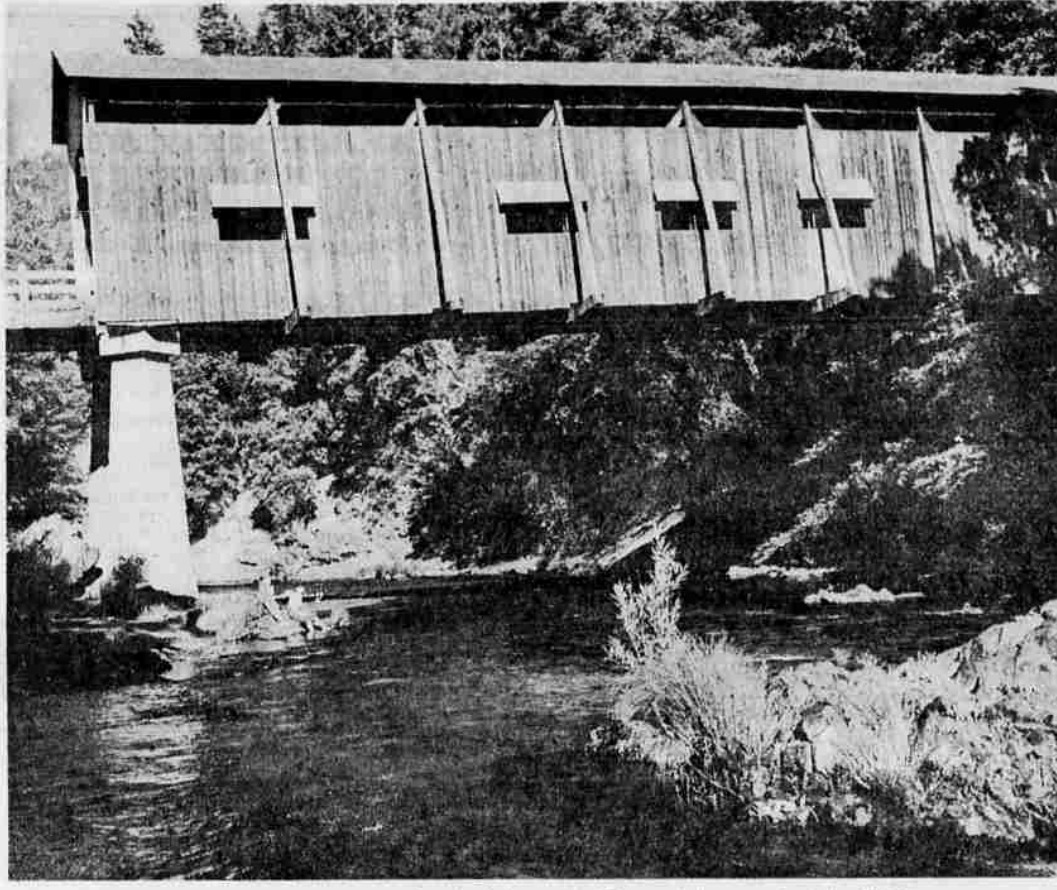


Mariner Maintains Steady Course

The Beauties of Scenic Oregon

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A few covered bridges, reminiscent of the past, still remain in some places in Oregon.

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Space Explorer Expected To Pass Close To Planet

Scientists Laud Guidance Success

Pasadena, Calif. — America's Mariner-2 space explorer hurtled on a steady interplanetary course today for man's first close-up "look" at the mysterious planet of Venus and for what could be an epic space triumph for this nation over Russia.

Scientists at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, headquarters for tracking the craft, said that as of 11 a.m. (PST) today it would be 296,834 miles from Earth and traveling at a speed of 7,312 miles an hour.

The instrument-loaded space explorer, on its 181 million mile flight, is destined to pass within 10,000 miles of the mystery planet whose secrets are hidden beneath a permanent mantle of strange clouds. It may discover whether life exists there.

The Venus-bound trajectory of the Mariner-2 was regarded as an amazing guidance success for American scientists and missilemen. If the 447-pound space probe fulfills its scientific exploration of Venus the United States also will score a dramatic space triumph. The closest a manned object has come to Venus previously was Russia's Sputnik 8, launched early in 1961. It came within 62,000 miles of the planet.

It was feared shortly after the Mariner was launched from Cape Canaveral Sunday aboard a 130-ton Atlas-Agena rocket that it had veered too far off course.

Had the preliminary figures been correct, it would have meant the probe would have missed Venus by at least 100,000 miles.

But revised figures Monday showed that a corrective mid-course maneuver could be carried out to send the 447-pound space probe close enough to Venus to carry out its scientific experiments.

Plans Being Made For Alba Event

Plans are taking shape in Medford for observance Saturday of Alba Day, recently proclaimed by Mayor John W. Snider.

Highlight of the activities during Alba Day will be the re-naming of the city-owned park located at Stewart ave. and Barnett rd. as "Parco d'Alba," or in English, "Park of Alba."

Known as Maple Grove park since the mid-1920's when the maple trees were first planted, the park will officially be renamed in honor of Medford's sister city.

Principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies, which are set for 2 p.m., will be Thomas Vaughan, director of the Oregon Historical society.

Represented at the ceremonies will be the Medford sister city committee, Medford city council, all area veterans organizations, the Oregon National Guard, and Italian diplomatic officials from Portland.

Pino Dutto, the young attorney from Alba who is currently visiting in Medford, will officially represent his city at the dedication of the park.

The public is invited to the event, as well as to a no-host luncheon at North's Chuck Wagon restaurant at noon.

TROPICAL STORM NEARING CAROLINA

Wilmington, N. C. — Tropical storm Alma was expected to brush the North Carolina coast with 50 mile-an-hour winds today and then veer out to sea.

The season's first tropical storm caused little excitement among coastal residents who have weathered some of the mightiest of hurricanes. There was little or no advance preparation for the storm which one man dismissed as "just another gale."

The latest advisory issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau at Miami said the storm's center was about 20 miles southeast of Morehead City, N. C. It was moving towards the northeast at about 15 miles per hour.

Gale warnings were displayed from Morehead City, N. C., to Cape Charles, Va., and small craft from the coast of the Carolinas northward to Cape May, N. J. were warned to remain in port.

Violent Firestorm Halted

California Resort Area Continues As Danger Spot

Lakeport, Calif. — Fire fighters halted a violent firestorm forest blaze today after it swept through about 9,000 acres of brush and timber, but danger continued to the Lake county resort area, from which 1,000 persons fled Monday.

A California Division of Forestry spokesman at Kelseyville near the fire area said the "forward advance of the fire has been temporarily checked."

10-Mile Path About 600 men with 200 pieces of equipment were on the fire line. Flames seared a 10-mile path through the dry brush and for a time threatened the Cobb Mountain resort area near the Clear Lake vacation area.

State fire fighters also reported progress in controlling fires near Redding to the north and Mariposa in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Two smaller fires in Napa county were under control.

A spokesman said the Cobb Mountain blaze may have been deliberately set. It broke out Sunday and Monday flared into a firestorm generating high winds as it leapt through dry grass and shrubbery.

6,000 Acres Burned The Mariposa fire was contained today after burning 6,000 acres. A 7,000-acre fire that was running wild Monday night near Lake Shasta was 85 per cent controlled today and officials hoped for full control by Wednesday.

Division of Forestry officials in Napa county said fires in Wild Horse valley and the Dry Creek area were brought under control early today after burning several hundred acres of brush.

Strong Tremor Hits Greece, Italy

Athens, Greece — A strong earth tremor centered 65 miles southwest of Athens shook Greece and southern Italy today, causing panic, one death and some property damage.

In Greece, police at the town of Corinth said a man of 90 died of injuries. In Naples, Italian police said a woman in her 60s injured herself when she fled in panic.

Otherwise, authorities reported only damage to buildings.

But the tremor caused momentary terror here and in towns and villages all over earthquake-conscious southern Italy, where a series of quakes last week killed 18 persons, injured hundreds, made scores of settlements uninhabitable, and caused an estimated \$100 million worth of damage.

Bend Youth Drowns As Bike Misses Bridge

Bend — A youngster drowned here today when his bicycle missed the approach to a footbridge over the Deschutes river.

Ricky Russell, 11, pitched over the handlebars into the water. Friends tried in vain to save him.

Flying Farmer Killed In Tulelake Crash

Tulelake, Calif. — A flying farmer trying to stir up air currents over his crops was killed today when his light plane crashed.

He was Gayle Johnson, 35, of Tulelake, a father of three. Neighbors said he believed air currents would protect his potato crops from frost damage.



DISPATCHERS BUSY — Coordinator Ross and his coworkers are controlling more than 800 men and 200 pieces of equipment in forestry in Sacramento, directs firemen and equipment to hot spots by radio. Dunwoody Mountain near Lakeport, Calif. (UPI)

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday morning, clearing by Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 45, high tomorrow 50-55.

New Moon — Wednesday night. Moonrise, brightest of the stars, rises 3:47 a.m. and will be in the southeast at sunrise. Above Sirius is the constellation of Orion.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:33 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	5:06 a.m.
New Moon	Wednesday night
Moonrise, brightest of the stars, rises	3:47 a.m.
and will be in the southeast at sunrise.	Above Sirius is the constellation of Orion.
Highest Yesterday	84
Lowest This Morning	44

Red China May Have Nuclear Device Soon

Washington — Red China may be capable of detonating a crude nuclear device in a year or so, U.S. officials said today.

The said they had no intelligence information indicating the Peiping regime might reach this stage in the next few months.

This explanation was given to newsmen after a senior official of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency told a group of newsmen that Communist China would "probably" be able to set off its first nuclear explosion "within a matter of months."

The official, who declined to be quoted by name, later qualified the statement, saying that by a "matter of months" he meant a year or two rather than a year or two previously given by U.S. officials.

The estimate is that even if China succeeded in exploding a simple nuclear device it would be a number of years before it could develop anything approaching a weapons system.

Officials said information on the exact state of Communist Chinese nuclear development was sketchy.

Russia entered an agreement to give the Peiping regime technical assistance in the field of atomic science in 1955. But less than a year ago, at the height of Moscow's ideological dispute with Peiping, Russia withdrew most of her technicians and scientists from China.

When the Russians pulled out, however, they left behind scientific equipment, including that which could be used by the Chinese in nuclear projects.

Anti-Poll Tax Measure Approved

Washington — Congress, after decades of bitter wrangling, has acted against the poll tax and asked the 50 states to join in a constitutional ban on it.

The House Monday voted 295-86 for a proposed constitutional amendment that would forbid states to levy a poll tax as a condition for voting in congressional and presidential elections. The Senate approved the measure last spring, 77-16.

The amendment now goes to the state legislatures. If 33-quarters of the total-ratify the measure within seven years it will become the 24th Amendment to the Constitution.

MacLaren Escapee Held on Rape Charge

Bend — A 17-year-old escapee from MacLaren School for Boys was held here today on a charge of raping a 12-year-old girl near Horse Cave east of here Monday afternoon.

10-Year-Old Runaway Gives Police Workout

The wild but believable story of a runaway 10-year-old Medford boy gave city police a workout early Monday morning before the youth finally broke down and told the truth.

About 2:31 a.m., police were called to the municipal airport by officials at the weather bureau who said they had found the youngster among some helium tanks near their building.

The boy told police that he had become separated from his family Sunday. His family was travelling to Portland, he said, to visit his grandmother.

Stops for Gas When his father stopped for gas at a Medford station, the boy told officers, he had gone to the restroom, and when he came out he found the family had driven off without him.

The youth said he had wandered around looking for them and had ended up at the airport.

Police fired off bulletins to state police and records bureaus in Salem in attempts to locate the boy's family. Everything came back negative.

Admits Living Here Finally, about 4:45, the youngster admitted to officers that he actually lived in Medford, that a local couple were his legal guardians. He had apparently run away from home.

The guardians were notified. They had assumed the boy was asleep in his room.

At 5:30 a.m., the youngster was lodged in Jackson county juvenile detention home, pending further investigation of the matter.

Russia Rejects Latest Proposal On Nuclear Ban

Geneva — The Soviet Union said today it "will not consider agreement" on a nuclear ban on the basis of new Western proposals made Monday by President Kennedy and British Premier Harold Macmillan.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasil Kuznetsov rejected the new Western initiative for the second day in a row as today's session of the nuclear subcommittee of the 17-nation Disarmament conference.

But American Ambassador Arthur H. Dean said he still hopes "the Soviet Union has not said its final word on the subject."

The West, he said, is "prepared to wait as long as necessary for the Soviet government to give due thought and consideration to these proposals."

The Western proposals, made Monday, were almost immediately rejected by Kuznetsov, who backed up his rejection today.

The Soviet diplomat said his country "will not consider an agreement on the basis of these proposals which can only increase the arms race."

The President and Macmillan offered to drop on-site inspection of tests in the atmosphere, under water and in outer space, but retained the Western insistence on on-site inspection of underground tests.

Victim of Amnesia Asks Help in Portland

Portland — A man believed suffering from amnesia found his way to the police station here today and asked for help.

He complained of a severe headache. He was put to bed in the police emergency hospital while detectives investigated.

The man is about 30 to 35 years old, about five feet ten inches tall, weighs about 200 pounds, and is of a husky build, with medium dark hair and blue eyes.

He had no wallet or other identification.

Basin Project Said Hung Up by Group, Directors Are Told

The omnibus rivers and harbors bill, of which the Rogue basin project is a part, is hung up in a house committee, Ben Hilton, president of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association, told the group's directors last night.

John A. Blatnik (D-Minn.) chairman of the house subcommittee on rivers and harbors, has said no action will be taken on the omnibus bill by his committee until the \$900 million public works bill clears the house, Hilton told the group meeting in the Rogue Riviera, Gold Hill.

"This may mean that no further action will be taken until the bill is re-introduced next year," Hilton said. The directors had hoped to get some planning money for the project this year.

"The next two weeks will determine what Congress is going to do on the omnibus bill," Hilton added. "There is no chance now of getting it introduced as a separate bill. Senate hearings on the project started today."

Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) said the omnibus bill could come out of the house budget committee and be sent to the public works committee any time. She urged immediate clearance of the project, but action on it "will likely be delayed until next year."

Material on the proposed Rogue basin project has been mailed Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) and the Redwood Empire association has asked two California Congressmen to help.

The project section on the Applegate river would extend into a small part of northern California.

Attorney Named To Represent Ryles

Robert Lee Ryles, 37, formerly of Columbus, Ga., appeared in Jackson county district court this morning on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The charge resulted from a boxcar fire in which a man was severely burned Sunday.

John Ross, Medford lawyer, was appointed by Ryles, who was represented by Ryles, as attorney for Ryles. Ryles is charged with assaulting Clair Almon Camp, 51, Lebanon, Kan., by setting fire to a box car. Medford police arrested him early Sunday.

Camp was reported in serious condition this morning at Rogue Valley hospital where he is being treated for second and third degree burns over his body, a hospital attendant said.

Hoover Undergoes Abdominal Surgery

New York — Former President Herbert Hoover, 88, underwent surgery today for removal of a growth on the interior of his large intestine.

A spokesman at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center said the former chief executive was in satisfactory condition at the end of the three-hour operation.

Ben Bella Foe Seeks Talks by Algerian Groups

Algiers, Algeria — The major opponent of leftist strongman Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella called today for new talks among all factions of Algeria's warring political groups "to find a rapid solution to the problem of leadership."

The call was made at a news conference by Belkacem Krim, deputy premier in the provisional government (GPRA) which was shoved into limbo when Ben Bella set up his political bureau in Algiers.

Ben Bella, in turn, was ousted in a power struggle with dissident military leaders in Algiers and the Kabylie regions who have refused to bow to his political bureau and its demand that the National Liberation Army (ALN) be put back in power.

Ben Bella appeared to have won some strong support from other military leaders. Simultaneously, he gained new support from the Algerian Communist party, which issued a political bureau the only central authority capable of organizing elections "in the present circumstances."

Krim, 40, who had remained silent until today since the advent of the political bureau, has emerged as the smoothest and most able opponent to the installation of Ben Bella as leader of the country. It was Krim who headed the Algerian delegation which signed the Evian accords with France which paved the way to Algerian independence this year.

Pear Growers Will Discuss Can Prices

Local pear growers will hold a meeting Thursday to discuss canneries prices, a spokesman for the industry said today.

No prices have been set on the Bartlett pears which usually go to canneries in Medford and Ashland, it was reported.

Growers will not finish the Bartlett harvest this week as earlier expected. The Bartlett harvest will crowd the D'Anjou picking, which is scheduled to start next week.

Bartlett pears so far are small, but this is the first picking. Quality of the fruit is exceptionally good, a fruit industry spokesman said.

Some ripe fruit is showing on the trees which makes handling difficult. California has had the same problem this season, it was noted.

Bomb Scare Clears Pay Less Store

A bomb scare at the Pay Less Drug store in the Medford Shopping Center was checked out by Medford police Monday afternoon. Officers said nothing was found.

The assistant manager of the drug store, Gerald Charles Lutzure, 4425 Jacksonville highway, told police that one of his employees, Robert Phil Gates, 1280 South Stage rd., had received the bomb threat in a telephone call about 2:43 p.m.

The person reportedly told Gates, "There is a bomb in your store."

The store was immediately cleared of customers. Store employees and police checked but found nothing.

Swimming Pool Case Is Decided

A court test of the city of Medford's swimming pool ordinance has resulted in a ruling that it is valid for residences but does not apply to industrial concerns.

The ruling was handed down by Jackson County Circuit Court Judge James M. Main late last week.

Two suits against the ordinance had been brought simultaneously by George M. Roberts, Medford attorney, and McGrew Brothers Sawmill, Inc. Plaintiffs sought a declaratory judgment that the ordinance was invalid.

The ordinance stipulates that a 3-foot high fence with self-closing gates must be maintained around swimming pools and bodies of water within the city. It is designed as a protective measure for small youngsters.

According to Judge Main's decision, the ordinance is valid for swimming pools at residences, but does not, because of its language, apply to bodies of water maintained by industrial concerns.

The case was tried about three months ago.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

SATELLITE BILL SENT TO KENNEDY Washington — The House today passed and sent to President Kennedy the bill setting up a privately owned but government regulated satellite communications corporation to handle world-wide relay of television, telephone and other communications.

TAX PLAN CLEARED BY SENATE Washington — The Senate cleared the way today for an early decision on whether to keep or kill President Kennedy's controversial investment tax credit for American business.

JOHNSON TOURS TURKISH BASES Ankara — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson today embarked on a Central Treaty Organization headquarters here and Turkey's North Atlantic Treaty Organization base at Izmir on the Aegean Sea.