

BLIZZARD BLANKETS ALMOST ALL OREGON

Cardinal Mindszenty Awaits Sentence as Millions Voice Protest Against 'Mock' Trial

Protests against the treason trial of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty reached a new crescendo as a people's court in Communist-dominated Hungary prepared to pass sentence.

The 50-year-old leader of Hungary's 7,000,000 Roman Catholics—termed by the prosecution "one of the last remnants of reaction" in the Soviet satellite—prayed alone today in his jail cell, awaiting the court's verdict.

Presiding Judge Vilmos Olthys and four lay-jurists who heard the dramatic three-day trial of Cardinal Mindszenty and six others accused with him are to hand down their judgment tomorrow at 9 a. m. (midnight tonight PST).

If found guilty the Cardinal faces possible death by hanging. The verdict will come 44 days after the cardinal was jailed.

Millions of Catholics—and a number of Protestants—raised their voice in the world outside the iron curtain.

Exiled Hungarians who fled their native land under threat of the iron fist of Communism protested, too.

On the other side of the iron curtain it was a different story. The Cardinal's trial was declared a triumph over a "monarchist-Catholic" plot and "reactionary propaganda" by Pravda, official Russian Communist newspaper.

In Budapest, itself, the Communist newspaper Szabad Nep said the trial of the Cardinal— "A wretched worm, a frightened scoundrel" was "a defeat for the West."

'Mock Trial' Denounced—Catholics in the United States observed a nationwide day of "prayer and protest" yesterday, along with others of the faith in other countries.

Francis Cardinal Spellman in New York denounced from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the "mock trial" and the "atheistic Communism" he said was responsible. Thousands jammed the cathedral to hear his entreaty for

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN the news of the current day, this paragraph leads off a story from Peiping:

"Communist troops quietly took over this ancient Manchou capital today while brass bands blared and communist propaganda units entertained the citizenry."

WE shudder a little, involuntarily.

China's population is numbered in the hundreds of millions. For as long as this writer can remember, alarmists have been talking about the Yellow Peril. What if somebody should imbue these countless millions with the spirit of conquest?

Because of their numbers, they would be irresistible.

The rest of us would be a helpless minority.

SO the Yellow Peril argument has run. It has been dinned into our ears for generations.

YET, SO FAR, NOBODY HAS EVER SUCCEEDED IN FIRING

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Food Parcel Dropped From Plane Kills Indian Woman

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz., Feb. 7.—(AP)—An Indian woman was reported killed yesterday by a food package dropped from an aircraft plane.

Supt. James M. Stewart of the Navajo reservation said the accident occurred when a package, tossed from a plane carrying supplies to snowbound Indians, fell directly into the door way of a Navajo's hogan and hit the woman. Normally packages fall about 300 yards distant.

It was the first time a casualty in the Arizona gruff which has carried thousands of pounds of supplies to snowbound Indians.

First Local Banking Service Since 1933 Given Sutherlin As Young & Co. Branch Opens

The Sutherlin community today has its own bank. Opening of the E. G. Young and Co. branch bank this morning gives Sutherlin its first local banking service since 1933.

Occupying quarters in the former Sutherlin State Bank building, the new bank is equipped with all new furniture and fixtures. Burglar-proof doors have been installed on the built-in, reinforced concrete vault, new safety deposit boxes have been provided, and the remodeled and modernized office has been given new floors and attractive wall and ceiling decorations.

The Sutherlin Bank will be under the management of C. M. (Clem) Howard, previously cashier of the Douglas County State Bank at Roseburg.

Local banking service has been urged by business interests of Sutherlin for several years. The community has grown rapidly and is the center of large industrial



CARDINAL MINDSZENTY
Death or Life Term?

AF of L Planning To Add Almost Million Members

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor today considered steps to add almost a million to its claimed eight million members.

The AFL's executive council resumed sessions considered restoring the International Association of Machinists to AFL membership. The IAM claims more than six hundred thousand members.

In addition the council has been considering the application of the Communications Workers of America, also an independent union, for AFL membership.

One major block to returning the IAM to the AFL fold was reported to be conditions insisted upon by William Hutcherson, president of the AFL Carpenters Union.

The IAM quit the AFL three years ago in a dispute with the carpenters over jurisdictional rights.

Hutcherson reportedly is insisting that the council whittle the IAM's former jurisdiction to give carpenters a greater privilege of representing union workers, particularly in mill work.

Another problem to be aired before the council was the fight among Canadian labor unions about Communism. One group has been militant in attempting to segregate Communists from labor unions and wants AFL help in its drive.

Over the weekend the AFL's council endorsed the Truman administration's defense and European air programs and indicated a willingness to join the CIO in membership in a new federation of anti-Soviet labor movements.

Rooming House Fire Is Blamed on Grudge

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Wille Walter Akins, 32, has been charged with arson in a rooming house fire here.

Fire Investigator R. W. Curtis said the building owner, Thomas Price, reported Akins held a grudge against him. Curtis said tenants reported seeing Akins break a window to enter the building and set fire to scattered papers Saturday.

The fire caused about \$1,000 damage.

OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED

Because of the extremely bad weather conditions the new Glendale elementary school open house dedication, which was dated for Friday night of this week, has been postponed until Feb. 25.

Snow a foot deep was reported from the Glendale area Saturday.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy with light snow today. Fair tonight and Tuesday with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Low tonight 28.

Sunset today 5:38 p. m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:20 a. m.

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Snowfall Here Crowds Record

Depth Exceeds Six Inches At 9 in Forenoon

Highway Shut at Canyon Mountain, Other Roads Open, But Chains Needed

With more than six inches of snow on the ground at 9 o'clock this morning, Roseburg had established a near-record snowfall, the local Weather Bureau office reported.

As citizens slushed to work along drifted sidewalks or drove their automobiles on snow-packed pavements, the work of clearing the snow in the downtown area was started.

City Manager M. W. Slankard said Street Department crews were not attempting to sand the streets, even though they were slippery in places. He explained that the sand or light gravel would have sunk through the snow, not accomplishing the purpose intended. Street crews were simply clearing sidewalks and crosswalks.

The Pacific Highway was reported closed at Canyon Mountain with 26 inches of snow. The route was expected to be opened to traffic with chains at noon today.

Other highways in the county were reported to be open to traffic, but with chains required. The State Highway Department reported 10 inches of snow at Elk City on the Drain-Reedsport highway. There was "light snow" on the Coos Bay highway. The Tillamook highway was said to be closed in Jackson County.

The Forest Service reported a depth of 63 inches at Big Camas Ranger Station, about 60 miles

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Long Is Named To Head Joint Planning Board



J. V. Long, above, Roseburg attorney, has been chosen by the joint city-county airport zoning board as its chairman. He will meet with the board Wednesday, at session scheduled in the City Hall.

The board was created recently by joint action of the Roseburg City Council and the County Board of Commissioners to have jurisdiction over zoning in the area adjacent to the city airport, to control possible hazards to the flight of airplanes.

Two members of the board, Ira Byrd and Louis Fies, were appointed by Mayor Albert G. Fieser. Two other members, George Felt and Paul Hult, were appointed by the County Court. The four in turn have selected Long to serve as chairman of the joint board.

Long is a former district attorney of Douglas County. He served briefly as assistant city attorney two years ago. He is president of the Roseburg Rotary Club, and is active in other civic affairs. He resides in Garden Valley.

Aged Man's Trek In North Umpqua Snow Is Halted

An elderly man who said he was "walking to eastern Oregon," will be returned to Roseburg from Big Camas Ranger Station as soon as the North Umpqua Road is cleared of snow.

M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, said that Chester Wallace, about 70, had been found Friday morning on the Fish Creek desert, about 60 miles east of here by Forest Service employees, after he had apparently been walking all night.

Thursday afternoon, Wallace had been picked up on the North Umpqua Road by a Flegel Transfer and Storage Co. driver en route to the construction camp at Toketee Falls. Wallace told the driver he was going there, too. As the driver reached the turn-off point, Nelson said, Wallace asked to be let off.

Later the Flegel driver told persons at the camp of picking up the hiker on the road. The Forest Service was notified and a search was instituted. Wallace apparently had continued walking all night. He was warmly clad when he was found the next morning, still walking along the road.

Nelson identified Wallace as a patient of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. He is now at the ranger station with Ira Poole, "Red" Stratton and Ted Hunter, the latter the radio specialist for the forest. The party will return to Roseburg as soon as the road is cleared.

Nelson said Forest Ranger Joe Elliott had started to snowshoe into Big Camas this morning. Meanwhile, tractors of the California-Oregon Power Co. were being used to clear the road for traffic.

Fire Razes Home, Drives Family Into Snow Storm

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Five members of a local family were driven into yesterday's storm scantily clad when fire destroyed their small home south of this city. An overheated flue is believed to have been the cause.

The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian W. Hakely, their daughter, Mrs. Lenore Marfio, and the latter's two children, Bill, 5, and Stephen, 3.

Neighbors gathered clothing to outfit the victims temporarily. Hakely is a logger currently out of work.

Tax Program In Tangle At Legislature

Corporation Tax Use To Pay State Upkeep or Cut Property Levy At Issue

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Oregon Legislature began its fifth week today with its tax program snarled up, and without any major bills having passed either House.

The House Taxation Committee, where the new tax bills are being written, is divided sharply over the corporation income tax issue. And each side was calling the other uncompromising names.

The question is whether to use corporation income taxes to pay state expenses, rather than keep on using them to reduce property taxes. Revenue from this source would total \$38,000,000 in the next two years and could go that far toward balancing the huge state budget.

Supporters of the plan, including Governor Douglas McKay and Attorney General George Neuner, say its legal and necessary. They charge that the opponents don't want the money used in order to force the people to accept the sales tax which they've rejected five times.

But the opponents doubt it's legal and they say that to use this money would make it necessary to levy an \$18,000,000 property tax.

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Landlord Kicks At Outgo Hike With No Income Boost

Bitter complaint against current government-controlled rentals is made by a Winchester Bay landlord in a letter to the Douglas County Housing Authority.

The landlord reports it will cost him \$117.44 to rent five houses at Winchester Bay this year, even though no additional income is forthcoming.

Freezing weather brought plowing bills amounting to \$1,042.45. A wood truck broke through the cover of his septic tank, and the tank became partially filled with sand, causing an expense of \$45 for cleaning.

Taxes amounted to \$150.00, and minor repairs came to \$9.02. The landlord, who was not named in the report from the Housing Authority, anticipated his rental income for the year at \$1,140, provided all five houses remain rented.

His net income, however, amounted to \$1,257.44, his loss for the year now amounts to \$1,174.44, without considering depreciation. The buildings, he reports, need paint. Cost of painting is estimated at \$1,500.

The five houses, all of which come under the rental control act. He charges that shanties in the same area, not subject to rent control, are let at prices as much as double the amount he is permitted to charge.

The Housing Authority, having no control over rentals, is turning the complaint over to the rent control administrator.

FIRE TRUCK BALKS

NUNN, Colo., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Fire truck of the Nunn Municipal Building which houses the town's fire truck. But firemen couldn't use the truck to help fight the fire. They couldn't get the engine started.

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Merger of 65 Agencies Into One-Third as Large Group Is Hoover Commission's Plan

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Hoover commission called today for a vast government reshuffling which would squeeze 65 agencies into a tight group one-third that size, all under firm control of the president.

Reporting to Congress on its 16-month search for ways to streamline the government, the group, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, urged giving the President broad new powers over his official family—powers it said are needed in the present "critical state of world affairs."

It said that under the present set-up, "authority is diffused, lines of authority are confused, staff services are insufficient."

To remedy that, the commission proposed a government pyramid based on the 2,000,000 federal employees and building up to a score of top-level agencies directly under the President—instead



HOW TO KEEP WARM IN BERLIN—With 25 pounds of coal her entire ration for the winter, this aged Berlin housewife has to comb through heaps of rubble searching for bits of fuel to keep her warm. Heat, not food, is the biggest worry for Berlin this winter, despite the aid given by the Anglo-American airlift. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Joe Schuppe.)

Plains Area, Northwest Again Lashed by Storms That Stall Traffic, Topple Power Lines

Slashing storms opened up a new front today against the armies of rescuers in the western blizzard areas while hammering again at some sections of the high plains.

High winds in Wyoming piled deep snow drifts back onto highways and rail lines, bringing traffic to a standstill. A Burlington Lines bus with 36 passengers was stalled 42 miles west of Casper, Wyo., and a convoy of 14 truck loads of hay for snowbound ranches marooned south of the city.

The newest storm swept in from the Pacific Ocean yesterday and dumped deep snow on sections of Washington, Oregon and northern California. The rest of the nation generally had fair weather today.

Temperatures were mostly below normal but not severe. Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska yesterday declared four more of the state's counties to be within the emergency area of last month's blizzard and asked the Fifth Army to include them in the program of rescue operations. The additional counties brought to 44 the number completely in the state's emergency area along with parts of five others.

Winds Level Power Lines—The strong winds in Wyoming which ripped down power lines and unroofed some buildings nullified virtually all that the Army had accomplished in a week of snow-removing work.

Three deaths, one each in Missouri and Nebraska.

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Auto Blow Kills Man As He Refuels Another Car

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Milton Ferguson, 65, Aurora, was killed last night when struck by a car driven by Donald Bower, Hubbard.

The accident occurred at Hubbard when Ferguson was pouring gasoline into the car of a stalled motorist.

Gaming Devices Taken In New Portland Raid

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Confiscated gambling paraphernalia is overflowing Multnomah County Sheriff Marion L. Elliott's offices.

The sheriff said he had to lock some of the evidence seized in a raid Saturday in the office safe because the property room is overflowing.

Three game operators and 23 players were jailed after the late night raid on the Keystone Lunch Room. It was the second raid by sheriff's officers in the city since he took office.

Seized in the raid were quantities of cards, poker chips, a tonk table and pokero boards and caps.

Elliott asserted that there were no slot machines operating in county clubs.

Blaze Destroys Fire Station at Umatilla

UMATILLA, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—This city's fire department was put out of business yesterday when an oil stove exploded and flames destroyed the fire station and all equipment.

Fire Chief Gene Hiatt said a new truck was included in the equipment loss. City officials estimated damage at \$15,000.

Hiatt said emergency equipment had been obtained from the war time ordinance depot and that the State Forestry Department had offered to loan additional trucks.

Buses, Autos Stalled, Many Schools Close

One Bus Overturns Near Leona; Motorist Dies In His Car Near Trail

Oregon's eastern, southern and mountain sections lay under a paralyzing white blanket today after a weekend blizzard that brought the winter's heaviest snow.

Highway crews were struggling to open trunk routes linking dozens of cities and towns.

One motorist died in a stalled car; two women were injured when a bus overturned; scores of skiers were marooned at resorts; and an unknown number of automobiles were drifted over along highways.

Harshest hit were the Klamath basin, the Blue Mountain area, the extreme southeast Oregon corner near Ontario and Nyssa, and the Cascade and Siskiyou ranges.

Schools throughout large parts of the state remained closed.

Four buses were stalled in drifted areas at various times yesterday, one on highway 30 near Nyssa and three on highway 97 at Chemult. None of the passengers in the stalled buses were harmed, although one ran off highway 97 for about 50 yards in the peak of the storm.

The storm area stretched northward to Canada, southward to north-central California and eastward to Montana.

Late yesterday afternoon the drifting snow closed highway 30 between Union and La Grande. At the same time the heavy snow virtually isolated Klamath Falls, stalled traffic on the Cascade Mountain passes and stopped traffic on scores of secondary roads throughout the state. By late last night, Highway 99 was drifting over faster than highway crews could clear the route south of Roseburg and motorists were being warned away from the Willamette Highway south of Goshen.

Before midnight, state highway officials appealed to motorists to remain at home, for their own safety and to allow plows to operate unhampered.

Dies in His Car

The one storm victim died of carbon monoxide poisoning from the motor exhaust while trying to keep warm after stalling on the Crater Lake highway near Trail, sometime Saturday night.

Coroner Carlos Morris said Ray Carl Lenderman, 25, Medford, had curled up on the back seat and left the motor and heater running. Fumes seeped inside when the snow drifted over the car. He is survived by his widow and two children. Morris said Lenderman was enroute home

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Russia or U. S.? Whose Offer Will Norway Accept?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Norway's foreign minister turned to the State Department today for the U. S. side of the issue: Should he back the Russian or the American plan for guarding his country against aggression?

Secretary of State Acheson was expected to urge, by radio, to line up with the United States, Canada and Western Europe in a firm North Atlantic alliance.

The Norwegian diplomat, Halvard Lange, arrived here yesterday amid mounting concern in his country over a sudden offer by Russia to conclude a non-aggression pact with the Norwegian government.

Russia's apparent unwillingness to accept Norway's assurance that it does not contemplate offering such bases has stirred anxiety in Norwegian government circles.

The Soviet government has denounced the formation of the North Atlantic alliance and repeatedly claimed it in effect renews an aggressive move not in keeping with the United Nations.

American government officials promptly labeled Russia's offer of a non-aggression pact a non-sensible effort by Moscow to frighten the Norwegians into staying out of the North Atlantic alliance.

Foreign observers here say Russia may follow up her offer of a non-aggression pact to Norway by offering similar treaties to Sweden and Denmark.

Judgment Awaited By Gandhi's Assassins

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Judgment will be pronounced Thursday against eight men accused of conspiring in the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

The defendants face death on the gallows if convicted. Marayan Godse, who confessed he fired the fatal shot Jan. 30, 1948, himself suggested the death penalty. The other defendants pleaded innocent.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

This prolonged winter has kept things so slick that even prices are skidding.