



BLAST, FIRE LEVEL ROSEBURG AREA causing at least nine persons to be killed, and upwards of 50 injured Friday morning in Roseburg. The devastated area covered about

12 city blocks, and damage, expected to reach several million dollars, was heavy in a radius of six blocks from the explosion center. At left, firemen pour water on the Douglas

County Flour Mill to cool the fire and keep the flames from spreading. The building was at the south edge of the disaster area. Center, flames and smoke pour from the

body shop of Hansen Motor Co. on Stephens Street. Right, the center of the holocaust was photographed from the second floor of the Umpqua Hotel 2 1/2 blocks away.

ROSEBURG CRUSHED BY BLAST

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10 Reported Dead, 52 Injured By Dynamite Truck Explosion

By FRANK JENKINS
A Soviet radio commentator this morning assailed American politicians and "journalists" who, he says, are trying to figure out whether the United States or Russia will gain THE MOST from the Eisenhower-Khrushchev visits.

Paddle-Wheel Satellite Hits Orbit; To Explore Outer Space Mysteries

WASHINGTON (AP)—Explorer VI satellite is in orbit and will remain aloft for more than a year, the Space Administration announced this afternoon.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A powerful Thor-Able rocket carrying a 142-pound "paddle-wheel" satellite roared aloft today in an apparently successful launching.

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EMERGENCY
The Herald and News facilities are being used to publish the Roseburg News-Review today because of the blast which damaged their plant. The reader's indulgence is requested during this emergency.



Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday. Low tonight 54-69; high Saturday 90-95.

STUNT COST MOUNTS
LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI)—Officials of the Lafayette National Bank who budgeted \$8 for a promotion stunt added up the bill today and found they'd actually thrown away \$2,808.

TIPSY TEEN CYCLIST
ILKESTON, England (UPI)—A drunken driver was placed on probation today after confessing he had drunk several bottles of beer on the job and had steered a bit wobbly on his way home.

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ROSEBURG (AP)—A truck loaded with 6 1/2 tons of explosives blew up with shattering force here early today. At least 10 persons were killed.

Buildings were smashed and a raging fire spread over the downtown area in this city of 12,200.

In the truck were two tons of dynamite and four and a half tons of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer with explosive nature that caused the Texas City, Texas, disaster a number of years ago.

The blast came soon after fire was discovered in a building beside which the truck was parked, three blocks from the center of the business district.

Fred Munz, controller of Pacific Powder Co. at Tenino, Wash., identified his truck's cargo as dynamite and ammonium nitrate.

The force of the blast was so great it bowled over people walking several blocks away, crushed walls of buildings, and damaged numerous houses and small apartments.

Hospitals said they had 52 patients, several of them in critical condition. Blood plasma and physicians were flown from nearby Grants Pass.

A coroner's deputy said some of the dead would be identified only through dental records.

Asst. Fire Chief Roy McFarlan and Harry Carmichael, about 50, were identified at the outset as among the dead.

Donald De Sues, 32, was seen standing near the truck shortly before the blast and was reported missing afterward.

The coroner's office said it could identify four of the bodies as men but could not say immediately whether the others were men or women, they were so heavily charred.

The fire, fought by men and equipment from as far away as Eugene, 75 miles north, was controlled some four hours after the blast came at 1:20 a.m.

There was a crater 50 feet wide and 20 feet deep where the truck, from Pacific Powder Co., Tenino, Wash., had stood.

The truck blew up moments after the fire siren had sounded the alarm for a blaze at the Gerretsen Building Supply Co. building, beside which the driver had parked it while he got a cup of coffee.

The driver, George Rutherford, Chehalis, Wash., said he was walking back toward it and was knocked down by the blast. He was hospitalized, with injuries believed not critical.

Volunteer fireman Tony Shukle said he was knocked down too, blocks away. He got up, he said, and "the sky was red with embers." Then, he said, fire began to spread.

"There was fire all over," he said, the big one and probably four or five small ones.

that at his home, two miles away, windows were blown out.

As the flames spread they caught a building beside which a railroad tank car of propane gas was parked. After early fears that it might explode, firemen said they had it cooled down and danger was averted.

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Joe Cappa, 32, Roseburg, fair.
Alvin M. Kuykendall, 48, Roseburg.
Janet Kuykendall, 41, Roseburg.

Critical:
Virginia Lee Kuykendall, four, critical, Roseburg.
Lela Bell Kuykendall, 41, critical, Roseburg.
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James Fred Siles, 15, Roseburg.
Rollin J. McDonald, 31, Roseburg.
Lee Townsend, critical.
Mary Unrath, 40, Roseburg.
Keith Warner, 47, poor.
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Douglas fir lumber industry. Lumber and building supplies occupied several buildings in the stricken area.

The National Guard was called out to prevent looting.

Surveys of damage showed serious losses distant from the blast. Jewelry store display windows, three blocks from the blast, were thrown into the street. Bank doors were blown in.

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Albany Fire Razes Plant

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It leveled the two-block-long Linn Plywood Corp. plant, destroyed one home and threatened a school and many other homes as the wind spread sparks.

Unofficial estimates placed the loss of the plant at more than one million dollars.

The fire was reported shortly before 5 p.m. Fire departments from Lebanon and Corvallis joined the Albany firemen in fighting the blaze. Flames soared as high as 200 feet in 25-mile-an-hour wind.

Spot fires were reported as far south as Tangent, seven miles away.

The home destroyed was unoccupied. Only slight damage was caused to several other nearby homes as residents wetted their roofs with garden hoses.

Timber Sale Boost Slated

Special consideration has been given by the forest service to the problem of timber supplies for Klamath Basin timber operators, according to a statement made today by regional forester, J. Herbert Stone.

The shortage in supply caused by the partial withdrawal of Klamath Indian Reservation timber during termination proceedings will be more than offset by increased offerings from portions of four national forests tributary to the area.

Stone stated that an increase totaling 90 million board feet will be offered for sale from the Fremont, Rogue River, Deschutes, and Umpqua national forests. Preliminary plans called for an increase of 50 million board feet. The new increase is the result of special consideration by the chief of the forest service in the allocation of funds made available by Congress for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959.

Funds have also been made available for the four forests involved to do more advance sales preparation work during the current year. The advance work will cover an additional 100 million board feet of timber to be sold in the future.

The location and time schedules for the additional offerings will be set forth in detailed plans prepared by the individual national forests, Stone said. Announcements of these plans will be mailed to timber operators in the Klamath Falls area.

Ike Call For Strong Labor Measures Brings Charge By Walter Reuther

WASHINGTON (AP)—Criticizing Congress' actions on a labor bill thus far, President Eisenhower called Thursday night for a new law strong enough to end racketeering in labor-management relations.

Speaking out as the House headed toward a bitter battle over the issue next week, Eisenhower addressed a nationwide radio-television.

"I am talking about a reform law—a law to protect the American people from the gangsters, racketeers and other corrupt elements that have invaded the labor-management field," he declared.

A bill the Senate passed last April "is not effective," Eisenhower said, and a revised bill prepared by the House Labor Committee is even less so.

He put his prestige behind a substitute sponsored by Reps. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) and Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.), and said that bill offers "a good start toward a real labor reform law."

A few hours later AFL-CIO President George Meany said in a radio broadcast that the bill Eisenhower backed is a "blunderbuss that would inflict grievous harm on all unions," whether they are corrupt or clean.

State Halts Road Building

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—California has halted more than 40 per cent of its contracts for the 1959-60 budget because of the threat that Congress may not appropriate federal funds.

A total of 241 million dollars in contracts were halted Wednesday by order of Robert B. Bradford, state director of public works. He said the projects are "in jeopardy" because of the slowdown or stoppage of the federal highway program.

Included in the halted projects were a grading, paving and structure building on 6.1 miles of four-lane freeway from 8 miles north of Shotgun Creek to half mile south of Castella in Shasta County. It was to have cost \$8,300,000. Also halted was a Siskiyou County project to grade and pave a section of U.S. 99 from Weed to Shasta River, \$1,620,000.

Highway Engineer George T. McCoy said he had been informed by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads that beginning some time this fall federal aid for highways would be stopped unless Congress takes some action to increase the money available.

He said, however, that the state will proceed with projects already underway and on purchases of rights of way.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today criticized Pentagon construction policies as it whacked \$278,167,300 from the \$1,563,200,000 requested for military building programs for the current fiscal year.

The \$1,284,012,700 it recommended, subject to House action next week, is about 18 per cent less than the President requested to finance hundreds of construction projects in the United States and abroad.

The committee gave the Air Force \$777,066,500 of the 915 million it sought. The Navy's request for 253 million was cut to \$188,637,000. The Army's bid for 372 million was trimmed to \$272,564,100.

The committee approved all funds requested for air defense missile facilities and electronic ground environment facilities.