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EXPLOSION AREA—This is a general view of explosion area at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis last night. In background is stage where the ice show was

being staged. More than 60 are known dead and many more are injured. (UPI)

Three Trapped Miners Rescued In West Germany

PEINE, Germany (UPI) — Three men trapped for more than a week in a flooded iron mine were brought to the surface today and cheered by a crowd of waiting miners as they stepped out into the daylight. The underground ordeal for the three miners ended when they came up a 262-foot escape shaft that had been punched through to them in days of tedious drilling. After three hours in a decompression chamber to prevent the possibility of an attack of the "bends" the men walked out under an overcast sky.

About 800 fellow miners and friends cheered them.

Private Reunion
A mine official said the physical and mental condition of the rescued men was extraordinarily good. After pushing through the crowd of well-wishers the men went into a Red Cross tent for a private reunion with their families.

Rescue worker Paul Syska went down in a rescue capsule through the emergency shaft to help the men to the surface. Emil Pohlai, 34, was the first of the trapped miners to be rescued, followed by Fritz Leder, 36, and Gerhard Hanusch, 43. Pohlai entered the decompression chamber shortly after noon (6 a.m. EST) and Syska, the last man, climbed into it 23 minutes later. The rescue capsule was tested by ballast before Syska went down in it. Strict secrecy was maintained until he did.



OVERPOWERED—Vietnamese Marines and some Army troops today launched a coup against the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem (above) and were believed to have overpowered his special "Palace Guard" after fierce street fighting. (UPI)

Sources Say Diem Arrested, Brother Killed by Rebels

U. S. Fleet Ordered To Move to Area

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI) — Vietnamese marine, army and air force units rebelled today to overthrow the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The United States promptly ordered forces in the Pacific to start moving toward Viet Nam to protect American lives if necessary.

Diem was arrested and jailed and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, powerful head of the secret police, was assassinated by rebel forces, diplomatic sources said in Tokyo.

The rebels struck at midday. By nightfall they were reported in control of most of the country following fierce fighting.

The American forces ordered to Viet Nam are primarily part of the 7th Fleet, and were expected also to include some air and ground units. The United States already has an estimated 15,000 troops in Viet Nam.

The rebels appeared to be in virtual control of Saigon and other parts of the country except for the immediate area around the presidential palace, according to reports reaching Washington. Heavy fighting continued around the palace. Diplomatic sources in Washington cautioned, however, that it still was uncertain whether the coup was successful.

There was no immediate word about the fate or whereabouts of Ngo Dinh Nhu, Diem's brother and head of the government security police, Madame Nhu, the president's controversial sister-in-law, is touring the United States and currently is in Beverly Hills, Calif., with her 18-year-old daughter, Le Tuy.

The Japanese foreign office in Tokyo also said it had received a cable from its acting ambassador in Saigon reporting that Saigon radio announced the formation of a new government some time around 4 a.m. EST. The coup forces were believed to be pro-American.

A U. S. Embassy official in Manila said there had been fierce fighting. "One plane has been shot down and the presidential palace has been surrounded," the official said.

Kennedy Huddles With Top Advisors On Viet Nam Crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy met for 45 minutes today with top diplomatic and military advisers on the military coup directed against the government of South Viet Nam.

A spokesman said afterwards that the President was given "direct information" on the situation in Saigon by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said that there would be no immediate White House comment on the fast-developing situation. He said, however, that there is "no problem" in White House communications with Saigon and "our reports are coming in very fast."

Those attending the meeting also included Central Intelligence Agency Chief John A. McCone; Gen. Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman, Roger Hillsman assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, and McGeorge Bundy, the President's assistant for national security.

Bundy, who awakened the President at 3 a.m. EST to tell the President of the development, maintained a White House "situation room" where reports from Saigon were received. He briefed the President again at 6 a.m. EST.

White House officials said Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge would remain in Saigon "as long as necessary." Lodge previously had planned to fly to Washington this weekend to give Kennedy a personal report on events in Viet Nam since the big crackdown on the Buddhists.

On Capitol Hill, members of Congress were generally cautious in their initial reaction to the coup reports.

Children Perish As Fire Sweeps La Grande Home

LA GRANDE (UPI) — Flames raced through a two-story home here early today and took the lives of four small children.

The victims, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mann, were identified as Robin Marie, 4; Timothy Ray, 3; Sonora Grace, 2; and Brian Seth, 1.

Mrs. Mann said the children were asleep in two upstairs bedrooms when the blaze broke out about 7 a.m. Mrs. Mann was asleep downstairs and Mann had left for work.

Firemen were seeking the cause of the blaze.

Mrs. Mann said she awoke after 7 a.m. and saw the flames roaring around a chimney in the kitchen and the stairwell leading upstairs.

She said she ran to her brother's home nearby for help when she was unable to get through the flames to the children's rooms.

She said her brother, Nick Schaefer, tried to enter the house four times but was driven back by the flames.

Equipment Failure Darkens McMinnville

McMINNVILLE (UPI) — Equipment failure at a Bonneville Power Administration substation cut off power to the city of McMinnville for eight minutes Thursday afternoon.

The failure occurred at 2:51 p.m. and was repaired immediately.

Bids Called for Paving on Lake of Woods Highway

B. M. French, regional engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads, has announced that bids are being called for base course surfacing and bituminous paving along a section of the Oregon Lake of the Woods Forest Highway in Jackson and Klamath counties.

The proposed work will cover a 16.257 mile strip shoulder to shoulder to 40-foot minimum top width.

The proposed improvement will provide a paved surface wearing course extending over the graded 4.464 miles let to contract, and under way along 11.802 miles under contract.

Slide correction along 2.139 miles of the initial mileage is now under way.

The work on the latter two projects is scheduled for completion late this fall or early next spring, French said.

The westerly end of the improvement is approximately 28 miles north and east of Medford. The easterly end is approximately 31 miles north and west of Klamath Falls. It will serve the area between and connecting the Grants Pass - Medford area with the Klamath Falls area along a highway extending from Eagle Point to a junction with the Dead Indian County road near the Lake of the Woods, crossing the Cascade Mountain summit at an elevation of 5,106 feet.

The construction is being financed with Forest Highway funds. Contract time allowed is 300 calendar days.

Huge Gas Explosion Kills 63 at Halloween Ice Show

Two New Branches Of First National Planned in City

Past and potential growth of the Medford area has prompted the First National Bank of Oregon to proceed with plans for two new branch offices, Ralph J. Voss, president of the state-wide banking system, said today.

Voss said the new banking offices have been in the planning stages for several months.

The comptroller of the currency has issued permits for a South Medford branch in the vicinity of Barnett Road and South Riverside Ave. and a West Medford branch in the vicinity of West Main St. and Ross Lane.

According to Voss, the West Medford permit was issued in August and the South Medford permit was approved early in September.

"We will proceed as rapidly as possible with new facilities to serve the south and west areas of the city," Voss stated.

Three in Medford
The new banking offices will bring the number of First National branches in Medford to three, and the number in Jackson County to seven. The state-wide bank has offices in Ashland, Phoenix, Central Point, and White City. The White City branch opened in August and a new building for the Central Point branch will open later this month.

"Our faith in the economy of Medford has always been justified and the new banking facilities will serve as an expression of our continued faith in the area's future," Voss said.

Question of What Constitutes Pioneer Will Be Discussed

What constitutes a pioneer is a question which will be asked and perhaps answered at Jacksonville tomorrow when the Southern Oregon Pioneer Society holds its annual meeting, Frank E. Ross, president of the organization, announced today.

Membership in the Society has been limited since 1905 to descendants of families who came to Southern Oregon prior to 1860. The first date for qualification was 1855. The restriction was later eased to 1859 year of statchood, and then to 1860.

MOH Charged with School Fund Raid

EUGENE (UPI) — Sen. Edward Fadeley, D-Eugene, charged today the governor was "raiding the basic school fund in favor of welfare."

Fadeley referred to a \$12 million reversion balance in the basic school fund which has been earmarked for the Welfare Department.

"In effect, the governor is trying to appropriate money to welfare which the legislature has already appropriated for basic school support. The mechanics of the transfer don't quite show this, but the results are the same," Fadeley said.

"The result is that local school district voters will be asked to vote property taxes to replace money sliced off from the basic school fund—the same as a local property tax for welfare," the Eugene senator said.

Tragedy Worst in History of City; 341 Persons Hurt

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI) — A tremendous explosion turned a gala Halloween ice show into nightmarish tragedy Thursday night, killing at least 63 persons and injuring 341.

Officials said the explosion might have been caused by compressed gas used in cooking hot dogs and for pop corn popping.

The catastrophe—largest in Indianapolis history—killed 63 men, women and children, according to official sources. There was such confusion after the explosion some bodies were counted twice and, at one point, officials had set the toll at 70 before revising it downward.

Hurled Bodies
The explosion roared through the Indiana Coliseum at the conclusion of the opening night performance of "Holiday On Ice." It tore through the concrete floor beneath the \$3.30 box seats, finest in the house, and hurled bodies 50 feet through the air onto the ice, where moments before skaters had pirouetted.

Panic swept through parts of the audience. Crowds surged toward exits. One spectator said, "I saw people jumping over the balconies to their death." Shortly, there were mink coats from women in the audience strewn on the ice, along with popcorn boxes and empty beer cups.

Many of the box seats directly above the explosion were occupied by prominent Indianapolis residents.

Coroner Dennis Nicolas said, "apparently it was an accumulation of leaking propane gas used for the concession stands." He said the explosion may have been caused by a leak in copper tubing and not in a gas tank.

Gov. Matthew E. Welsh ordered an immediate investigation.

Board Studies Plan For Landing Strip

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Board of Aeronautics today had under advisement a plan for a landing strip and seaplane base at Hayden Island in the Columbia River.

A hearing was held on the application Thursday with support and opposition about evenly divided.

The application was made by Columbia Marine Co.

Relatively Quiet Halloween Noted By Area Agencies

A relatively quiet Halloween was experienced last night in Medford, according to Medford city police reports.

While city police investigated 46 reports of Halloween pranks where no destruction of property resulted they also checked eight incidents of broken windows and three cases of eggs and tomatoes being thrown.

The largest window broken was one at Singler Auto Supply, 220 E. Jackson St., valued at \$128, police reported.

William George McIlvaine, 1125 E. Main St., Ersila Mae Dykes, 2412 Spring St., and Thomas Todd Kersten, 135 Vancouver Ave., reported that eggs and tomatoes were thrown at their cars.

Medford firemen were dispatched about 10 p.m. to turn off a fire hydrant pranksters had turned on on Madison St. between Queen Anne and Reddy Aves.

Bomb in Mail Box
A reported bomb in a mail box and a broken store window were the only incidents of vandalism noted by the Jackson County Sheriff's office on Halloween, it was reported today.

Mrs. Carl F. Neidermeyer, 305 Hanley Road, Central Point, reported to deputies that a bomb went off in her mail box.

Jewell Bennett, 6079 Table Rock Road, reported to sheriff's deputies that a window was broken in Ben's Gibbon Motel.

Opie Frazier, Associated Fruit Company, Phoenix, reported that some irrigation pipe was damaged in one of the orchards he supervises, but he was not sure it happened last night.

State police said some vandalism was reported to them last night, most of it occurring along Interstate 5 involving incidents in which objects were thrown at passing vehicles.

Medford Student Is Homecoming Queen at College

ASHLAND — The Queen's Dance, with Mary Jo Batzer of Medford in the role of queen, will be held Saturday night, Nov. 2, in the Britt Ballroom as the grand finale of the 1963 Homecoming at Southern Oregon College.

Miss Batzer, a senior in elementary education at the college, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Batzer, 933 S. Holly St., Medford, received her crown Thursday. Members of her court are Pam Gilkinson, Nancy Calloway, Pam Ely and Minica Setty.

Music for dancing will be played from 8:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. by the Martin Denny Combo, which has played in the night club circuit from New York to Honolulu. Known for his exotic sounds produced by glasses, cymbals, bamboo sticks with drum heads and Oriental effects, the Denny repertoire will include Bossa Nova, Exotic, and folk music as well as music from films and shows, both "danceable," according to the dance chairman.

All SOC alumni and faculty are invited to join students at the dance. Homecoming Buttons will be accepted as admission, and can be purchased at the dance.

The Saturday Homecoming program opens at 10 a. m. with the parade. In the afternoon the football game is the major activity with the Red Raiders meeting Chico State College.

WINS HONORS
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — "Sunnycrest Vivid Laree," entered by Lawrence Allen of Bend, Ore., won the junior Guernsey female honors Thursday night at the Grant National Livestock Exposition.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Occasional rain tonight. Partial clearing and a few showers Saturday. Warmer tonight. A little cooler Saturday. Low tonight near 48. High Saturday about 58. Snow level about 4,000 feet late tonight and Saturday.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:04 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:43 a.m.
The Moon rises 3:12 p.m. tonight and is in Perigee.
Last Quarter Nov. 1
Prominent Star Deneb, high overhead at moonset.

Visible Planets
Venus sets 3:24 p.m.
Saturn, due south 4:16 p.m.
Jupiter, high in southeast 4:01 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

ALGERIANS LAUNCH MASSIVE ATTACK
RABAT, Morocco (UPI) — Algerian forces launched a massive artillery and infantry attack against the border town of Figuiat at dawn today. A short time later, King Hassan of Morocco announced that his troops had withdrawn about a mile from the town.

SOVIETS LAUNCH SPACE VEHICLE
MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union today launched a new unmanned "space vehicle" to carry out further research in the cosmos.

DOMINICAN PLOT SMASHED
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (UPI) — The government smashed a revolt plot today and arrested five persons, including two high air force officers and ex-Senate President Juan Casasnovas.

SALEM (UPI) — W. A. Callahan has been reappointed to the State Industrial Accident Commission, the governor's office announced today.