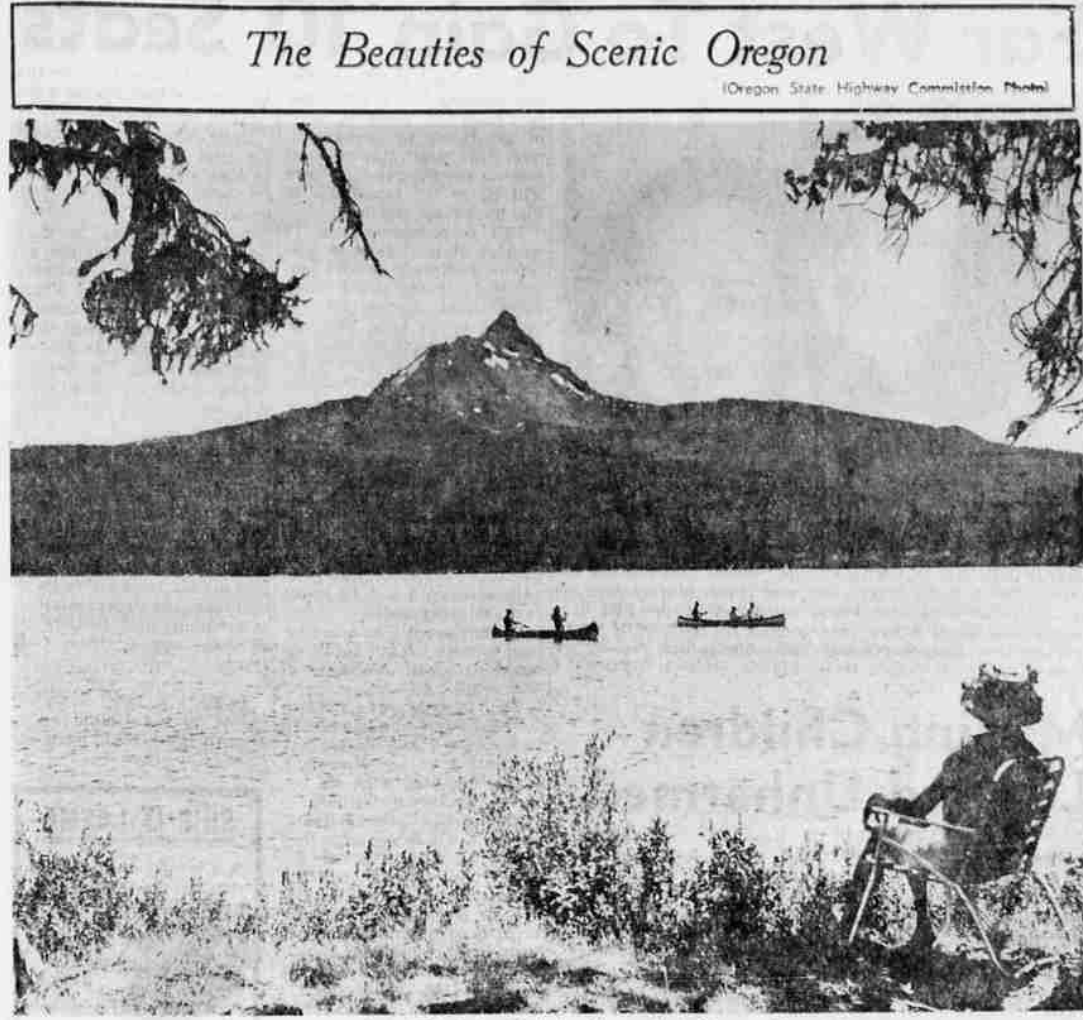


# Russia Closes Berlin Headquarters



The Beauties of Scenic Oregon

(Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)

Canoes are popular at Big Lake high in the central Oregon Cascades.

## Medford Bride Victim of Rape; Husband Shot

Carson City, Nev. (AP)—Nevada authorities today arrested a youth in a kidnap-shooting case involving an Oregon couple on their honeymoon. The youth was identified as Lester Morford, 18, address unknown. He was arrested today near Silver Springs, 35 miles east of Carson City.

The search for Morford got under way when Patricia Foster, 23, Medford, staggered into a service station in Carson City. She said she and her husband had been kidnaped from their Reno motel about 4 a.m.

Mrs. Foster said their abductor drove them to Truckee and back to Lake Tahoe. She said the young man shot her husband, Jack, twice in the head and threw him out of the car. She said she had been raped twice. Later, Mrs. Foster managed to jump from the car in Carson City.

Officers found Foster lying gravely wounded in the Crystal Bay area of Nevada. He was taken to Washoe Medical Hospital in Reno in critical condition.

Mrs. Foster told police she and Foster came to Reno Sunday and were married Monday. She said they drove four blocks past the courthouse and turned left to the motel where they stayed last night. She said she and her husband had packed and started to leave the motel at 4 a.m. this morning when they were accosted by the gunman, armed with a small white-handled pistol she said looked like a toy.

At first, Mrs. Foster said, the gunman was only going to take the car. But he apparently changed his mind and forced her and her husband into the car with him.

Central Point Police Plan Use of Radar

Central Point — Starting next Monday, radar will be used to enforce speed limits in this city, Edward Zander, police chief, announced today. Warning signs have been posted, Zander said, and preliminary tests with the equipment will be completed this week. Numerous motorists have been stopped and warned during the last few weeks, he added.

## NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

**STRIKERS IGNORE GOLDBERG'S PLAN**  
Huntsville, Ala. (AP)—Electrical workers ignored a plea by Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg today and continued a strike which is hampering work on a test stand for America's moon rocket.

**DRUG LEGISLATION DELAY OPPOSED**  
Washington—The AFL-CIO told Congress today it would be "cruel and inhuman" to delay action any longer on legislation to strengthen federal controls over drugs.

## Commission Says Levy Is Subject To Limitation Law

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Only 1.6 per cent of the authorized 6 per cent increase was levied in the current tax year, Gutjahr said. With addition of the library funds, the percentage will be raised to 4.2, still well within the 6 per cent limitation.

Total property tax levy for the city of Medford will remain unchanged at \$1,173,247, Gutjahr said.

## Phone Company Board to Meet in Medford Friday

Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company's board of directors and officers will meet in Medford Friday, Aug. 24, at the Rogue Valley Country club in Medford. Before the meeting, board members and officers will host a luncheon for local civic leaders at the club.

Raymond Reter of Medford, a member of the company's board, will be the master of ceremonies. Walter W. Straley, PNB president, will talk about the new company's operations.

To Attend Play

On Thursday evening, officers and board members will attend a performance of the Shakespearean Festival at Ashland. The meeting was timed especially so that the company officials could attend the world-famous festival. They will also visit some of the industries in the area.

J. H. Cressler, Medford manager for PNB, pointed out that board members and company officers are interested in getting closer to the region the company serves. PNB is bringing its top management and directors into the area to get acquainted with local business leaders and citizens, Cressler said.

Last year, Cressler explained, PNB spent \$1,030,000 on construction in the Rogue valley. This year the company is spending \$1,770,000 in the area which includes both Josephine and Jackson counties. One of the major undertakings was the culvert to direct distance dialing which took place July 15.

Ground Broken for Plant at Gardiner

Gardiner (AP) Gov. Mark Hatfield and officials of International Paper Co. broke ground today to launch I-P's first west coast paper and pulp mill.

The \$35-million project, which also includes a new sawmill, is scheduled for completion by 1964 alongside I-P's lumber and plywood operation here.

Foreign Students Arrive for School

A teenage girl from Malaya arrived here recently to spend a year in Medford under the auspices of the American Field Service foreign exchange student program.

Nik Azman Binti Hajj Nik Yahya will live with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Reichers and family, 2447 Hillcrest rd. She will attend Medford High school this fall as a senior along with Peggy Reichers, her American "sister."

Miss Nik Yahya is the second foreign exchange student to arrive this summer. A week ago, Jens Hasfeldt from Lynby, Denmark, arrived to spend the year with the James P. Rowan family, 828 Minnesota ave., Medford.

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## Series of 14 Earthquakes Rock Italian Countryside

### 12 Known Dead; More Than 200 Persons Injured

#### Residents Flee Scene in Panic

Naples, Italy (AP)—A series of 14 earthquakes rocked Naples and the surrounding areas of southern Italy Tuesday night and today, causing death, destruction and panic. The quakes, which so far have caused 12 deaths and injured more than 200 persons, caused mass terror throughout the area. So far as was known, no Americans were among the victims.

Entire villages, including patients in hospitals, fled into the open countryside as walls split and roofs toppled. Southern Italians have long experience with earthquakes and fear their grim impact.

Very Strong

The worst of the current series of tremors came at 7:09 p.m. Tuesday. Seismograph machines registered it at between six and seven on a scale of 10 — making it a "very strong" earthquake.

The last quake was registered at 7:25 a.m. today. Several of the shocks in between were strong enough to cause damage to houses.

The stricken area lies southeast of Naples. It covers an area about 200 miles long and 100 miles wide, stretching all across the peninsula to Bari.

But the center of the quakes was located near Avellino and Isernia, about 40 miles southeast of Naples, where a number of houses were flattened and many more suffered caved-in roofs and cracked walls.

The area is in the south of Italy and is not a tourist area. Police reported there were a few non-Italians passing through in automobiles, but they generally continued their driving and left the region.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, vacationing with her daughter Caroline at Ravello, apparently did not feel the quakes. However, it was learned word was immediately sent to the White House in Washington saying the American first lady was all right and she was continuing her Italian vacation.

Police estimated that more than half a million persons fled their homes at the start of the series of quakes and spent the night sleeping in the open.

They slept on the sides of roads, on the ground, or on chairs and mattresses they had dragged from their homes.



### NEW BLM DIRECTOR—Donald J. Schofield, who assumed duties here this week as the new district manager for the bureau of land management, and Archie D. Craft, staff forester in the Washington, D.C., BLM office, met here Tuesday to discuss problems facing the new district manager and the BLM program as a whole.

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## Kennedy Prods Congress To Act On Five Measures

Washington (AP)—President Kennedy today prodded Congress to take favorable action on his farm, drug control, antipoll tax, trade and United Nations bond measures.

The President said the five bills were important to help the Congress write "a very impressive record" this year.

He told a news conference the farm bill passed by the Senate shortly before he met with reporters would give the government an opportunity to "bring sense and reason and control" into the farm surplus situation.

He said the Senate Judiciary Committee had drafted a tightened drug control bill along lines sought by the administration. He then noted that the House would vote Monday on a proposed constitutional amendment that would bar states from imposing poll taxes in elections for federal offices and urged removal of "this outmoded bar to voting."

He called the trade bill "one of the most important" measures in many years and urged its approval by the Senate without addition of restrictions that would tie the hands of American tariff negotiators.

As for the UN bond purchase bill, he said it was "not Democratic or Republican but American."

Kennedy also announced that the nuclear submarines Skate and Sea Dragon had made an historic rendezvous under the North Pole ice pack. He congratulated the crew members for the exceptional achievement.

## Oregon Program Workshop Reviewed By Medford Board

The first annual Oregon Program workshop, which was held in Salem recently, and board member visitations to schools in northern Oregon were discussed and reviewed by the Medford school board last night.

The workshop on the Oregon Program, Assistant Superintendent Elliott Beckon said, "was one of the finest conferences ever attended by local people." During the 10-day workshop, ideas to expand the educational opportunities for children in Oregon were discussed.

The Oregon Program is a \$3.5 million project being financed by the Ford Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Education involving most of the state's colleges and universities, 25 school districts, and the state department of education.

Becken noted that the first year of the program — the coming school year — will be chiefly preparatory with relatively minor innovations in educational programs and facilities.

Members of the Medford board visited schools in Portland, Gresham, Beaverton and

## Body of McGahuey Claimed by Sister

Salem (AP)—The body of LeeRoy Sanford McGahuey, executed Monday for the slaying of an infant boy in Central Point, was claimed today by a relative, a sister from California.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

CHARGE DROPPED

Portland (AP)—The state Tuesday dropped an armed robbery charge against Chester Raymond Hedrick, Deputy Dist. Atty. Oscar Howlett noted Hedrick already has received three 20-year sentences on rape or attempted rape charges.

## Informational Meeting Is Scheduled Tonight

An informational meeting and not a public hearing will be held at 8 o'clock tonight on possible joining of Phoenix and Medford school districts.

County School Superintendent All B. Mekvold emphasized this morning.

The meeting in the conference room of the county school office is for the boards and administrators of the two districts and the attorney for those petitioning for joining the two districts, Mekvold explained.

## Step Seen Aimed At Destroying 4-Power Control

### West Will Hold Russia Responsible

Berlin (AP)—The Russians today abolished their Berlin military headquarters in a move apparently aimed at destroying the last remnants of four-power control of the city.

The move came in the wake of rioting by West Berliners who stoned Russian soldiers, battled with their own police and denounced the Americans after the Communists shot and killed an 18-year-old youth trying to flee from East Berlin last Friday night.

The Soviet Defense Ministry acted as the United States forced three Soviet armored personnel carriers to accept a military police escort through the American sector of the city to protect them from further attacks by West Berliners.

Contact Abolished

The Soviet move, in effect, abolished contact on a Berlin level between the Russians and the United States, Britain and France. It also appeared to mean the Russians no longer would consider themselves responsible for maintaining Western access rights to East Berlin.

An Allied spokesman said the chiefs of the three Western liaison missions to the Soviet command in East Germany were informed of the "abolition" of the Soviet Berlin headquarters.

Chiefs Summoned

The spokesman said the mission chiefs were summoned to the headquarters of Gen. Ivan Jakubowski, commander of Soviet forces in East Germany, today to be informed of the move and given the text of the announcement.

The announcement was sent on to the U.S., British and French governments immediately, he said.

Less than two hours after the surprise Soviet announcement, the British government flatly stated that it intended to maintain its rights in Berlin, regardless of what the Russians did.

"Western rights in Berlin including access rights are in no way affected," the British Foreign Office spokesman said in London. "Nor is the four-power status of the city."

Washington's Reaction

In Washington, U.S. officials said that the removal of the Soviet command from Berlin would not affect Allied rights there or relieve Russia of her responsibilities in the divided city.

A short time after the Soviet announcement, a U.S. Army sedan with four uniformed passengers passed through the Friedrichstrasse crossing point into East Berlin without interference, the first official car to move into the Soviet sector of the city since the Moscow move.