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FORECAST: Light rain early today, partial clearing with scattered showers later. Intermittent rain Monday. High today 64. Low tonight 40. High Monday 62.  
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**EXAMINES DEBRIS** — Admiral Herbert L. Austin, USN, uses magnifying glass to examine pieces of debris found floating at the location of the sunken submarine Thresher. The debris will be evaluated by a naval board of inquiry gathered in Portsmouth, N. H. (UPI)

## Witness Tells of Hearing Thresher's Death Rattle

Portsmouth, N. H. — A veteran Navy officer said Saturday he heard what appeared to be the death rattle of the submarine Thresher just moments after her crew tried desperately to surface the vessel before it apparently broke up near the floor of the Atlantic.

Lt. (jg) James D. Watson, 43, of Aurora, Ill., told a Naval court of inquiry how he and Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Hecker, the skipper of the submarine rescue ship Skylark listened over the underwater telephone to the final moments of the nuclear-powered Thresher and her 129-man crew.

Portsmouth, N. H. — A floral replica of the submarine Thresher will be flown out to sea Monday and dropped over the last known position of the vessel as a final tribute to the 129 men aboard, the Navy said Saturday.

Watson, the navigator and First Lieutenant aboard Skylark and a 23-year Navy veteran, read and explained to the court log book notations he made seconds before Thresher was lost in waters a mile and a half deep last Wednesday.

He told the grim-faced Navy brass sitting on the in-

quiry board that the sounds which came over his telephone link with Thresher as it practiced deep dives far below were all too familiar to him and Hecker.

"We both heard a sound familiar to me from World War II — the sound of a torpedoed ship breaking up underwater," Watson said. "It sounded as though a compartment was collapsing or something of that nature. It was a muted, dull thud."

**Left Room**

At one point in the proceedings, newsmen had to leave the inquiry room when Skylark's log indicated how deep Thresher was diving. This is classified information.

According to the log, Thresher messaged at 0913, "we have position up angle. Attempt to blow-up." This was 13 minutes after Thresher had dived to test depth.

The word "blow-up" meant that the crew was attempting to force air into the ballast tanks to surface the craft. The sub apparently was in trouble at this point and its only hope was in surfacing quickly. According to another witness the sub had reported "experiencing minor difficulties" shortly before the 0913 message.

Two minutes later, at 0915, Hecker grabbed the tele-

phone and shouted four times to Thresher: "Are you in control?" "There were blowing sounds on the intercom, but nothing else," Watson said.

**Last Message**

Then at 0917, Thresher sent its last message. It was partially garbled, Watson said, and he picked up just two words: "... test depth..." He said both he and Hecker believed several words preceded this. Asked by the board if he had any idea what the garbled words might have been, Watson said he believed he heard the word "exceeding" before test depth, but added, "I'm not certain."

It was shortly after the "test depth" message that signaled the end of the \$50 million submarine.

The board asked Watson who was doing the talking aboard Thresher.

"I can only assume it was the commanding officer (Lt. Cmdr. John W. Harvey)," Watson replied. "He was unharmed. There was no note of hysteria. He would be the man most likely to carry on in a situation such as this."

## NEWS BRIEFS

**NATO FORCE TO BE OPERATIONAL**  
Washington — The United States expects a 10-nation NATO nuclear force to be operational under the supreme allied commander in Europe, U. S. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, within a year, it was disclosed Saturday.

**U.A.R. TELLS OF SETTLEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA**  
Cairo, U.A.R. — The United Arab Republic Saturday announced a settlement with Saudi Arabia on the Yemen civil war and the little Red Sea nation moved to join an emerging Arab Federation.

**WEST GERMANS CROSS INTO EAST BERLIN**  
Berlin — Long lines of West Germans crossed slowly into East Berlin Saturday to visit relatives and friends living in the Communist section of the divided city.

**SOVIETS LAUNCH NEW SATELLITE**  
Moscow — The Soviet Union Saturday launched its 14th unmanned exploratory satellite in its cosmos series designed to prepare the way for future space flights by Russian cosmonauts.

## Higher Education Warns of Plans If Budget Is Slashed

Salem — The State Board of Higher Education has told the legislature it will take drastic steps to preserve "quality" education if its budget is cut by \$5 million.

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## Ticket-Vending Machines Slated For Campgrounds

Portland — A schedule of operations for ticket-vending machines in 28 Oregon and Washington campgrounds was announced Saturday by the U. S. Forest Service.

The ticket machines have been installed this year at selected well developed and heavily used campgrounds after being tested at two locations last year.

Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone said the overnight camping fee will be \$1 per day.

Stone said the machines will operate through Sept. 2.

He listed the following campgrounds in Oregon which will have the vending machines, along with the date the machines will go into operation:

Al Bradford, who was sworn in Friday afternoon as acting postmaster of Medford, announced immediately after he took the oath of office that he would resign from the Medford city council.

Bradford, who represented Ward 2 on the council, of which he also was president, said he would resign to avoid any possible conflict of interest which might develop. He said that he felt he would need to give full time to the operation of the post office.

Bradford, who had stated immediately after announcement of his appointment about two weeks ago that he would follow whatever advice in this matter he received from the post office department, said he had not heard from the department regarding the holding of a non-partisan elective office. He said he had decided on his own judgment to resign.

## Bradford Quits as Councilman After Postmaster Oath

Deschutes National Forest: Blue Bay (Shuttle Lake) and Link Creek (Shuttle Lake), both July 8; Paulina Lake, Little Crater (Paulina Lake), Cinder Hill (East Lake), Aug. 1.

Mt. Hood National Forest: Tollgate and Camp Creek, June 22.

Siskiyou National Forest: Grayback, June 24.

Siuslaw National Forest: Tillicum Beach, Cape Perpetua, Sutton Lake, Silicoos, and Carter Lake west, all June 1; North Eel Creek, June 28.

Willamette National Forest: Hoover, McKenzie Bridge, Paradise, Black Canyon, all May 27.

Winema National Forest: Aspen Point (Lake of the Woods), opening depends on completion of campground.

## Group Asks for Oregon Hearing On Dunes Park

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## Pearson to Lead Canada; Diefenbaker Admits Loss



**PEAR BLOSSOM ROYALTY** — Monte Stewart and Cindy Kay Phillips, both aged 6, were named king and queen of this year's Pear Blossom festival Saturday at Medford. The two were picked from 23 candidates for the privilege of reigning over the annual festival here.

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## Bells of Rome's Churches Peal to Welcome Easter

Vatican City — The bells of Rome's 500 churches pealed joyfully at midnight today to welcome Easter and its tidings of Christ's rising from the dead.

The booming of the big bells at St. Peter's marked the end of Easter vigil rites in the Basilica and in the other churches.

Pope John XXIII, Saturday night broadcast an Easter message praying that Christ would show the world's rulers the need to defend "the great treasure of peace," did not appear in public at midnight.

He came to his window earlier to bless a torch-carrying pilgrimage of Rome taxi drivers in St. Peter's later today to offer his traditional blessing to the city.

The Easter vigil rites symbolized the rebirth of mankind through the passion and resurrection of Christ. The churches commemorated the event by bringing light back into their somber interiors, which had been draped and darkened to mourn Christ's death on the cross.

## Medford Residence Destroyed by Fire

Two homes in the Medford rural area were reported on fire within 11 minutes of each other late Friday night. One burned to the ground; the other was heavily damaged.

Two boys, whose names firemen were unable to obtain, helped Anee Copley out of her home at 1205 South Stage rd. before it was destroyed.

A neighbor, Robert Yates, noticed the fire and called firemen at 11:55 p.m. The house was completely in flames when firemen arrived. It and the contents were a total loss. Copley is now staying at 750 Queens dr.

At 11:44 p.m., fire was reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White, Rt. 3, Box 170A, Medford, located near the intersection of North Phoenix rd. and Cherry lane.

The fire started in a clothes dryer, which had been left running when Mrs. White left home, firemen said. A neighbor turned in the alarm.

There was heavy damage to the house and the contents, and two dogs and a cat apparently died in the blaze.

## Meatcutters Strike Averted by Talks

A strike has been averted through last minute negotiations between Meatcutters Local 503 and employers in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, according to James D. Cain, secretary-treasurer for the union local.

The mutual agreement will provide an increase in health and welfare benefits, a sick leave clause of 12 days per year, improved holiday pay and wages to total \$18.50 per week for head meatcutter, \$17 per week for journeymen, and \$12 per week for wrappers.

The new agreement also will clarify some of the articles of the present contract and will bring wages and working conditions in line with the rest of the state, Cain said.

## Attempt at 'Fast Sale' Is Denied

Astoria — The attorney for a group of Astoria businessmen has denied that an attempt was made to push through a fast sale of the Tongue Point Navy Base here.

Robert McDonald, counsel for Tongue Point, Inc., made the denial after Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) charged the General Services Administration was allowing negotiations to go through hastily.

McDonald said his group's plans have been known since October, 1962.

"If Senator Morse would re-examine the facts in this case, he would learn that Tongue Point has been turned down by every other government agency in the area, not to mention a number of private investors," McDonald said.

## Three Jailed for Grocery Robbery

Oregon City — Three men were jailed here Saturday charged with assault and robbery by force and violence following the hold-up of the Maple Grove grocery store.

The three men were captured about 45 minutes after the robbery.

They were identified as James Brown Williams, 54, Cleo Turner, 39, and Olden Summerfield, 39, all Portland.

A trio entered the store Saturday and demanded cash from Harry Fiesel, operator of the store. Fiesel was being beaten by the robbers when a bakery route salesman, Robert Otherson, Portland, entered the store.

The holdup men made a break for a car and a chase ensued.

The car driven by the robbers went out of control and went over a bank. Police captured them at the scene of the accident.

## Baseball

**Saturday Night Games:**  
Los Angeles 3 Houston 1 (NL)  
Kansas City 3 Minnesota 2 (AL)

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## Bill to Revamp CD Passes in House

Salem — A bill to revamp the Oregon Civil Defense law passed the Oregon House unanimously Friday in a preliminary test of the Ways and Means committee's "out with the old, in with the new" civil defense plan.

The vote came as the House plugged through a 27-measure calendar, its heaviest this session.

Other bills passed included one to outlaw the requirement of a lie detector test as a condition of employment, termed "a Gestapo type of action" in House debate.

The Civil Defense bill contains the crux of ways and means' new view of Civil Defense. It went to the Senate.

## High School Student Confesses Slaying

Reno, Nev. — An 18-year-old high school student Saturday night confessed to strangling and dismembering shapely Sonja McCaskie, a former British ski star whose body was found strewn around her apartment last week.

Police charged Thomas Lee Bean of Reno with murder after the youth made an oral confession to the savage slaying and re-enacted the crime at the victim's duplex. His arrest followed a bullet-punctured chase on a downtown Reno street earlier.

## Youth Grabs Purse, Escapes Down Alley

A purse containing \$15 was snatched from the hands of a woman walking along Sixth st. between Ivy st. and Oakdale ave. at about 4 p.m. Saturday. It was recovered nearby a short time later, but only \$2.42 was found inside.

Beulah S. Warner, 515 South Holly st. told Medford police that a youth wearing white trousers and a red and white checkered shirt walked up to her and a companion grabbed her purse and ran off down an alley.

## Medford Youth Held For Setting Blaze

A 13-year-old Medford boy was arrested by sheriff's deputies Friday on charges of setting a fire at the Rogue River Academy on South Stage rd. The boy told deputies he did it because he was angry with a teacher, and he admitted having done damage to the school in the past.

No damage resulted from the fire, which was set in a janitor's room. In panic, the boy pulled the fire alarm, which was heard by a school board member attending church nearby. He and other church members put out the fire.

## ACCIDENT VICTIM

Gold Beach, Ore. — A U. S. Forest Service employee was killed in a one-car crash on U. S. highway 101 near here Saturday. The victim was Charles Cook, 20. He was Oregon's first week end traffic fatality.