

ASTRONAUT NEARS SPLASHDOWN

Senate Committee OKs Constitution

Action Planned On Senate Floor Tuesday Morning

Two Significant Changes Recorded

Salem—(UPI)—A new constitution was approved 7-2 by the Senate committee on Constitutional Revision Wednesday night, with Senate action planned Tuesday morning.

Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland), chairman said he will ask the Senate to make the document a special order of business at 10:15 a.m.

The constitution that cleared the Senate committee contains two significant changes from the House-passed version:

The Senate committee adopted the legislative apportionment plan of Sen. Anthony Yurri (R-Ontario).

The committee decided to put the death penalty issue on the same May, 1964, ballot as the proposed constitution, but as a separate question.

The Senate committee also made several other changes. House Plan Differs

The House had adopted Oregon's present legislative apportionment plan. And it had left the death penalty in the constitution, with the intent of asking voters at the November general election whether it should be removed.

The two Senate committee votes against the document came from Sens. Don Willner (D-Portland) and Glen Stadler (D-Eugene) because of the Yurri apportionment plan. They said, however, if subsequent study convinces them it is a true population plan, they will support the document on the floor.

It needs a two-thirds vote of the Senate to pass. Then the two Houses must agree before it can reach the voters.

The Yurri apportionment plan would make the sizes of the House and Senate flexible, with top limits of 35 and 65 members.

Each county would get a legislator for each 1-30 or 1-60 of the population of the state. Counties with more than one-half the requirement would get over (a major fraction) left over an extra legislator. Counties with less than one-half the requirement to start with would be combined into districts meeting the major fraction requirement for a legislator.

Yurri said it is a true population plan, although it's immediate effect would be to give a slight advantage to Eastern Oregon.

Semi-Finalists for Miss Rogue Valley



Miss Gysin
Miss Bobbie Gysin, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gysin, route 3, box 198, Medford, is 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She attends Southern Oregon college and is employed at Mann's Department store part-time. Miss Gysin plans a fashion design routine for her talent division competition. Hobbies of Miss Gysin include sewing, fashion designing, cooking, public speaking and gardening. She hopes to become a television commentator and correspondent.

Miss Cummings
Miss Susan Jane Cummings, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cummings, 707 Midway rd., Central Point. She is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. She is employed at Lerner's Dress shop, and is interested in dramatics. Her hobbies include painting, walking, sculpturing, bowling, skating, swimming, skindiving, and other sports. She plans to attend college and later become an airline hostess.

Committee Gives Approval to City's Proposed Budget

The Medford citizens' budget committee, after a 3 1/2-hour session, gave final approval last night to the city's proposed preliminary budget for fiscal 1963-64.

City officials were busy today reworking the budget in light of a number of changes and made by the committee last night. It is expected to take several days before revised totals can be announced.

The budget will be published June 14 and 25. A public hearing has been scheduled for the budget at the regular meeting of the city council July 5.

Add One Fireman
Among major changes made by the committee last night were the addition of one fireman at \$5,184, one policeman at \$4,189, a planning technician at \$8,028, an appropriation of \$1,000 for expenses involved with the Sister City program, and a \$1,500 raise for the city manager.

An increase of \$7,966 was also voted for the library fund transfer, though a motion near the end of the meeting almost reduced the amount to \$4,211 before it failed by a 6 to 4 vote.

The most significant deletion from the budget was \$10,450 from the park and recreation department capital outlay requests. The committee action, which was taken late Tuesday night, recommended the sum be appropriated from the park and recreation improvement fund, which are monies derived from the sale of the Interstate 5 right-of-way through Hawthorne park.

Deleted from the budget by committee vote were \$8,792 for a building plan checker, \$3,600 for two traffic signals, and \$693 from the finance department's request for funds to remodel customer service counter.

A \$25,000 off-set item for a federal house and home finance agency loan to develop a master sewer plan also was deleted by committee action.

The sum of \$1,700 was voted for installation of a traffic signal at Sixth st. and Riverside ave. after it was determined on information supplied by City Engineer Vernon Thorpe that the traffic accident rate at the intersection has been high.

The salutatory address will be given by Beverly Gail Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allison. Miss Allison has maintained a high grade point average of 3.86 during her high school career, and has been active in school affairs. She has been granted a full-fee state scholarship for college and plans to attend Southern Oregon college, majoring in elementary education.

Atmosphere Re-Entry Tricky For Astronaut

Proper Angle of Capsule Important

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI)—The great blanket of life-giving air that encircles earth paradoxically presented the major danger to astronaut L. Gordon Cooper on his planned return from space today.

The tricky problem of nosing a space capsule back into the atmosphere at a speed of 17,500 miles an hour is one of the most difficult an astronaut faces.

At that speed tremendous heat is generated from the friction of air around the capsule. The temperature can build up to as much as 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, far above the melting point of iron.

Exact Maneuver
The task facing the astronaut on re-entry is to maneuver his capsule so it comes in at the proper angle and in the proper position. An error one way or another could spell a flaming death.

Cooper was scheduled to begin slowing up Faith 7 by firing three solid-fueled "retro" rockets over Shanghai, China, about 34 hours after the start of his spectacular flight from Cape Canaveral.

At that point, the capsule had to be faced with its blunt end forward.

Protected By Shield
The blunt portion of the bell-shaped capsule was protected by a shield made of special materials to carry away the increasing heat, thus protecting the astronaut inside.

But, should a space cabin reenter at too steep an angle, even the heat shield might not suffice. Thus it was important that Cooper have the capsule slanted in just the right direction before triggering the reverse rockets.

From start to finish, the reentry takes about 20 minutes. During this time, the astronaut runs into "g forces" that run his apparent weight to nine times or more above normal. The hottest point is around 37 miles up.

'Downhill Drag'
After that, it is a "downhill drag." When the capsule is sufficiently slowed, a parachute is employed, generally at 40,000 feet. A main chute comes out still later and then it is a matter of waiting for the capsule to hit the water—slowed by now to a fall of a few feet per second.

Cooper's capsule is designed to float, and is equipped with radios and beacons to aid recovery forces in locating and getting to him as quickly as possible.

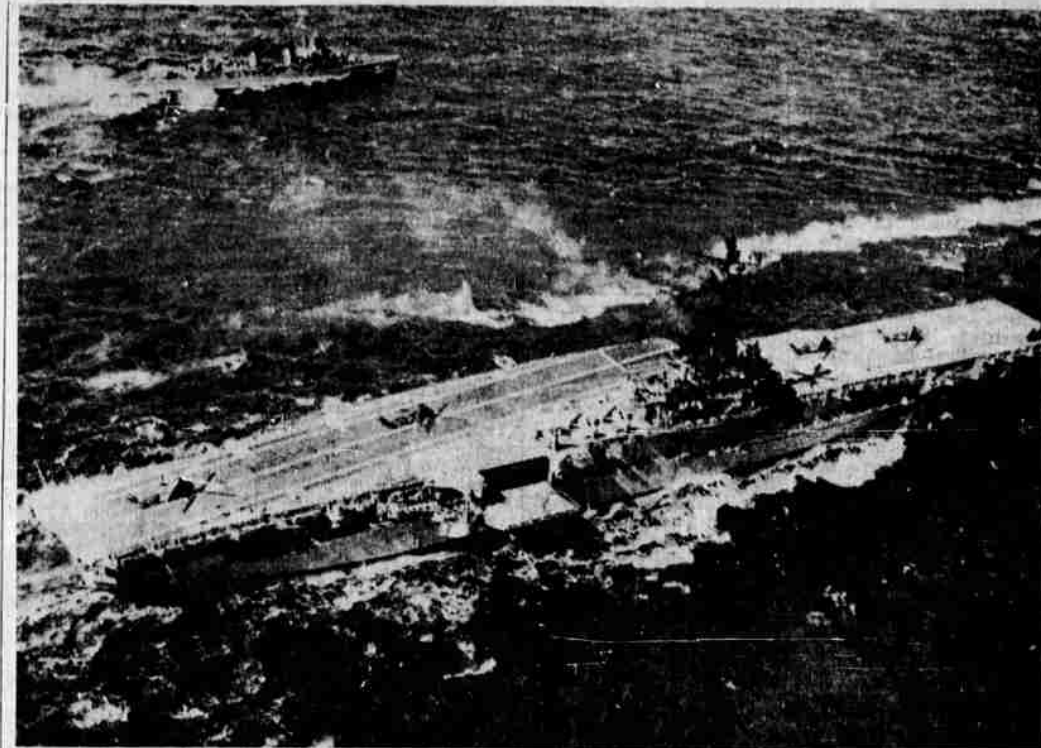
Medford Trucker Fined by PUC

Portland—(UPI)—A Medford trucker, who complained of competition from "gyppo operators," was fined \$100 in Federal Court Wednesday after pleading guilty to seven counts of hauling lumber without an Interstate Commerce Commission certificate in some Oregon and California counties.

Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon also placed Elmer Floyd Magel on probation for three years.

Magel told the court he had complained several times to the ICC that many "gyppo operators" were not certified.

Judge Solomon said if the names were given to the U.S. attorney's office "they'll be brought before me."



ASTRONAUT'S TARGET—The USS Kearsarge is shown poised in the Pacific Ocean near Midway Island where Astronaut Gordon Cooper is expected to splash down after 22 orbit of the earth in his space capsule, Faith 7, this

afternoon. If Cooper should score a near-miss in his descent, other ships are waiting near the Kearsarge to pluck the spaceman from the water. (UPI)

USS Kearsarge Poised in Pacific For Critical Space Recovery Role

Cooper To Aim Capsule at Small Bullseye at Sea

Aboard the Kearsarge—(UPI)—The aircraft carrier Kearsarge cruised slowly in mid-Pacific today, awaiting with mounting tension its critical role in the greatest sharp-shooting act since William Tell.

Its fleet of helicopters was ready, crewmen repeating the drills they've gone through more times than they can count, mechanics checking and rechecking the equipment.

Small Target
Man will attempt to hit a small target of blue Pacific water with a 17,500-mile-an-hour projectile fired from twice the distance to the moon.

The bullseye is the Pacific within helicopter range of the carrier Kearsarge, now about 100 miles southeast of Midway Island.

The projectile is the Faith 7 capsule carrying astronaut L. G. "Coop" Cooper.

If the show goes well, and the capsule lands on target, the Kearsarge's helicopters will go after it. They will pick up Cooper and his capsule and bring them both back to the carrier's five-acre flight deck.

Selected Audience
An all-male selected audience of 2,156—the crew of the Kearsarge—will attend the premier.

Should astronaut Cooper score a near miss, his audience will be even more select, totaling less than 250—the complements of the destroyers Fletcher and Bole, which ran 80 miles on either side of target Kearsarge.

And there are gate crashers on hand for the performance, too. A score of Japanese fishermen from the trawler She Sho Maru No. 3 were found fishing in the middle of the stage.

Other Crashers Expected
Other gate crashers who speak Russian have been expected, but so far none has appeared on the scene. If they take in today's performance, it probably will be by periscope.

If the performance is successful, it will be one of the greatest accomplishments ever attained and guarantee employment and prosperity for the principals involved.

Failure could produce a worldwide tragedy, with the bitterest deepest disappointment to the leading man—Maj. Leroy Gordon Cooper.

Boosters Club for Jacksonville Plans Meeting to Organize

Jacksonville—Formation of a Jacksonville Boosters club as an outgrowth of the disagreements and misunderstandings prevalent during the recent consideration of a highway realignment in the historic town was announced today.

The organization meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Community hall.

The organization is not designed to perpetuate any opinions, attitudes or plans that were presented, however, during the recent controversy, spokesmen said.

The immediate 60-day goal of the Boosters club will be preparation of a thorough and long range study of Jacksonville. It will include an assessment of the present and projections for the future of the town.

As Community Forum
The organization is expected to serve as a community forum for the expression of all views; the presentation and study of all facts. It will meet each week.

The study will be citizen-sponsored and citizen-directed. The organizers have voiced a desire to pinpoint the problems and explore the potential of Jacksonville in order to make the decisions today which will promote the kind of town desired 10 to 20 years from now.

General areas reported for study are commercial development of the business community, economic development with financial problems; residential development, parks, landscaping and lighting, roads, traffic, parking, the preservation and display of historical and architectural development.

Also listed are city services, water, sewer, cemetery, fire and police departments; government structure, schools, tourist development, community organizations, including religious, fraternal and service clubs; cultural activities, county, state and federal relations.

There will be no dues charged for membership in the organization and no assessments collected.

Russia Executes Convicted Spy

Moscow—(UPI)—Oleg Penkovsky, the Russian scientific official convicted as a spy for selling secrets to the West, was executed today.

The official Soviet Tass news agency said Penkovsky was shot by a firing squad.

Joint Planning Committee Set By Area Officials

A joint planning committee of six members, three from the county and three from the city of Medford, will be appointed soon, it was decided during a joint city-county meeting in the county court office yesterday afternoon.

Mayor James Dunlevy and County Judge Earl M. Miller will appoint one representative each from city council or county court, planning and parks and recreation commissions. The group will elect its own chairman and set its first meeting date.

The six-member group will be asked to develop plans for a civil center for city, county and state offices, and for the fairgrounds property. Recreation plans would include the fairgrounds and possible a multi-purpose stadium if a stadium is deemed advisable.

No Buildings Planned
No further buildings other than the public health building are planned for the fairgrounds, Miller told the group. The county juvenile detention home officials were told their area would not be extended until the joint planning study can be completed.

Medford City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that the county could buy the comparatively cheap surrounding property for parking area. County court members said they understood the city would buy the present Safeway store location, but were told no.

"What we need is for the people to tell the planner what they want rather than for the planner to stuff the plan down their throats," County Commissioner Don Faber said.

City Councilman William A. Singler said the people have elected the city and county officials to do the job.

Control Ordinance On Council Slate

An air pollution control ordinance and details of a proposed off-street parking district agenda items for tonight's meeting of the Medford city council.

Fate of the air pollution ordinance appeared uncertain today after the citizen's budget committee last night failed to appropriate funds in next year's budget for hiring an air pollution control officer.

When the health department's budget came up for consideration at last night's meeting of the committee, Councilman R. L. Van Sickle asked why no funds has been budgeted for the control officer.

He was answered by Councilman William Singler, chairman of the council committee which drafted the ordinance, that "the ordinance had not yet been passed by the council," and that the committee was "not in accord" on some details of the measure.

Highway Open House in Medford

Salem—(UPI)—The State Highway Department will hold open houses in 13 cities on May 28 to explain the department's operations in observance of National Highway Week.

Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer, said the open houses will be held in Salem, Portland, Milwaukie, Roseburg, Bend, La Grande, Baker, Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene, The Dalles, Ontario, and Coquille. Two open houses will be held in Salem, one on May 28 at the main highway building, and another on May 29 at the shops area east of the city.

Haiti Unconstitutionally Post President Holds

Port au Prince, Haiti—(UPI)—President Francois Duvalier began a period of unconstitutional control of Haiti today, scoffing at "wishful" reports he would flee the country.

Recovery Area Weather Good, Reports Show

America's Greatest Flight Nearing End

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI)—L. Gordon Cooper, 36, whirled through the final orbits of America's greatest space flight today toward splashdown in the Pacific this afternoon.

The Air Force major long since has logged more hours and miles in space than all of his American predecessors combined.

Shortly after the 147-pound astronaut started his 19th orbit at 8:45 a.m. (pdt) — less than five laps from his goal —

The recovery of astronaut Gordon Cooper's space capsule from the Pacific Ocean near Midway Island will be shown by KMED-TV (ch. 10) and KBES-TV (ch. 5) starting at 4 p.m. today.

flight controllers reported that weather conditions in his Pacific recovery area were "pretty good."

Cooper ended his 20th orbit and started on the 21st at 11:42 a.m. (pdt).

Radioed 'Good Luck'
As he flashed over Florida on his 20th orbit, Cooper received a radioed "good luck and Gossip" from Air Force Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert and Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, Air Force chief of staff. They called his flight "a dramatic advancement to aerospace exploration."

Shortly after that Cooper said, "I am going over Miami — and right now I am over Miami Beach."

Everything Set
The space agency said, everything was set for a triumphant conclusion of the 22.5-orbit flight which Cooper began with a flawless liftoff at 6:04 a.m. Wednesday.

Said an agency spokesman, "Recovery forces, weather, and all our people in those areas are good."

Waiting to Pluck Cooper
and his Faith 7 spacecraft from the sea about 100 miles southeast of Midway Island, were the aircraft carrier Kearsarge, with 2,156 men aboard, and two destroyers.

"We are sure he will get a warm welcome," said Lt. Col. John A. (Shorty) Powers, spokesman for the Mercury man-in-space program.

Cooper in Good Shape
Cooper, refreshed after the first long sleep ever taken by an American in space, had been described as in "very good shape" as he soared at more than 17,500 miles an hour toward the climax of a trail-blazing flight for U.S. moon journeys of the future.

NASA officials estimated that braking rockets on Cooper's 3,000-pound spacecraft would fire at 4:02 p.m. (pdt) about 170 miles southeast of Kyushu, Japan, toward the end of his journey to pull him down from orbit.

Return Complicated
That would put his splashdown in the Pacific recovery area at about 4:20 p.m. after a sharp plunge during which Cooper's weight would jump about 7 1/2 times under the forces of deceleration.

Powers warned that the braking maneuver, called retrofire, is a complicated and difficult timing operation. Ships and planes were ready to get quickly into action if Cooper should miss the landing bullseye.

School Safety Patrol Banquet Slated Tonight

The annual School Patrol banquet, sponsored by the Medford Safety Council, will be held starting at 6:30 o'clock tonight at Hedrick Junior High school.

Honored will be the approximately 325 elementary school students who have contributed to the safety program at intersections in the vicinity of Medford schools.

Included in the program are 14 public elementary school in Medford and St. Mary's school.

NEWS BRIEFS

KENNEDY SAYS RECESSION PREVENTED
Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy said today an upturn in the nation's economy had prevented a recurrence of the recessions of 1958 and 1960.

EVEREST EXPEDITION'S CHANCES GOOD
Washington—(UPI)—The American Mt. Everest expedition has reported favorable weather conditions and "increasingly bright" chances for another successful assault on the 29,028-foot summit, the National Geographic Society reported today.

DE GAULLE IN ATHENS FOR STATE VISIT
Athens—(UPI)—French President Charles de Gaulle arrived for a state visit today and was immediately surrounded by an unprecedented security force to prevent any possible assassination attempt.

BOEING LABOR CONTRACT APPROVED
Seattle—(UPI)—Uninterrupted production of the vital Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile was assured today following approval of a three-year labor contract with the Boeing Co.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Fair and warm tonight and Friday. Low tonight 46. High Friday 53.	Temp.
Highest yesterday 56	46
Lowest this morning 46	46
Sunset today 8:27 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow 5:49 a.m.	
Our Skies Tonight	
Moonrise tomorrow 3:00 a.m.	
New Moon	May 22
PROMINENT STAR	Temp.
Spica, due south 10:35 p.m.	
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Mars, in the west 11:30 p.m.	
Saturn, rises 7:36 a.m.	
Jupiter, low in east 4:25 a.m.	
Venus, rises 5:03 a.m.	