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Pakistan Plane Crash Kills All 25 Aboard

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 13.—(AP)—All 25 passengers and a crew of four were reported killed in a Pakistan transport plane crash last night 45 miles north of here, in desert country.

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U. S., Bulgars Near Breaking Point

By The Associated Press Diplomatic relations between the United States and Communist-led Bulgaria were near the snapping point today.

In Washington Undersecretary of State James E. Webb yesterday called in Dr. Peter Voutov, top Bulgarian representative, for a stiff warning.

The United States charged its minister in Sofia has been subjected to a series of indignities. Articles in the Bulgarian press said the U. S. State department and Minister Donald R. Heath deliberately lied in denying the minister had ever seen Trifco Kostov, former vice premier, who is the central figure in the current purge trial.

Kostov, with 10 co-defendants, is charged with plotting to make Bulgaria subservient to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, arch-enemy of the Soviet union. The charges against the 11 said the chief was motivated and encouraged by British and American intelligence.

Should a break come, it would be a partial reversal of state department policy. It has been keeping representatives in Communist capitals, regardless of strained relations, so they can serve as a "window" behind the Iron curtain and send back uncensored reports. In Sofia the communists have all but blacked out the legation "window."

Taxi Drivers Lose Licenses In Morals Case

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Salem city council last night revoked the licenses of nine taxi-cab drivers involved in morals charges with a 14-year-old girl. They are among 14 men charged with rape and contributing to the delinquency of the girl.

The council delayed consideration of a proposal to revoke the licenses of the three cab companies which hired the drivers.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVED

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Highway conditions in Oregon were much improved today as packed snow in mountain passes was sanded, the State Highway commission said.

Chains are still required, however, near Meacham, La Grande, John Day, Austin and Seneca.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein A lot of congressmen are swatting the Truman administration for "waste and extravagance" but so far none of them have offered to ease the situation by refunding the big increase in their salary—plus more allowance for clerk hire.

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WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. GRACE BUSH cuts a birthday cake presented to her during rest period last Saturday by her fellow employees at the New Service Laundry on West Lane street. Pictured with her is Mrs. Mabel Walbrecht.

Mrs. Bush has been engaged in laundry work for 31 years and in point of service is the oldest employee of the laundry, having been there since 1932. The previous year the business had been purchased by J. A. Hart, present owner.

CHEST DRIVE CONTINUES

Goal To Be Reached Even If Necessary To Extend Time, Art Lamka States

Art Lamka, Roseburg Community Chest secretary, yesterday noted a "favorable reaction" among local businessmen to the continuation of the city fund drive.

He said the city was still inching its way toward the \$25,500 quota set when the drive opened early in November. An additional \$1,000 in donations over the last ten days raises the present total to \$21,000—still approximately \$5,000 short of the goal.

Lamka said it is the plan of the Chest agencies to continue the drive until the quota is met, "even if it means going into February or March."

He said if the quota is met, the six participating agencies will not be forced to conduct separate drives to raise money with which to operate during the coming year.

"By successful completion of the drive, we will have a true 'one-package' campaign," Lamka said, pointing out that this type of campaign was the one endorsed by 90 percent of the Roseburg businessmen in response to a Chamber of Commerce questionnaire.

Lamka stressed the part played by the five local men's service clubs and two women's organizations which have aided in conducting the drive. He said these various breeds of communists purging each other. But what will happen if and when their tempers become so inflamed by the purges that they START SHOOTING?

OPTIMISTIC (but improbable) thought: Wouldn't it be WONDERFUL if they kept it up till they purged each other completely out of the picture?

REPRESENTATIVE J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, goes to jail for stealing money out of the government till. Confused

FIRE HITS GUN CLUB PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Fire fighters were kept hopping as flames destroyed an office, repair shop and ammunition warehouse at the Portland Gun club east of here yesterday.

About 50 cases of shotgun shells were in the flames, the shells popping like firecrackers.

BENEFIT HIKES COMING

Two Million War Vets, Widows Will Get Fatter Checks After January 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Some 2,000,000 war veterans and their dependents are due shortly for that Congress-voted raise in the amount of benefit money they receive from the government.

The Veterans administration announced yesterday that checks to be issued late this month for delivery after Jan. 1 will show increases voted by the 81st Congress. These cover service connected disability and death compensations.

Veterans with service connected disabilities ranging from 10 to 100 percent in degree will receive 8.7 percent more money than they have in the past.

The old rates range from \$13.80 to \$138.00 a month for war service and \$11.04 to \$110.40 for peacetime service, depending on the degree of disability.

The new scale raises these rates to \$15 minimum and \$150 maximum for war service disabilities; \$12 minimum and \$120 maximum for peacetime service.

About 58,000 widows receiving compensation because of the service connected death of a veteran, and who have one or more children, also will get increases.

The monthly payment for a widow with one child is increased from \$100 to \$105, and the allowance for each additional child from \$15 to \$25, where the veteran's death was due to war service. For death in peacetime service, the widow receives 80 percent of the war rates.

The new law also grants an increase in disability compensation payable to 20,000 World War I veterans whose disabilities are classified as "presumed to be due to military service." Previously they were entitled to only 75 percent of the rates payable for direct service connected disabilities. Veterans in this group now will receive the full rate.

TO APPEAL CASE PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A drug store firm involved in labor trouble said it would appeal to the courts for aid.

The Halston Drug stores said it would appeal from an NLRB decision in which the NLRB refused to handle the case on the ground that interstate commerce was not involved. The firm had accused the AFL Cullinary Workers of unfair labor practices.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy today, with occasional rain tonight. Showery Wednesday.
Sunset today 4:38.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:38.

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Oregon Wants No CVA, Says Wayne Morse

Senator Voices Claim Following Tour Of State; Hoover Report Backed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse said here today that he found in a month's tour of Oregon that the people of his state oppose President Truman's proposal for a Columbia Valley administration in the Pacific Northwest. The agency would be administered by a board of three appointed by the president.

"I found that in regard to the CVA issue the people agreed with me, generally, that we should not take away from the people a voting voice in determining the policies which are to be adopted in developing the river resources of the Pacific Northwest," Morse said.

"I found the Democrats will make a great mistake if they think the people of Oregon are going to accept the pending CVA bill as a satisfactory solution to the need of greater coordination of state and federal agencies charged with developing sound power construction, flood control, reclamation, wild life and land utilization programs in the Pacific Northwest.

"They have no intention of turning over to three executive appointees any such economic

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Lost Girl Still Sought In Woods

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Through wet brush that soaked them to the waist within minutes, hopeful townspeople plodded today in their search for a 16-year-old girl scout missing two days.

Hundreds took part, fanning out in the rugged hills six miles northeast of here, an area overgrown with vines, brush and dripping evergreens, a cold, wet jungle with a slippery snow blanket.

More than two inches of snow have fallen since Ruth Aberle became lost while looking in the woods for a Christmas tree for a scout party.

The thermometer dropped below freezing Sunday night, and it was close to the freezing point last night. Woodsmen said there was little hope that the pert high school girl could have survived even the first night.

The girl was with three teenage companions when she disappeared. Her brother, Bill, first went off to hunt a tree for the scout party. Then he decided to leave the other two to join Bill. He came back in 45 minutes. Ruth did not return.

She was clad quite warmly except for her feet. She wore blue jeans, two sweaters and a heavy coat. But her shoes were light and low-cut.

Oregon Storm Blamed For Traffic Deaths

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The storm that drove rain into western Oregon and snow into the mountains drew partial blame yesterday for two highway deaths.

Rain obscured the vision of drivers at Portland and Hillsboro, where pedestrians were killed. The Portland victim, Mrs. Orville Odiums, 41, the city's 27th traffic fatality in 1949. Bertha Margaret Ridings, about 50, was killed at Hillsboro.

An earth slide blocked the Columbia river highway near Larch mountain east of Portland last night. Eight-foot thick boulders barricaded the road until highway crews began clearing the route.

Dr. Geo. E. Houck Suffers Attack Of Pneumonia

Dr. George E. Houck, Roseburg, was rushed to Mercy hospital last evening to receive medical treatment for an attack of virus pneumonia. His condition this morning was reported somewhat better. His wife, who recently underwent a major operation in Portland, is reported to be convalescing satisfactorily at their home on South Stephens street. Her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Fields, of Portland arrived in Roseburg Monday to spend a few days visiting.

Portland Youth Killed In Texas Traffic Crash

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Carl Lester Kruse, 20, Portland, Ore., was killed today in the collision of his motorcycle and a truck on highway 90 just across the Texas border in Louisiana.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kruse sr., of Portland, he was enroute from Pensacola, Fla., to his home. The truck driver, who was not hurt, said Kruse apparently was trying to pass another truck at the time.

Corpse On Highway Has Bullet Wound

The body of Joseph Francis Renfro, Sutherlin, about 20, was found beside the highway north of the Winchester bridge about 7 a. m. today, bearing a bullet wound.

The case was investigated by state police, the sheriff's office and deputy coroner.

According to Sgt. Holly Holcomb, death was caused by a gunshot wound in the body near the heart. It is understood, he said, that Renfro recently purchased a gun he allegedly used. The body was lying at the side of the road near his parked car.

Renfro was born March 14, 1889, in Chandler, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Eagles lodge 3014, Sutherlin.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret A. Renfro; his mother, Mrs. Annie May Renfro, Los Angeles, Calif., a brother, John W., and a sister, both of Germany.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later from the Roseburg Funeral Home.

Renfro had made complete arrangements for his funeral last Friday afternoon, but had given no other hint of a possible suicide, according to L. L. Powers of the Roseburg Funeral Home.

Polls Open Until 8 p.m. For Annexation Vote

Polls will remain open until 8 p.m. today for balloting by city voters on acceptance of proposed annexation of suburban areas.

Areas affected are West Roseburg, Sleepy Hollow-Miller's addition, and Beulah addition.

Balloting will be held in ward 1 will vote downstairs in the courthouse; ward 2 at Junior high school; ward 3 at the Roseburg hotel, and ward 4 at the city hall.

Gunman Seized After Wounding Four Persons

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A berserk gunman was captured Monday after he wounded four persons, three critically, in an exchange of shots near Snoqualmie, 25 miles east of here.

The gunman, identified by one of his victims as Walter Peden, unemployed millworker about 60 years old, was captured by one of the men he had wounded.

The most seriously wounded was State Patrolman Paul Johnson, 30, who had rushed earlier to Ernie's grove, about one mile from Meadowbrook off the main road from Snoqualmie, to investigate reports of a shooting. His condition was "very poor" at a Seattle hospital where he was taken for treatment.

In fair condition in a North Bend hospital were C. S. Johnson, 64, and Gordon L. Peters, 58, both of North Bend.

Johnson and officer Clair Powery went to Peden's home after receiving a report that he had shot Johnson, Peters and George Fitzgerald, who was only slightly injured.

Peden was taken to Seattle but would give no reason for his action. He had had dinner last night with Johnson.

All he would say on his way to Seattle was "I don't know why I did it." Then he laughed.

U. S. Becoming Nation Of Clock Watchers, He Says

SPOKANE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Dean Charles McAllister of the Cathedral of St. John told Washington state dairymen yesterday American was "becoming a nation of clock watchers."

"The only thing that can save Democracy, he said, will be 'people who are willing to work for something. The trend toward socialism is being caused by people who are unwilling to accept responsibility.'

California Truck Crops Damaged By Cold Snap

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Extensive loss to truck crops was reported today but a warning sun promised a break in a two-day cold snap.

In the Imperial valley, farmers feared the midwinter pea crop was an almost total loss from temperatures as low as 24 degrees, with heavy damage to tomatoes, squash and possibly to some citrus.

Civil Rights Program Will Be Pressed

Oleo Tax Repeal, Social Security Expansion Also Will Confront Congress

By JACK BELL, WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Truman administration chose the hard road today in a quest for civil rights legislation: It issued a demand for Senate passage early next year of a fair employment practices bill.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, disclosed the plan to seek a vote on the FEPC bill. He said the attempt will be made early in the next session which he hopes will complete work on President Truman's "fair deal" program in July.

Lucas explained that he thinks the FEPC bill is the heart of the president's civil rights program. It is aimed at curbing job discrimination based on a worker's color, race or religion. It also is the most controversial of several anti-measures the president has recommended and thus faces the hardest fight.

Some advocates have said it might be easier to win approval of the civil rights program on a step-by-step basis. They want anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills considered first.

However, Lucas said the anti-lynching bill now on the Senate calendar, is not satisfactory to

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Geo. Spaur New State Forester

The state board of forestry today announced the appointment of George Spaur, Roseburg, as state forester.

Spaur has been acting forester since the death of N. S. Rogers in September. For three years before that, he was deputy state forester.

The new forester is a member of the pioneer Douglas county family which settled in the Winston area. Born in Douglas county, Spaur is a graduate of Roseburg senior high school and of Oregon State college, with a master's degree in forestry. He joined the state forestry department in 1937.

He was appointed deputy state forester following his return from the service. He now holds the rank of colonel in the army reserves.

Rain Promises Relief For Needy New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Good news for water-short New York and northern New Jersey seeped down from their northern watershed areas today.

Steady, soaking rains of more than an inch fell in several counties. The rain and muggy weather melted heavy snow cover in some areas. Streams which had been dry or only a trickle for months of drought were running again.

All this will be of help to the parched reservoirs upon which the huge metropolitan area depends.

City officials emphasized there was still a water shortage, however. They went ahead with several conservation schemes, including a water holiday on Friday.

TREE CUTTERS FINED

SHELTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Three men arrested for cutting Christmas trees illegally on Washington state land were fined \$200 each yesterday—approximately one dollar for each tree.

New Zealand Has Government Shift

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Sidney Holland, leader of the national party whose election victory ended this country's 14-year labor government rule, was sworn in today as the new Prime Minister of New Zealand. He succeeds Laborite Peter Fraser.

The affable 56-year-old prime minister is a man with the common touch. He got that way tramping over most of New Zealand and trying to sell a spray pump which was the chief product in an engineering works he founded. The engineering works later became a sizable business.

Holland has been in Parliament since 1935, when he won the seat vacated by his father, who resigned. He was the only national party member in Parliament when the labor government first was swept into power in a landslide election.



SYDNEY HOLLAND

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Woman Kills Her Husband, Son, Self

PENDLETON, N. C., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A woman who apparently believed she was being persecuted by her husband and son shot both to death and then took her own life at their farm home near here.

The three were found dead in their beds yesterday.

Coroner James T. Buffalo of Northampton county ruled the deaths "premeditated murder and suicide." He identified the victims as Mrs. Roberta L. Stephenson, 53, her husband, D. D. Stephenson, 59, prominent farmer, and their son, B. Coley Stephenson, 29, World War II veteran.

The coroner said Mrs. Stephenson, in ill health for some time, evidently had been studying plans for the triple slaying for some time. Found in the big home were a marked book on the most effective way to kill wild game, several notes and a discharged .22 caliber rifle.

The notes indicated Mrs. Stephenson thought she was being persecuted, Buffalo said.

Prime Minister Quits In Australian Party Loss

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, whose eight-year old labor government was defeated by a free enterprise coalition in Saturday's balloting, tendered his resignation today. He will be succeeded by Robert Gordon Menzies, leader of the triumphant coalition.

Reform Plans Summarized In Eight Points

Ex-President Hoover Forecasts \$2 Billion Saving To Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A campaign for government reform today boiled down to an eight point program drawn up by Herbert Hoover. He forecast that it would save the taxpayers \$2,000,000,000 a year.

The former president, addressing the National Reorganization conference predicted that this fiscal year's \$5,500,000,000 excursion into red ink may be exceeded in the following year.

"We may be turning two Frankensteins loose in the land," Hoover said. "Their terrifying names are 'higher taxes' and 'inflation'."

The estimate of a \$5,500,000,000 deficit for this fiscal year, ending next June 30, is President Truman's.

The conference, sponsored by the non-partisan citizens committee for the Hoover report, neared its close today. Its wind-up schedule included presentation of an award to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson for his "courageous efforts" at cost-cutting and unification in the military establishment.

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, national

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Write-In Rival Defeats Brady For Labor Council Job

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Phil Brady, president of the AFL Portland Central Labor council for 15 years, was defeated for re-election last night by two votes in a write-in contest.

Roy F. Renoud, assistant business agent of the Electrical Workers, beat Brady, 84 to 82. Renoud was not on the ballot.

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Britons Getting More Food, Ministry States

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Britons are eating more now than two years ago, the ministry of food announced today.

Consumption of some food stuffs is even higher than before the war, it said.

The annual average consumption of meat however, fell from 90 pounds in 1946 to just under 70 pounds in 1948-49. The ministry said that supply difficulties in Argentina and Canada caused a fall of imports of meat and bacon respectively.

Britons are getting now 55 percent more milk, 30 percent more dairy products and 25 percent more fish than before the war. It added that the per capita daily calorie level now averages 2,980.

Guests Discover Couple Dead Of Bullet Wounds

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Anchorage police said today that a middle-aged construction worker and his wife were found shot to death in their home Saturday. They listed it as a slaying and suicide.

The victims were Don Fulton, 45, and his wife, Ruth, 40, well-known nurse with the territorial Health department.

Eight dinner guests arrived at the Fulton home and waited an hour before they discovered the bodies. Mrs. Fulton was lying in the bathroom with two bullet holes in her chest. Fulton was stretched on the bedroom floor with a gaping hole in his head.

Police said they believed the couple had quarreled, and Fulton shot his wife, then took his own life.

STORK FAVORS OREGON

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Oregon was the safest state in the nation for women at child birth in 1948, the State Health office reported today.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, head of the office, said that the maternal mortality rate was four-tenths of a percent in 1,000 births. Only 15 mothers died in 34,937 births, he said.

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