

TRUMAN PLANS REVENUE BUREAU SHAKE-UP

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



CARLA TAYLOR sculpts a family group in snow at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor, 1310 West Second street, as December said goodbye to Roseburg in a whirl of snowy weather Sunday. A white blanket remained on shaded lawns to greet the new year, with indications that more might be on the way. Embattled kids all over town were snowballing each other (and everyone else) from the protection of hastily erected snow forts. Carla, a student at Cascade college in Portland, majoring in art education, joined in the fun while home for the holidays. New Year's day she planned on accompanying her parents to Willamette Pass on a skiing expedition.

Accidents Claim Almost 1,400 Lives In Christmas, New Year Holiday Periods

By The Associated Press

The four-day New Year's week end toll took 602 lives in violent accidents, bringing the death toll from Christmas and New Year accidents to nearly 1,400.

Traffic mishaps, as usual, accounted for the greatest toll over the New Year holiday—367 dead. Another 69 perished in fires, and 166 were victims of miscellaneous accidents, including plane crashes.

The National Safety Council had estimated 350 persons would be killed in traffic mishaps during the New Year holiday.

The toll from a variety of miscellaneous accidents was boosted by the crash of an Air Force C-47 plane on a Central Arizona mountain, with a loss of 28 lives; and the wreck of a nonscheduled C-46 airliner in the Allegheny foothills of New York State, in which 26 persons died.

The four-day death toll still was lower than the record 789 total for the previous week's four day Christmas holiday. That toll included 535 traffic victims.

Logging Operator Fined \$1,215 For Overloads

Eugene — Charged with four overloads violations, a Lane County logging operator was fined \$1,215 in Springfield Justice Court over the week-end.

The operator, J. E. Mann of Vida was brought to trial after his drivers had refused to pay fines and one of them had been jailed.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

New York: The American Assembly, a national conference and research program established by General Dwight D. Eisenhower at Columbia University, states that INFLATION is the country's No. 1 problem today. Inflation was selected by the national policy board of the American Assembly, of which Lewis W. Douglas, former ambassador to Great Britain, is chairman. "The subject was wholeheartedly endorsed some weeks ago by General Eisenhower, now on leave from Columbia. His endorsement was given at a conference in Paris with Mr. Douglas and Philip Young, dean of Columbia's graduate school of business."

After the conference in Paris, Mr. Douglas got this weighty load off his chest:

"There is no more important problem (than inflation) which affects our country and indeed the whole civilized world today, or one about which less is generally known. If we can clear up the confusion in people's minds AS TO

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today and to-night. Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer Thursday. Highest temp. for any Jan. 77. Lowest temp. for any Jan. 66. Highest temp. yesterday 35. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 31. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Precip. from Jan. 1 20.61. Precip. from Sept. 1 4.36. Sunset today, 4:49 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:46 a.m.

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Reds Reject New POW Swap Offer

Enemy Fails To Understand Complex Plan

All-Out POW Release, With Optional Return Home, Main Provisions

By DON HUTH

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Allied truce negotiators Wednesday proposed releasing all prisoners of war and displaced persons in Korea—with the guarantee no one would be sent home against his will.

The Reds found the Allied proposal politically unpalatable and voiced immediate objections. The plan starts out on a man-for-man basis and winds up as an all-for-all exchange, said Lt. Col. Howard S. Levie, spokesman for the United Nations Command.

Rear Ad. R. E. Libby, Allied negotiator expressed hope North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho, Red negotiator, would change his mind after he studies the complex plan and understands it.

The proposal is intended to provide a compromise between the U. N. man-for-man exchange of prisoners proposal and the Reds all-for-all demand, and at the same time provide for repatriation of all civilians who want to go home.

Voluntary Basis Sought

The negotiators on the prisoner question met again Thursday.

A U. N. Command communiqué said the key to its new "proposal is the principle of voluntary repatriation for all POWs and civilians."

The International Red Cross would act as a supervising agent.

The U. N. holds about 120,000 prisoners in 11,000 held by the Reds. But all South Koreans now in Communist armies would be reclassified as prisoners of war, swelling the Communist held total.

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Air Crashes Kill 54 In Weekend; 4 Planes Still Lost

By The Associated Press

Mounted disaster workers were scaling an Arizona mountain Wednesday to bring down the bodies of 28 passengers who died in a plane crash Sunday, one of several over a grim aviation holiday week-end.

A cowboy-foreman climbed on horseback Tuesday to the wreckage of the military C-47 which smashed into a 7,000 foot mountain, 65 miles northeast of Phoenix, during mist and rain. He said there was nothing to show there were any survivors.

The plane's wreckage was first spotted from the air after a two-day search by more than 60 planes. The wrecked C-47 was carrying 19 West Point cadets, five other passengers and a four-man crew from Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

26 Die In Another Crash

Meanwhile, in southwestern New York, the chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board said the Saturday night crash of a C-46 nonscheduled airliner does not appear to have been caused by either mechanical or structural failure of the airplane.

Fourteen of 40 persons aboard the C-46, belonging to Continental Charters Inc., survived the crash near Little Valley, N. Y. They were rescued New Year's Day after two days search.

Meanwhile, searches continued in Alaska, California, and Newfoundland for three other planes missing since last Wednesday with a total of 14 passengers. Another hunt also is continuing in Arizona for an F-51 Mustang which vanished Sunday with one aboard.

HONG KONG (AP) — The U. S. Navy said Wednesday the bodies of four crewmen have been recovered from an amphibious plane that crashed and sank in 30 feet of water off Hong Kong Monday.

It said four survivors were expected to recover from injuries. No names have been released.

Nomination Ike's Even If Silent, Sen. Ives Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) said Wednesday that General Eisenhower could win the Republican presidential nomination without saying a word.

"I think he could be nominated under those circumstances, but I don't believe it will happen that way," Ives told a reporter. "I am inclined to think he will speak out before the party convention (in July) and make it clear he is a candidate."

Ives expressed his views in the wake of a claim by Sen. Taft's campaign manager that he "now seems a certainty" the Ohioan will be the GOP presidential nominee.

Davis S. Ingalls of Cleveland forecast that Taft, an active candidate, would be nominated "on an early ballot." In a statement Tuesday night, Ingalls added "it is far too early to talk of a bandwagon for Taft," but he said "the momentum seems irresistible."

Political observers are looking to a news conference here Sunday for some definite evidence that Eisenhower is available. The conference has been called by Sen. Lodge of Massachusetts, campaign manager of the Eisenhower Republican group, who has promised good news for the general's supporters.

Jail Term, Fine Of \$300 Handed Drunken Driver

Frank Cole, 42, a Gardiner building contractor, was being held in the Douglas county jail Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of drunk driving, reports Reedsport Justice of Peace Fred M. Wright.

Cole was arrested by a deputy sheriff. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Douglas county jail and fined \$300, Wright reports.

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Frank Monk Wins Reversal Of Conviction

Erroneous Instruction To Jury Found On Appeal In Embezzlement Case

The circuit court conviction of Frank Monk, former manager of the Veterans lounge in Roseburg, for alleged embezzlement of the Veterans lounge in Roseburg, has been reversed by the Oregon supreme court.

After his conviction by a Douglas county jury in early 1951, Monk appealed his case to the supreme court on the assignment of three alleged errors. (1) The indictment failed to state facts sufficient to constitute a crime; (2) denial of the court during the time of the trial to allow a defendant's motion for an order instructing the jury to return a verdict of innocent; and (3) the giving of an alleged erroneous instruction by the court to the jury.

The reversal by the supreme court was based on the third assignment. According to the decision, as written by Justice W. L. Tooez, the circuit court failed to indicate that fraudulent intent was essential in determining embezzlement. In his written opinion, Justice Tooez states: "Telling the jury that embezzlement consists of 'placing of it (money) to some use other than the purpose for which it was received by such person, without any qualifications whatever, was, under the facts and circumstances of this case, equal to directing a verdict of guilty."

Charges and Denial

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Abolishment Of 64 District Offices, Civil Service Status Will Be Asked Of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Wednesday announced plans for a sweeping shake-up of the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Bureau.

He said the move is one of a series of steps he plans to take to protect the government "from the insidious influence peddlers and favor seekers, and to expose and punish any wrong-doers."

The Revenue Bureau shake-up will be in the form of a reorganization plan to be submitted to Congress. It calls for abolishing the 64 offices of District Collectors of Internal Revenue.

Most of these districts include a single state, but some of the large states have more than one district.

In place of the regional district collectors, the reorganization plan would put all operating functions of the bureau under 25 district offices, each headed by a district commissioner.

Field activities in each district would be under jurisdiction of the district commissioner.

Under Civil Service

The plan also calls for: All offices of the Internal Revenue Bureau to be filled through Civil Service except that of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue whose appointment will be by the President and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Establishment of "a strong, vigorous inspection service completely independent" of the rest of the bureau.

Mr. Truman announced his intentions in a statement issued shortly after Secretary of the Treasury Snyder had conferred with him at the White House. Tax collection is under the Treasury Department.

"Some persons in the Bureau of Internal Revenue have betrayed the public trust reposed in them," Mr. Truman's statement said. "The revelation of that fact has come as a shock to all decent citizens. I have directed that every effort be made to expose and punish such persons wherever they may be found."

The President said it is his intention to make the Bureau of Internal Revenue "a blue ribbon" agency.

Prompted By Scandal

Mr. Truman's move comes on the heels of a Congressional investigation which turned up charges of skulduggery and some outright bribery in the tax collection service.

Scores of government officials and employees were forced out of their jobs during the hearings. Altogether more than 100 official and lesser employees have been fired or forced to resign from the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Three district collectors of revenue have been indicted on charges of bribery or fraud.

However, Mr. Truman told a

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Litvinoff, Friend Of West, Backer Of Peace, Passes

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP) — An official foreign office announcement disclosed Wednesday the death of Maxim Maximovich Litvinoff, who keynoted his collective security policy as Soviet Foreign Commissar with the often-quoted declaration, "peace is indivisible." He was 75.

Litvinoff won Western recognition, for Bolshevik Russia and fought without success for collective force to prevent World War II. He was a wartime ambassador to Washington.

But Litvinoff's fortunes rose and fell with the Kremlin's feelings about the Western democracies, and he was completely eclipsed after he was fired in the reduced rank of deputy foreign minister in 1946. His fall from office overshadowed the cold war, for of all Soviet officials he was regarded as the one who truly wanted to get along with the West.

Anti-Sunday Working Law Works In Kentucky

DANVILLE (AP) — Twenty nine men, working on a pipeline project near here, have been arrested, 25 of them on charges of working on Sunday. Commonwealth Attorney James F. Clay said.

Kentucky law for many years has prohibited Sunday work except for certain activities essential to the common welfare. But it very seldom has been enforced in recent years.

Wanted Man Gives Up To 'Make Fresh Start'

PORTLAND (AP) — A man walked into police headquarters Tuesday and told officers he was wanted in two states.

Charles Henry Meier, 22, said he was wanted in Valley City, N. D., for deserting his wife and three children, and in Conrad, Mont., for check forgery. He said he surrendered because he wanted to get a fresh start this new year.

New-Born Twins Arrive In Different Years

ONEIDA, N. Y. (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parteko of Lebanon have brand new twins—born in different years.

A girl, Anita Lind, was born at 11:27 p.m. Monday, 1951. A boy, Terry Lewis, arrived at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, 1952.

The Partekos have a 3 year old son, Eugene Paul.

HURRICANE KILLS 100

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Reports reaching here Wednesday said nearly 100 persons were killed by a Christmas day hurricane on Epi Island in the New Hebrides.

LEVITY FACT RANT

By L. F. Reizenstein

Didn't you forget when you wrote that check For last year's bills now due, By dating it for '51, instead of 1952?