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Missile Explodes At Base Near Chico

Town Rocked by Titan Blast in Underground Silo

Six Civilians Taken to Hospital

Chico, Calif. — (UPI) — An explosion today destroyed a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile and its underground silo at a Titan complex near Chico, the Air Force reported.

Twenty-four civilian workers suffered smoke inhalation in the blast, but there were no fatalities. Only six of the workers were hospitalized.

The Titan was not equipped with a nuclear warhead, the spokesman said.

Town Rocked

Residents of this Sacramento Valley community said the town was rocked by the blast at 6:10 a.m. (PST) and a cloud of white smoke arose from the silo.

Cause of the explosion was not immediately determined, the spokesman said. The Titan — one of three in the complex — was undergoing a test by civilian contractors before being turned over to the Air Force. The missile is 97 feet long, weighs 110 tons and cost \$2 million.

Protected by Shield

Titan missiles, newest operational addition to the Strategic Air Command's IBM arsenal, are housed in 160-foot-deep underground silos. They are protected by a shield of earth, concrete and 116-ton steel doors so that if necessary they can ride out a nuclear attack and still retaliate.

The missiles are designed to carry nuclear warheads.

The Air Force spokesman said today's blast did not damage the other two Titans in the complex, nor did it damage control facilities.

\$131,785 Received For County Schools

Jackson county has received \$131,785.76 from the state department of education, school finance and statistical services section.

The money is for tax offset, according to County Treasurer Karl Janouch. He said the money will be distributed to the school districts after July 1.

The Medford school district will receive \$40,317.78. Other districts and the amount they will receive are Phoenix, \$6,492.44; Ashland, \$37,082.19; Central Point, \$31,799.34; Eagle Point, \$6,036.71; Rogue River, \$6,693.76; Prospect, \$1,399.19; Evans Valley, \$1,033.13; Butte Falls, \$832.47; and Pinehurst, \$98.75.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 4 9 2
New York 9 8 3
Rakow, Wyatt (6), Grimm (8) and Azcue; Daley, Coates (6) and Howard.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

DUTCH ATTACK INDONESIAN INVADERS
Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea — Dutch forces with air support have attacked invading Indonesian paratroops in northwestern New Guinea for two successive days. Headquarters here announced today.

NEGOTIATIONS END IN STATEMATE
Spokane — Negotiations aimed at ending an eight-day-old strike by Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho carpenters ended Wednesday in a stalemate.

FLIGHT SHOWS DETERMINATION
Boulder, Colo. — Mrs. Florence Carpenter said today her son's successful three-orbit flight around the earth showed the "courage, determination, dedication and the power of the United States."

McGahuey Shows No Emotion When Told of Decision

Warden Delivers Ruling of Court

Salem — (UPI) — Leroy Sanford McGahuey, 44, was told today in his death row cell that the Oregon Supreme Court has affirmed his conviction of first degree murder and that he faces the gas chamber. He displayed no emotion.

McGahuey took the news calmly and quietly, telling Warden Clarence T. Gladden: "If I have to go, I'll have to go."

Although the high court announced its decision Wednesday, McGahuey was not informed of the ruling until today at 8:15 a.m.

When Gladden entered the cell, McGahuey — who killed a 23-month-old boy with a hammer in Central Point last year — was listening to the news of the orbital flight of astronaut Scott Carpenter.

After Gladden broke the news that his appeal had been rejected, McGahuey and Gladden chatted for a while, and commenting on Carpenter's flight, McGahuey joked that he would like to volunteer "for a one way trip to the moon."

It has not been determined when McGahuey will be returned to Medford where an execution date will be set. The last execution in Oregon was in 1953 when Salem ax slayer Albert W. Karnes was gassed.

Leader of OAS Sentenced to Life

Paris — (UPI) — A high military tribunal Wednesday night spared the life of Raoul Salan, leader of the terrorist Secret Army Organization (OAS) in Algeria. It sentenced him to life imprisonment on grounds of "extenuating circumstances" in his treason case.

The verdict was a surprise, because few observers here expected Salan to escape the death penalty which the same court last month gave his No. 2 man in the OAS, Edmund Jouhaud.

After the ruling was announced in a hushed courtroom, former General Salan, France's most decorated soldier, said quietly: "Thank you, Thank you for France."

The usual penalty for treason in France is death.

Agencies Discuss Fire Control

An interagency fire control meeting was being conducted today at the southwest district office of the state department of forestry on Table Rock rd.

Federal and state agencies of southern Oregon and northern California and one industrial agency were represented. The state forestry department and Rogue River National forest were hosts.

Also represented were the bureau of land management, the California division of forestry, the civil defense and disaster office of Yreka, Calif., Crater Lake National park, Fremont, Klamath, Modoc, Shasta-Trinity and Winema National forests, Klamath Forest Protective association, Tule lake national wildlife refuge and Lava Beds National monument.

Local Merchants Set Friday Meeting

A special meeting of the Downtown Medford Merchants association has been scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in the Jackson House, according to Mrs. Phil Brainerd, chairman of the group.

Plans of the association for development of the downtown area will be discussed, Mrs. Brainerd said.

Details of a grand Friday night opening June 1 in the downtown business district also will be discussed.

TAXES COLLECTED

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Tax Commission said today that collections through the end of April totaled \$101.4 million.

RODEO ON TV
Pendleton — (UPI) — The Pendleton Round-Up Association said today it has signed a contract to televise nationally its final day of this year's rodeo.

Pageant Finalist



Judith Head

Judith Head, who plans a career in elementary education, is one of the 11 finalists chosen for the Miss Rogue Valley pageant. Judy is 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds. She plans a series of dances including waltz, Charleston, modern dance, twist and the fire baton, for the talent division. She resides at 519 Liberty st., Ashland.

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Mrs. Hanna Dies In Local Hospital

Mrs. Leona Hanna, 74, of 205 First st., Jacksonville, wife of former Jackson County Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna, died in a local hospital yesterday afternoon. She entered the hospital earlier this month.

Mrs. Hanna was born in Jacksonville April 7, 1888, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ulrick, pioneer residents of southern Oregon. She was married to Judge Hanna in Jacksonville March 20, 1912.

She was active in the Jacksonville Presbyterian church, and was a life member of a Presbyterian mission. She also was interested in and active in historical societies in this area, including the Southern Oregon Pioneer Society.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include a foster-daughter, Mrs. Anita Dang, San Francisco, Calif.; a nephew, Lewis Buckley, Applegate; a niece, Mrs. Helen Burgess, El Cajon, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 28, at Perl Funeral home. The Rev. King Jones, pastor of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

Bronze Plaques to Honor Donors

Bronze plaques commemorating donations of play apparatus and a bench to city parks have been received, and dedication ceremonies are being planned for the near future, according to the Medford parks and recreation commission.

A 26 by 10-inch plaque will be mounted on the steam engine donated to the city by Medford Corporation. Six other 10 by 6-inch plaques will be mounted on or adjacent to five pieces of play apparatus, donated by various civic groups in Medford, and on a bench given to the city by Jessie W. Miles in memory of the late T. W. Miles.

Seven separate dedication ceremonies are planned in connection with the plaques, according to Robert L. Haworth, city parks and recreation director.

Organizations which have donated various items of play apparatus include Medford Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, Elks and Moose lodges. Kogap has also made a donation to the city parks.

Oregon Expansion Involves \$7.2 Million

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said today that in April, projects of industrial expansion in Oregon involved an investment of \$7.2 million. This expanding will add 720 new jobs in the state, he said.

Britain To Send Jet Squadron To Thailand

House of Commons Told of Request

By United Press International
Britain announced today that it was sending a squadron of jet fighter planes to Thailand, thus becoming the fourth member of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization to contribute armed forces to that nation's defense against possible Communist invasion.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons in London that Thailand had made a formal request for a squadron of British Hunter jet fighters and that Britain would comply.

"The arrangements for the reception of the squadron are now being discussed with the Thai government," Macmillan said.

Invitations Accepted

New Zealand and Australia already had accepted invitations to dispatch military help — as yet unspecified — to join the 5,000 American soldiers, Marines and airmen guarding Thailand's borders against Communist encroachment.

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Open House Today At Highway Office

A scale model of the Crater Lake interchange in north Medford along Interstate 5 freeway will be among the displays at an open house at the Oregon state highway department office on Highway 99 north of Medford today.

The open house, part of a state-wide observance of National Highway Week, will be held until 9 o'clock tonight, according to R. L. Lammett, district maintenance superintendent for the Medford area.

The scale model of the interchange, he said, is exact in detail, showing the freeway and Crater Lake highway in three dimensions.

Area residents have been invited to the open house to meet department representatives and learn of highway department operations in the Medford area.

Also on display will be artist's sketches of highways, an earth sample core taken from a test hole drilled in the Siskiyou near the summit of the proposed freeway, a group of aerial photographs used in locating the freeway through the valley, photographs of various highway construction phases, and a display of some of the surveying instruments and equipment used in highway engineering.

Official Canvass of Primary Continues

The official canvass of the May 18 primary election is continuing in the election department, and is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

Most of the vote for precinct committeemen and women has been counted and certificates of election are expected to be mailed soon.

Blood And Sand

MOSLEM PATIENCE

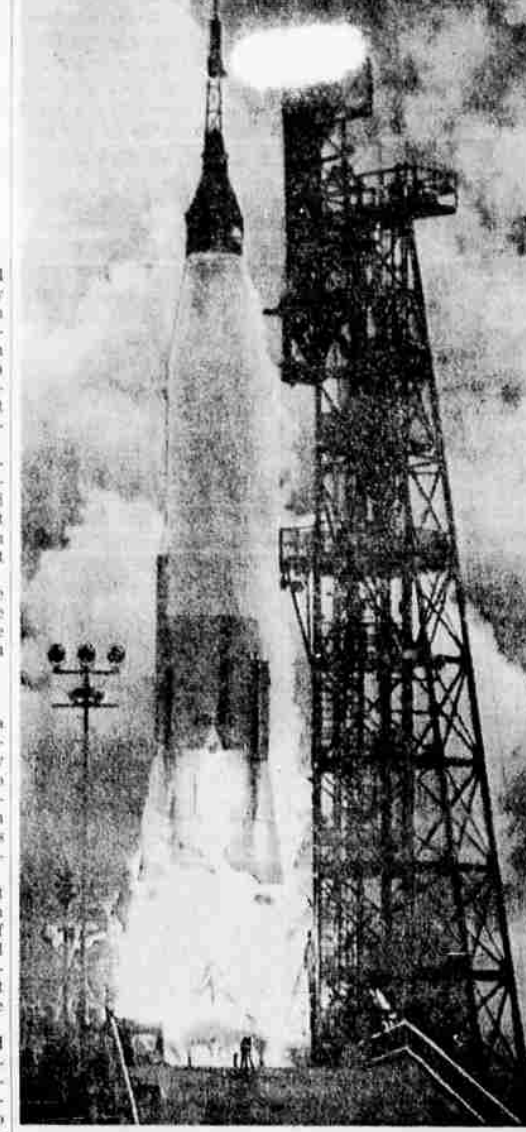
OAS SLAUGHTER

GLANN'S 'FIREFLIES'

PLEADS GUILTY

WEATHER

OUR SKIES TONIGHT



BLAST OFF! — The mighty Atlas rocket spurts flame from its tail as it starts to lift from Pad 14 at Cape Canaveral, Fla., blasting astronaut Scott Carpenter and his Mercury capsule Aurora Seven into an orbit around the earth. (UPI)

Investigators Study Airplane Wreckage In Hunt for Clues

Unionville, Mo. — (UPI) — Federal investigators and Continental Airlines officials today studied the scattered wreckage of a big jet liner that apparently disintegrated in a high level storm, plunging the 45 persons aboard to their deaths.

Government officials indicated the Continental Boeing 707 flew into severe air turbulence at 39,000 feet Tuesday night and came apart. Pieces of the "Golden Jet" were strewn for at least 60 miles along a path that straddled the Missouri-Iowa state line north of here.

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Odd Fellows Elect Officers for Year

The 106th session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, IOOF, is scheduled to end this afternoon with the closing business session and seating of the 1962-63 officers who were elected yesterday.

New officers are Walter Murphy, Reedsport, grand master; Orval E. Mathews, Fossil, deputy grand master; Chester Robinson, Tigard, grand warden; and Earl H. Shank, Portland, grand secretary, and Roy H. Gibbs, Astoria, grand treasurer, both of whom were reelected.

Roy Terney, Pendleton, was elected solvent representative, and Harold Patterson, Canyon City, and Elmer Olson, were elected trustees at the Odd Fellows home in Portland.

Officers were installed at a joint public ceremony last night at the National Guard Armory in Medford. The ceremony was followed by the grand march and ball.

Today's activities started with a breakfast for secretaries, scribes and clerks, followed by a business session.

Carpenter Spotted Glenn's 'Fireflies'

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — Astronaut Scott Carpenter reported from orbit today that he, too, saw the "fireflies" which John Glenn observed on his flight around the earth Feb. 20.

Carpenter spotted the myriad blobs of light at sunrise on his first pass over the West Coast of the United States, just as Glenn did.

PLEADS GUILTY
Portland — (UPI) — Robert A. Frazier, 21, entered a guilty plea Wednesday to the \$1,200 holdup of the Eastport Plaza branch of the Equitable Savings and Loan Association.

Overshoot Gives Recovery Forces Anxious Moments

Airplane Follows Beam To Spacecraft

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — Astronaut Scott Carpenter has been picked up from the Atlantic by a helicopter, space officials announced at 12:40 p.m. (pst). The initial announcement said the astronaut's "condition is good."

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — Scott Carpenter, 37, rode three times in orbit around the earth today but overshoot his planned Atlantic landing area and gave recovery forces an anxious 40 minutes before they found him.

Space officials lost radio contact with the astronaut shortly after 9:30 a.m. (PST) and said it appeared he had overshoot by 200 miles the scheduled landing area 800 miles southeast of here.

But a Navy search aircraft subsequently picked up the spacecraft's radio landing beacon and followed it to find Carpenter perched in a life raft.

The spacecraft, Aurora-7, was riding the waves near the raft.

At 10:32 a.m., the Navy plane reported after a close look that Carpenter was "apparently sitting comfortably in his raft."

Carpenter had embarked on his space fact-finding mission atop an Atlas rocket at 4:45 a.m. (PST) after the smoothest countdown in the history of the Mercury man-in-orbit program.

Suspense at Finish
The overshoot brought his flight to a suspenseful conclusion which had officials and reporters biting their nails.

An Air Force search plane arrived over Carpenter's raft at 10:39 a.m.

Two paramedics, met with parachutes, leaped into the sea to attach a large flotation bag to Aurora-7 to keep it afloat and to give Carpenter any help he needed while waiting for surface craft to recover him.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration estimated that Carpenter's Aurora-7 space craft touched down about 9:41 a.m. (PST) about 1,000 miles southeast of here.

At 8:18 a.m., braking rockets to bring his craft down from orbit were fired as he approached the southwest coast of the United States.

Carpenter had reported everything aboard the craft in good condition for the fiery descent through the atmosphere to splash-down in the Atlantic.

As expected, radio contact was lost during the descent because of ionization of the atmosphere by the 3,000-degree heat generated by air friction.

Overshoots Landing

Officials concluded when contact was not quickly regained that Carpenter's craft had come in at an angle which meant he had overshoot the mark.

Carpenter had completed his first orbit at about 8:19 a.m. (PST) and his second at about 7:47 a.m.

There was a moment during his second orbit when ground monitors feared it might be necessary to limit his flight to two orbits.

This fear was caused by indications that the fuel supply for the spacecraft's jet controls was being used up too rapidly. Officials ordered Carpenter by radio to switch to hand control of the jets to conserve the supply.

They decided after looking at the information transmitted from spacecraft instruments that enough fuel was left to keep the cabin pointed right for another and final orbit.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with a few light showers tonight. Partly cloudy and a little warmer with a chance of scattered showers over mountains Friday. Low tonight 43. High Friday 72.

Highest Yesterday 63
Lowest This Morning 47
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .01

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:23 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:42 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 12:15 a.m.
Last Quarter May 28
The bright "star" seen nearest the Moon tonight is the planet, Saturn. And the dimmer real stars in Saturn's distant background are in the constellation, Capricornus.