

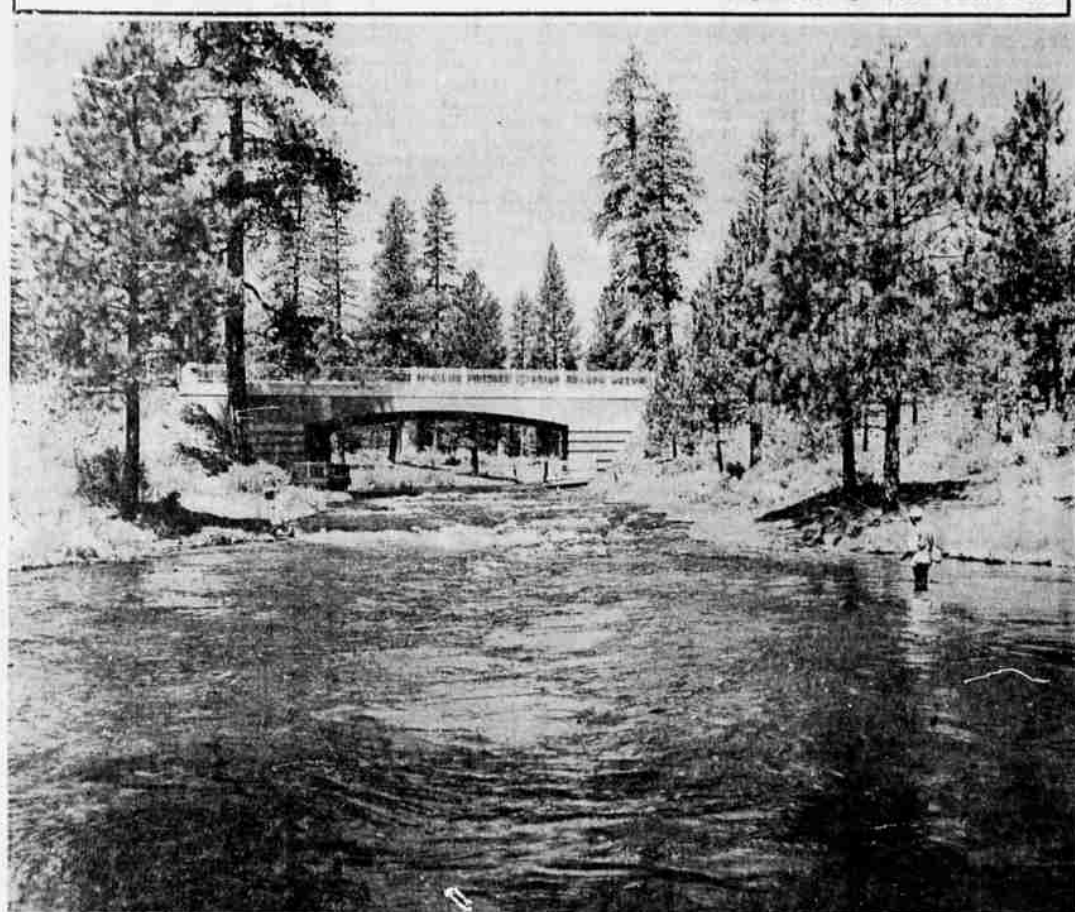
# TRUCK BLAST LEVELS 11 HOMES



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## The Beauties of Scenic Oregon

(Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)



Spring creek proves a fisherman's delight near the Highway 97 bridge in Oregon's Collier State park.

## Morse Triggers Filibuster To Stall Satellite Measure

Washington—(UPI)—Senate liberals opposing the administration's communications satellite bill triggered a filibuster today in an effort to stall the measure until after the November elections.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) one of the chamber's talk-show champions, opened the battle by forcing a 23-minute reading of the Senate Journal. He then tried to amend that usually ignored Record of Proceedings.

Morse said he would ask that the Senate recess this afternoon so that all members could attend funeral services for the late Sen. Harry M. Dwyer (R-Idaho) at Arlington National cemetery. But he said he would insist on his continued right to speak when the Senate reconvenes.

Morse's supporters said the satellite bill "at least" should be studied by the Foreign Relations committee.

The bill would set up a privately owned, government-regulated company. Opponents contend it would mean domination of satellite communications by the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Morse said he was "astounded" to find the Kennedy administration backing the pending bill. He said the administration needs a "recovery period" to reassess its stand.

He told Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) he would try to prevent a vote on the measure until after the election.

This routine procedure is

usually dispensed with by unanimous consent. The last time the Journal was read was on Aug. 21, 1961, during a fight on a civil rights amendment to an appropriations bill.

Senate debate on the bill was slated to begin in the wake of heightened public interest stirred up by the successful experiments with the Telstar communications satellite in the past week.

During the reading of the

## Softer Nuclear Test Ban Terms Hinted

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the possibility of cutting down on the 19 inspection stations the United States has been demanding on Russian soil to guard any treaty.

Presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said it was not known whether Kennedy's meeting Friday with his advisers would produce a new policy statement on nuclear inspection.

Humphrey said in his Senate speech that the "President will most likely make a recommendation within a week" on whether to change the U.S. stand due to new technical information.

Plan Not Known

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## Telephone Call Via Telstar Set This Afternoon

A new, green telephone has been installed on the desk of Medford Mayor John W. Snider, ready for his use this afternoon when he makes his historic call via Telstar to the mayor of Alba, Italy, Medford's sister city.

A group of city officials and dignitaries, along with members of the news media, have been invited to be present in the mayor's office between 3:45 and 4 p.m. when the trans-Atlantic conversation will take place.

This morning a package was delivered to Mayor Snider's office from Alba. The package contained documents and brochures providing background information on Medford's sister city.

Yesterday, a dispatch was received by the mayor from the American embassy in Rome, Italy, detailing the history of Alba.

According to reports received in Medford from the United States Information Agency, the Italian city is responding with great enthusiasm to its selection for participation in the communications experiment.

Medford is the only city in the Pacific Northwest to be selected among 23 cities in the United States taking part in the event. Six other cities in Oregon also have sister city affiliations.

Mayor Snider is head of the Oregon sister city program. Jack Creager, district manager for Pacific Northwest Bell, said a company engineer has been sent to Medford to assist with arrangements for the telephone conversation between Mayor Snider and Alba Mayor Osvaldo Cagnasso.

## Ex-Peru President Takes Junta's Side

Lima, Peru—(UPI)—Ex-President Manuel Odría took the side of the new military junta regime Wednesday night in a protest against "U.S. pressure" on Peru.

A statement issued by Odría's headquarters assailed the reduction of U.S. aid to Peru as a "discriminatory" and "unacceptable" attempt to interfere in this country's internal affairs.

Odría, an army general who has since retired, staged a military coup d'état in 1948 and continued as president until 1956. He ran third in last month's indecisive presidential election.

## Compressed Gas Explodes as Vehicle Upsets

### Church, Garage Also Destroyed

Berlin, N.Y.—(UPI)—A runaway propane gas truck overturned Wednesday night and exploded like a gigantic bomb in this tiny community.

The truck driver was killed. Later a woman was found dead in her bed, apparently of a heart attack resulting from shock, and more than 20 persons were injured. The blast leveled 11 homes, a church and a garage.

Fire rained through the air and turned a mother, her child and a man into torches. A witness said the trailer truck was racing down a hill when it jackknifed and exploded.

The driver, identified by state police as Robert J. McLucas, 40, of Pomeroy, Pa., was hurled from the cab of the truck which was carrying compressed propane gas. His body was found in a driveway.

One witness described it this way.

### Big Ball of Flame

"I was at the bottom of the hill when the truck jackknifed and it blew. There was just a big ball of flame and then all I seen (sic) was a big bunch of flames the whole width of the town."

A woman who was driving behind the truck described the explosion as "a puff of smoke then a flash of light."

Another woman called it "a ball of fire rolling down the street."

The flames cut a deadly swath 200 yards wide for a distance of three football fields from the explosion site.

A mother and her child ran screaming with the pain of flames on their clothes. Another shrieking man ran and rolled down the road trying to extinguish his blazing clothing.

Berlin's two firetrucks were "hopelessly inadequate at the outset," a spokesman said.

Equipment Rushed In

Ambulances, fire equipment and rescue units from as far away as Pittsfield, Mass., rushed to this eastern New York community near the Vermont border.

"It was the worst fire that I've seen in my 22 years here," said Reselaer County Sheriff Harold Harriman.

The injured were rushed to hospitals here, in Troy, N.Y., and Bennington, Vt. Ambulances made several 40-mile round trips to Troy.

A relative of McLucas' reached at the truck driver's home in Pomeroy, said he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 14, Linda, 10, and Debby, 7. He said McLucas had worked for the Matlack Transportation Co., of West Chester, Pa., for about eight years.

Police were investigating the cause of the accident and explosion.

## Worker Injured As Truck Upsets

A highway construction worker was slightly injured this morning about four miles south of the Crater Lake Rim Village when the truck he was driving overturned.

Injured was Joe Beck, about 30, Prospect. He is employed by the Beckley and Thomas Rock Production company of Roseburg.

The accident occurred about 7:15 a.m. today, according to park rangers. Beck was taken by rangers to near Prospect where he was transferred to a Medford ambulance. He was admitted to Rogue Valley Memorial hospital at about 10 a.m. with neck, back and shoulder injuries.

Hospital spokesmen said at noon today that Beck was not considered in serious condition, and that he was able to be "up and around."

## Assault Charges Are Dismissed

Charges of assault and battery filed by Mrs. Margaret Emma Shepherd, 916 East Main st., last month against Mrs. Stella F. Shepherd, 413 Laurel st., were dismissed in Jackson county district court this morning.

Mrs. Margaret Shepherd requested the dismissal through her attorney stating that she did not wish to proceed with the case.

Mrs. Stella Shepherd had been accused of assaulting Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, the present wife of Mrs. Stella Shepherd's former husband.



TRUCK BLAST STARTS FIRE — Smoke rises from 11 burning homes after a truck loaded with compressed gas overturned and exploded at Berlin, N.Y., Wednesday. At least two persons died and 20 others were injured. (UPI)

## County Can Use Public Funds for Athletic Stadium

The Jackson county court can authorize the use of public funds for the construction of a county stadium.

This opinion, a reversal of one previously received, was written July 19 by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton. The opinion was received by District Attorney Alan B. Holmes following a request for an opinion as to whether the county court had the authority to construct such a stadium.

In his current opinion, Thornton said that as long as the use of the proposed building is for public use by the county the statute authorizes such construction.

The attorney general said it would appear that as long as a proposed construction project was for the benefit and general welfare of the public it would be a valid public purpose. He stated further that county and municipal corporations are not limited to providing for the material necessities of their citizens. Under legislative authority, they may minister to their comfort, health, pleasure or education.

Prior to completing the county's budget, a group of interested persons had asked that the county build the stadium. After receiving the first opinion from the attorney general, the court dropped the matter.

The second opinion states that the determination of whether or not the construction of a public stadium by the county is a "necessary public building" is a question within the discretion of the county governing body.

The county court is now reviewing the opinion.

## 3,555 See First Round of Plays

Ashland—Attendance during the opening round of plays in the Oregon Shakespearean Festival here is down somewhat from the opening round last year.

A total of 3,555 saw the first four plays this year, compared to 3,709 on the first four nights last year.

A capacity crowd, 1,160, saw the opening play this year, "Comedy of Errors." 623 saw Sunday evening's play, "Henry IV, Part II." 1,027 viewed "As You Like It" Monday night, and 745 attended Tuesday's production of "Coriolanus."

Festival officials said they believed attendance would pick up during the season.

## WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued fair, hot and dry through Friday. Low tonight 55, high Friday 100.

Highest Yesterday 100  
Lowest This Morning 56

Our Skies Tonight  
Sunset today 7:38 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 4:38 a.m.  
The Moon rises 1:10 a.m. tomorrow. Directly above it are the stars, Aldebaran, and the planet, Mars. Jupiter is in the bright "star" in the south at moonrise and Saturn is in the southwest.

New Moon July 31

## Algerian Civil War Near; Berber Forces Advancing

Algiers—(UPI)—Newly independent Algeria today approached a state of civil war between rival nationalist factions that could spur 300,000 French troops into action.

Twelve hundred tough Berber troops who support Premier Ben Youssef Ben Khedda's Provisional Government (GPRA) were reported marching on the city of Constantine.

The eastern port city was seized Wednesday by forces loyal to dissident Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella. Official sources in Algiers said at least 25 were killed and 30 wounded in the battle.

Other Ben Bella supporters captured Bone, apparently without a fight, and were cheered by joyous crowds.

Premier Ben Khedda, practically the only member of

the GPRA still in Algiers, issued a statement Wednesday night warning that the situation is becoming critical.

"The dangers of civil war are becoming real," he declared. "This process of deterioration must be stopped."

The French government, concerned at the disappearance of several hundred Europeans in Oran, threatened to intervene to protect its nationals. Its 300,000 man army in Algeria has been confined to barracks and bases since Independence Day but could move into action at a moment's notice.

Three of Ben Khedda's ministers are in Tizi Ouzou, the Kabylia Mountain stronghold of the Berbers 55 miles east of Algiers, where they proclaimed their intention to defy Ben Bella's attempted takeover of power.

All Three Veterans

The three are Belkacen Krim, Mohammed Boudiaf and Abdel Hafid Boussouf, all veterans of the long fight against France for Algerian independence.

The Berbers reported marching on Constantine were said to have been sent from the Tizi Ouzou area.

There are about a million Berbers in Kabylia and their 20,000-man Willaya army provided the French with some of their toughest battles during the seven-year war for independence.

Ben Bella now appeared to control about three fourths of Algeria.

## New Office Planned For Social Security

A new federal office building to house the social security administration will be built here, Sen. Wayne Morse's office, Washington, D.C., advised today.

The building, according to the general services administration, will be constructed at Riverside ave. and Liberty st. and will include about 2,900 square feet of office space. The site is about 3 1/2 blocks south of McAndrews rd.

Owner of the building is C. A. Singer. It will be occupied by the social security administration on a five-year lease. The rental rate will be \$771 per month.

Occupancy of the structure will be Dec. 1. Social security offices are now at 1005 East Main st.

## Kennedy Slates Meeting To Air Lumber Problem

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy scheduled a meeting at 4:30 p.m. (PST) today with a group of Democratic senators and congressmen from the West and Pacific Northwest states to discuss problems of the lumber industry.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told newsmen "we will have a statement following the meeting."

Listed to attend were Sens. Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.); Henry M. Jackson (Wash.); Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger (Ore.); E. L. Bartlett (Alaska); Frank Church (Idaho); Claire Engle (Calif.) and Lee Metcalf (Mont.).

Representatives included Edith Green and Al Ullman (Ore.); Julia B. Hansen (Wash.); Gracie Pfost (Idaho); Harold T. Johnson and Clem Miller (Calif.) and Arnold Olsen (Mont.).

## NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

KENNEDY STICKING BY PLAN  
Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy is sticking by his plan to wait at least until Aug. 10 before deciding whether to call for cuts this year in corporate and personal income taxes. White House sources said today.

AGREEMENT MADE FOR GROTON PLAN  
Washington—(UPI)—Union and management negotiators agreed to a government-proposed plan that may speed settlement of the eight-day strike that has halted construction of nuclear submarines at Groton, Conn.

SOVIET FIGHTER BUZZES U.S. PLANES  
Berlin—(UPI)—A Soviet fighter buzzed a U.S. Air Force plane in the Berlin corridor today, a U.S. spokesman said.

The U.S. Mission said the Russian plane "flew close" to the U.S. plane and "did not show any intention of attacking."