on a bicycle speeding toward the busy intersection of Siskiyou Blvd. and Indiana.

Hoy said the girl apparently didn't know how to stop the foreign made bicycle which had the brakes on the handle bars. He estimated she was traveling at a 30 mile an hour clip.

As she neared him he started to run along side in an attempt to slow her down. He grabbed a basket on the handlebars and then the cycle flipped, sending Judy Berry, 18, of Lakeview, sprawling.

Miss Berry received cuts and bruises and was taken to Ashland General hospital for examination.

Other businesses along the highway will also be cleaned up, according to promises made members of the county court when they visited the area south of Talent last week.

The county planning commission previously had approved establishment of the wrecking yard by a 4 to 2 vote. The yard was proposed for the site of the former 99 Wreckers which has not been operated for several years.

The board of directors of the South Talent Property Owners' association met Friday night to plan for a public meeting of all Talent area residents. The date will be announced later, according to Mrs. Goldie Davis, secretary.

"We will probably plan district zoning but will have to investigate further since there are quite a few angles to consider," Mrs. Davis said. "Everyone in the area has started cleaning up their own property and nobody asked them to."

Portland Area Time Bill Passes House

Salem—UPI—Measures asking voters to okay state daylight saving time next year and approving immediate fast time for the Portland area passed the House Friday and went to the Senate.

Rep. Ken Maher, (R-Portland) declared approval of daylight time will do away with a "curse" of standard time that threatens to "strangle us economically." Neighboring states go on fast time today. Maher said it puts Oregon at an economic disadvantage.

The Portland area measure would let the county courts or commissioners elect daylight time this summer for Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia or Hood River counties.

If passed by the Senate and signed, it would become law immediately.

LAOTIAN CRISIS WORSENS; JFK CONSIDERING MILITARY ACTION

Red-Led Rebels Issue Ultimatum; Step-Up Attacks

Government Peace Delegation Ignored

Luang Prabang, Laos—UPI—Communist Pathet Lao rebels attacked on three fronts Saturday and gave the pro-western Laotian government 48 hours to come to them and sue for a cease fire.

The government sent a large cease fire delegation to a battlefield site but the Communists failed to show up and insisted talks be held in their "capital" as the right of the "victors." The crisis worsened by the hour.

The Red rebels claimed capture of Muong Sai in Luang Prabang province in the apparent drive to seize as much of the mountainous little country as possible. A Communist New China news agency broadcast said most of the government troops in the town deserted to the Red cause.

President Kennedy held urgent consultations in Washington. Western allied officials met in London, Paris and Bangkok, Thailand, to consider military intervention to save the Indo-Chinese kingdom.

The State department in Washington charged the Soviets stepped up an airlift of supplies to the Pathet Lao "by a considerable degree."

U. S. roving Ambassador W. Averell Harriman arrived in Vientiane, the administrative Laotian capital, for an on-the-spot survey of the Red drive.

Artillery Barrage

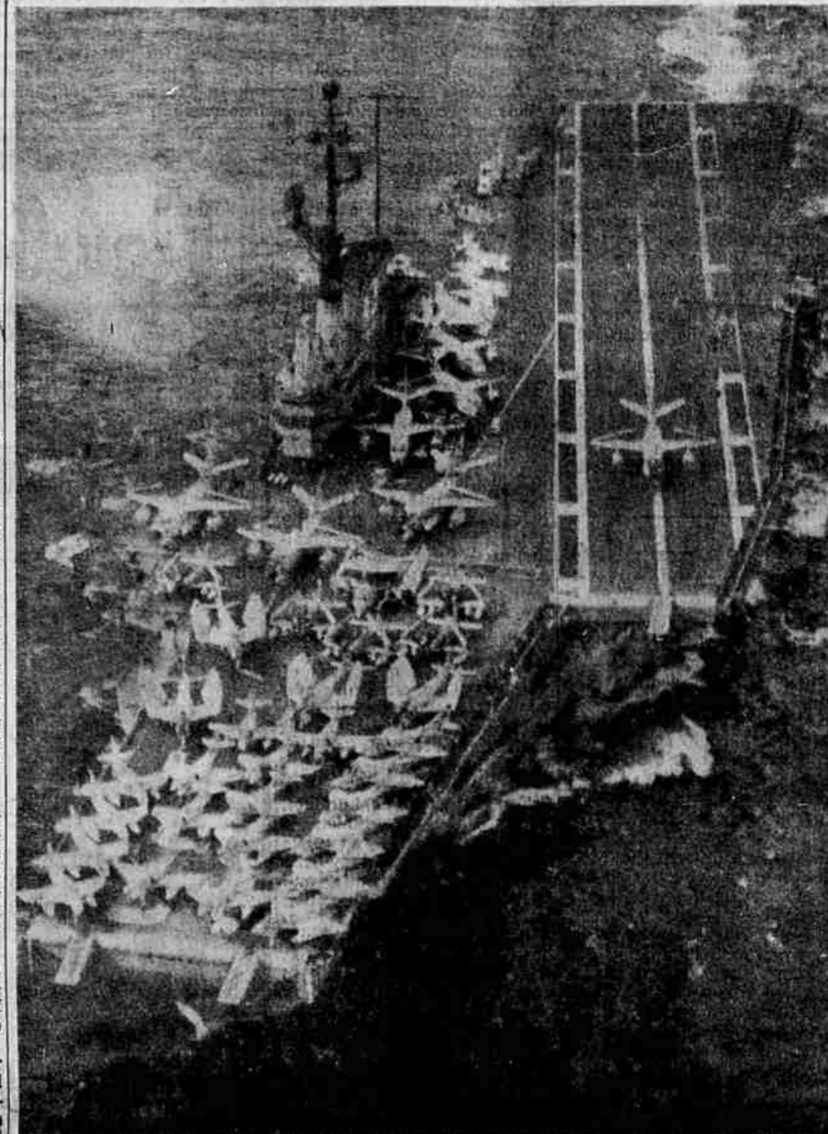
Red artillery pounded royal government forces between the royal capital of Luang Prabang and the junctions of routes 13 and 7. On the Nam Lik river, the Reds were attacking and two towns in the south, Tchepone and Muong Phin, were reported under rebel pressure.

Attacks were accompanied by Red radio propaganda broadcasts claiming victory and accusing the government of stalling on a cease fire. But the Reds were demanding cease fire talks only on their own terms.

The government of Premier Prince Boun Oum sent a 1,500-man mission into the jungle at Vang Khai, 22 miles from the strategic town of Vang Vien seized by the rebels last week. The government apparently presumed a Red cease-fire mission would meet with it there. None showed up. The war went on.

COUNTRIES MERGE

Accra, Ghana—UPI—Ghana, Guinea and Mali Saturday formed the "Union of African States" in partial realization of Ghana President Kwame Nkrumah's dream of creating a United States of Africa.



READY FOR TROUBLE—Sixty American, British and Australian ships, including the USS Coral Sea (above), are just across the South China Sea from strife-torn Laos during current SEATO war games. A total of 6,000 troops are on the various ships, and both troops and ships are reported ready to embark toward Laos for the real thing if military action in the southeast Asian country should be ordered. (UPI Telephoto)

Operation Alert Said Realistic

Friday's 1961 Operation Alert civil defense test has been declared more realistic than other such exercises that have been observed locally. More than 300,000 persons were reported killed in Oregon in the mock attack.

Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks, Jackson County Civil Defense director, said Saturday that "relatively small" nuclear explosions were reported at Gold Hill and Grants Pass, resulting in severe fall-out. Because of the absence of adequate shelters, the major portion of those areas would have been "wiped out," according to General Hicks.

Operation Alert officials noted a larger nuclear explosion north of Klamath Falls. Because of strong south-west winds, Ashland suffered "moderate" fall-out with a 50 per cent loss.

As a result of regional bombing, the entire Rogue River valley received "considerable" fall-out coverage with a one-third loss in population within Jackson county. Civil Defense estimates that over half of the population locally was lost, and the remaining population would be sick, due to radiation, for two to six months.

A two megaton "burst" was recorded at Medford at 5:25 p.m., as well as a similar explosion in Looking Glass, just outside of Roseburg. The two megaton concentration was a relatively small, in contrast to the ten megaton blast on Portland, according to General Hicks.

Local Civil Defense personnel experienced the nationwide Operation Alert here between noon and 9 p.m. Friday.

Sen. Robert White Hospitalized Again

Portland—UPI—Sen. Robert White (R-Salem) has been hospitalized again in his struggle with cancer. White, former mayor of Salem, was admitted to the University of Oregon Medical hospital here Thursday. A hospital spokesman described his condition as "serious."

Scholarship Banquet Planned for May 15

The first annual Scholarship banquet, sponsored by Medford service clubs and organizations, will be held at the Rogue Valley Country club Saturday, May 15.

Three students from St. Mary's High school and 28 students from Medford High school will be special guests. The students represent the top 5 per cent of the graduating senior class.

The banquet is being sponsored by a committee made up of representatives of the majority of the service clubs and organizations in Medford.

Ex-Judge Hanna To Preside on Law Day

Law Day ceremonies will start at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Jackson county circuit court. Presiding at the bench will be Retired Judge H. K. Hanna, Circuit Judges Edward Kelly and James Main and District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, will speak on "Liberty Under Law." The Jackson County Bar association will present an award to Gordon Randal Clark, Crater High school senior, for his editorial on American law which appeared in the April 5 issue of the Crater Comments, high school paper.

Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Fry, 3820 Grant rd., Central Point.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Mostly sunny today except for a few scattered showers in mountains. Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain likely Monday. High today 65. Low tonight near 40. High Monday 60 to 65.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:37 a.m.
Moonrise today 10:41 a.m.
Full moon today 10:41 a.m.
Visible planets
Mars in the west 9:45 a.m.
Jupiter and Saturn in the southeast 2:40 a.m.
(Jupiter is the brighter of the two.)
Venus, low in east 4:13 a.m.

President Confers With Top Advisers

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy met with his top advisers Saturday to weigh calling for allied military action to halt an armed Communist takeover in Laos and repercussions in other areas of southeast Asia.

Kennedy met with the National Security Council for two hours and then immediately conferred with a smaller group of advisers. He also scheduled a meeting tomorrow to deal with the situation.

A White House spokesman refused to say what decisions, if any, were taken at Saturday's meetings. But they were known to have dealt at length with the immediate crisis in Laos and the less-known but

equally dangerous Communist activity in South Vietnam.

While officials kept a tight lid on any decisions on Laos itself, it was made clear Kennedy and his advisers do not view the ominous developments there as a crisis which can be "separated" from the rest of southeast Asia.

Thus the meeting also covered the broader question of protecting all of southeast Asia from Communist subversion and attack.

The State department called attention to what it termed very heavy Laotian Communist military activity at Tchepone and Muong Phin, two towns in the long arm of Laos that stretches south toward South Vietnam.

Allied Armada Set For Laos Action

Singapore—UPI—Sixty American, British and Australian warships with 6,000 troops aboard maneuvered in the South China Sea Saturday with plans that could turn their SEATO war games into the real thing should action be ordered in Laos.

Informed sources here said the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization battle units were prepared to load five ammunition, if the SEATO powers give the order.

The vessels in "Operation Pony Express" were a complete fighting machine, with jet planes and helicopters for transporting U.S. Marines and combat-ready soldiers.

Practice landings were scheduled to be carried out tomorrow in North Borneo for jungle warfare training.

The maneuvers are in an area which is only a few hours jet flying time from the land-locked Laos in Indochina.

Planners for the SEATO Laotian government to arrange a cease fire. Instead it gave the pro-western government 48 hours to go to rebel headquarters at Xieng Khouang to hear the red peace demands.

The leaders of Communist China were reported meeting in the East China city of Hangchow. Observers in Tokyo said they might be laying a basis for direct intervention. Peiping has opposed a cease fire as long as the Pathet Lao were winning.

Girl Found Dead In Bureau Drawer

Cawker City, Kan.—UPI—The brutally stabbed body of a 3-year-old girl was found Saturday stuffed into a bureau drawer in the bedroom of a neighborhood playmate.

The girl, Cyndi Ann Miller, was stabbed 16 times in the chest. A preliminary examination revealed she had been raped.

Authorities arrested a 13-year-old boy, who lived across the street from the girl in this north-central Kansas community.

The youth, an eighth grade student, is a son of a Cawker City farm implements dealer, Robert Bowles.

The girl's body was discovered by the boy's father, who had gone to his son's bedroom and became suspicious at finding it in a state of disarrangement.

Two Persons Perish In Oregon Mishap
Warm Springs—UPI—The bodies of a mother and her daughter were recovered from their smashed car in the Deschutes river about a mile south of here Saturday.

The victims were identified as Dorothy E. Smith, 43, and her daughter, Lou Ann, 14, of the Warm Springs, Indian Reservation.

Queen Elizabeth II Bears Gift of Rain

Cagliari, Sardinia—UPI—Queen Elizabeth II brought a British rain to this drought-parched Mediterranean island Saturday and the inhabitants loved her for it.

As the queen and Prince Philip flew in to start an 11-day Italian tour, the sky opened up with the first rain in three months. By the time they drove to this port city it was pouring.

But the downpour ceased for a few minutes at the airport and a spectacular rainbow appeared in the skies.

"Oh Bella—Bellissima" shrieked the dark-eyed Sardinian girls as the smiling queen and her husband rode by. Weather-beaten shepherds and peasants waved in greeting.



PROSPECT AIRPORT—Work on the Prospect airport is nearing completion. Construction started in the middle of January. The airport includes a 4,000 foot runway, with 1,000 foot approach clearings on the north and south ends. Surfaced width is 150 feet. Highway 62 is shown below the airport. Between the highway curve and the airport, the Mill Creek falls are visible.