

### VA Has No Plans to Close Domiciliary

Rumors that possible closure of the White City Veterans Administration Domiciliary was being considered by the VA have been investigated by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who has been given assurance that no such plan is claiming the attention of the office of Administration of Veterans Affairs.

Senator Morse, quoting J. S. Gleason Jr., administrator, noted: "First let me assure you that we have no plan to close the domiciliary at White City. We are, however, currently engaged in an overall study of our domiciliary system. Included in this study is the testing of a new concept of care aimed toward the restoration of domiciliary members and hospital patients to community living. Until the results of this study are known and analyzed, long range plans for our domiciliaries are being held in abeyance."

Allentown, Pa. — (UPI) — Golfers who have everything, or status seekers on the green, now can get gold clubs ranging in price from \$195.50 to \$1,090 each at a local department store.



**REITERATED CHARGES** — House GOP leaders Monday reiterated charges that Soviet Russia could test nuclear weapons underground "with no risk of being caught" by an inspection system which the U.S. is drafting for disarmament talks in Geneva.

### Sticky Tape High In World Usage

Chicago — (UPI) — Poets say love makes the world go 'round. But an industrialist says sticky tape holds the world together.

Robert J. Leander, a man who makes his living in adhesives, says the burgeoning tape business has long since grown out of the confines of the home.

"A large part of the tape business today really is out of this world," he said in an interview. He cited use of exotic tapes on the satellite launching pads at Cape Canaveral as one example. Withstanding short-term heat of up to five-thousand degrees, the tape rides along with missiles and jet aircraft.

Down to earth, the sticky tapes have found a myriad of applications up to and including patching and holding together a cracked auto windshield.

Leander, president of Mystik Adhesive Products Inc., de-

scribed how development of tapes for the military leads to better tapes for use on the homefront.

During World War II, for example, the tape engineer came up with a cloth-backed waterproof tape to protect military hardware against the elements.

The tapes, postwar, were put to multiple use in homes. More recently, tape scientists have successfully utilized such test-tube products as mylar, teflon and plastics to produce space age tapes capable of withstanding both high and low temperature extremes.

In time, he predicted, these, too, will find a purpose on the homefront.

Bartow, Fla. — (UPI) — Dog-napping has become so widespread in Polk county that Sheriff Monroe Brannen Tuesday assigned a special deputy to investigate 18 dog thefts so far this month.

### Peace Corps Test Slated in Medford

Placement tests for Peace Corps volunteers have been announced for Saturday, March 23.

Medford is one of the 823 cities across the nation in which the examinations will be given.

The Medford examination will be conducted by Leonard B. Nelson of the Medford post office staff, local civil service commissioner, in the court room of the Medford post office.

The tests will begin at 8:30 a.m.

More than 5,000 successful applicants are now at work in 45 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America or completing training for their overseas assignments.

The number of volunteers has increased 78 per cent since last June 30, Peace Corps officials report, predicting a similar increase this year.

## Business Recovery In Roseburg Said Surprisingly Fast

Eugene — An insurance study of the 1959 Roseburg explosives truck blast indicates business recovery from the effects of the blast was surprisingly fast, and that a little more than \$5,000,000 was paid to insurance claimants in the blast area.

The study, entitled "Risk Management in a Catastrophe," was prepared by the University of Oregon bureau of business research.

It is the second of two studies published by the bureau and financed by the Small Business Administration in a nationwide series of management research reports. The first study was an analysis of the adequacy of insurance programs carried by small retailers in Oregon.

**Dr. Greene Makes Study**  
The Roseburg study was made by Dr. Mark R. Greene, professor of insurance and head of the department of marketing and industrial management in the university's school of business administration. Project director was Dr. Wesley C. Ballaine, director of the bureau of business research.

Copies of the report are available for reference at any Small Business Administration office, or may be purchased for \$1 from the bureau of business research, University of Oregon, Eugene.

The study shows that about 9 per cent of the fair market value of the property in Roseburg was destroyed by the blast which occurred when a parked truck carrying 13,000 pounds of explosives was heated by a nearby fire and exploded. Seven city blocks were leveled and 28 others were severely damaged.

**Well Protected**  
Most business firms were well protected by insurance and the recoveries from their policies undoubtedly were mainly responsible for the smooth economic recovery demonstrated in the area, the study concludes.

The study adds, however, that in specific instances uninsured losses caused considerable hardship.

Economic indicators of business activity in Roseburg, such as employment, bank deposits, buying income, and bank deposits, showed no significant change which could be traced to the blast.

Over half of all loss claims paid were \$1,000 or less, and more than 80 per cent were less than \$5,000. About 10 per cent of the total number of claims represented uninsured claims or claims insured for inadequate limits.

Although most of those insured appeared satisfied with loss adjustment procedures,

there were some disagreements over proper deductions for depreciation, property appraisals, and repair estimates.

**Settled Within Month**  
Nearly half of the claims were settled within one month, and about 90 per cent were settled within 120 days.

The study reports that most of those insured were satisfied with the role played by their agents, but that it seems evident that agents play more of a minor role in cases of loss settlement than is commonly supposed as most of the burden is carried out by adjusting personnel.

After the blast actions were taken by a significant proportion of those insured to correct errors in insurance and risk management procedures. Many increased their limits of coverage, or bought coverage previously rejected, and some rebuilt with better types of construction.

### Mrs. Kennedy Expects To Return to Capital

New York — (UPI) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, in New York Tuesday for a round of shopping and visits to friends, was expected to return to Washington today in time to greet her husband on his return from Costa Rica.

The first lady flew here Monday aboard the family plane but left her children, John Jr. and Caroline, at the White House.

### Customer Orders Set Of Four Hairpieces

Chicago — (UPI) — A wig-maker told an American Medical Association writer that one of his customers, a young man, was so taken with his toupee that he ordered an entire set for different occasions.

The man bought a crew cut hair piece for everyday wear, slightly disheveled style for outdoor activities, a well-groomed, somewhat longer-haired model for formal evening wear, and a fourth toupee which he never wears. The fourth hair piece is neatly wrapped, kept in a box and labeled, "For my funeral."

### Redden Asks M'Bain To Reconsider Vote

Representative James A. Redden, Jackson county Democrat, has asked Don M'Bain (D-Multnomah) to reconsider his vote which helped table House Joint Resolution 11 which called for an investigation of the public utility commission.

The vote to table the matter was 5 to 4 in the House committee on commerce and utilities.

Redden seeks to have the appropriation for the desired interim committee cut from \$100,000 to \$20,000, which is M'Bain's objection to the resolution.

### NOW YOU KNOW

Alphabet is the only word of more than one syllable compounded solely of the names of letters — the Greek alpha and beta, according to Brewster's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable.

### Public Relations Man Hired by Hotel

Portland — (UPI) — Leith F. Abbott, recently retired as Pacific Northwest public relations manager for the Southern Pacific company, has been appointed special representative working in sales and public relations for Portland's new Hilton hotel.

Ford Montgomery, general manager of the hotel which will open in May, said Abbott would work to promote tourist, commercial and convention business for Portland generally and the Hilton Hotel specifically.

The appointment became effective today. The \$12.5 million hotel opens May 9 with a series of inaugural events extending through May 12.

### REQUESTS CARS

Cuffley, England — (UPI) — Paul Brandon, who for five years was chauffeur to attorney Wilfred Evill, was remembered in his late employer's will. Evill willed him two Rolls Royce limousines — a 1934 gray Cabriolet and a 1954 Silver Wraith automatic.

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