

Cold Wave Hits East In Wake Of Storm

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A foot of new snow was predicted for the snow-crusted city of Oswego, N.Y., today and a bitter cold wave stretched into the East to add to the crisis.

Search For Family Continues

PORTLAND (UPI) — Fear mounted today that a Portland family of five persons may have met with an accident while on a Christmas-tree gathering trip Sunday.

No trace was found of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin and their three daughters, Barbara, 14; Virginia, 13, and Sue, 11.

Authorities in Oregon checked out lead after lead without success. The search was going on in Multnomah, Clackamas, Wasco, Hood River and Tillamook counties in Oregon, and in Clark county, Wash.

Police were checking another clue today between Estacada and Molalla. A fireman, Wendell Baker of Portland, told deputies he and a companion were hunting trees and greenery near Spring-water Sunday evening when they drove past a spot where a car appeared to have left the road and gone at least partly down an incline. He said if a car had left the road at this location it could not have made it back up without help.

Baker was taken to the scene today by sheriff's deputies to point out where he saw the tracks.

Mrs. Martin told friends they were going for a drive Sunday afternoon to gather Christmas decorations, but she did not say where they were going.

Martin is service manager for Eccles Electric Company here. He was not at work Monday and his daughters were not in school. The search began late Monday after neighbors became alarmed.

The family was driving a white station wagon trimmed in red with Oregon license 1G-7156. Martin was described as an excellent woodsman and was a former U.S. Forest Service employee. He and his wife belonged to the Trails Club and took frequent trips into mountain areas.

Clackamas county deputies early today checked out a report that a partly-red car was seen parked Sunday on Marmot road beyond Hoslyn lake in the Sandy river drainage. Another report, said that a woman saw a station wagon containing a man and woman and three children on Larch mountain in eastern Multnomah county Sunday. Sheriff's deputies planned to recheck this area.

Army Report Recommends 13 Columbia River Basin Projects

PORTLAND (UPI) — Thirteen new projects with a total cost of \$1,832,170,000 are recommended in a comprehensive report on the Columbia River basin which was three years in preparation by Army engineers.

The report is a revision of the original "308" report on development of the basin made several years ago.

Included among the 13 projects recommended in the revised report is a high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river between the mouths of the Salmon and Imnaha rivers. This project, with a total cost of \$226,333,000, would supply 600,000 kilowatts of power.

The Mountain Sheep proposal is an alternate to a high Hells Canyon dam. Idaho Power Company is building three small dams in the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake river.

Another big project is the big Libby dam on the Kootenai river in Montana which would cost \$307,900,000 and would provide about five million acre-feet of storage. This project still is tied up in negotiations with Canada.

In Oregon, the report includes the Wenaha dam on the Grande Ronde river which would generate 134,000 kilowatts.

The report also renewed recommendations for Bruce Eddy on the north fork and Penny Cliffs on the middle fork of the Clearwater river in Idaho.

Other proposed dams included Long Meadows on the Yaak river, Ninemile Prairie on the Blackfoot, Knowles on the Clark Fork and Flathead Lake outlet improvement, all in Montana; Enaville on the Couer d'Alene river and Garden Valley division on the Payette river in Idaho, Asotin on the Snake in Idaho and Washington, and Lower Canyon on the Salmon river.

of emergency, was hit by a new storm Tuesday night as it fought to free itself of a record 65 inch snow accumulation and drifts 20 feet high.

More than 40 snow plows were thrown into the battle against the towering snow mounds in and around Oswego. House roofs threatened to crumble under the weight of the snow.

Heavy snow squalls also swirled over the lee shores of Lake Erie where Erie, Pa., was buried under 25 inches of snow and faced the prospect of another 6 to 12 inches today.

State police said roads in north-west Pennsylvania and southwest New York were "terrible" with visibility cut by the heavy snow.

All main roads were open, but about 60 per cent of the secondary roads in the area were shut. The most prolonged cold wave of the season extended from the Continental Divide to the Atlantic.

Sub-zero readings were common during the night from Montana across the northern plains, the Great Lakes, the central Appalachians and into New England. And the official onset of winter still was 12 days away.

Below freezing weather drove as far south as Georgia and central Texas.

The snow and cold was blamed for at least 21 deaths. Icy highways claimed nine lives in traffic in Illinois, three in Indiana, two in New Jersey and one each in Iowa and New York state. Two transients froze to death in Chicago, two men suffered fatal heart attacks shoveling snow in Iowa and a Michigan man met the same fate.

Cold weather fires also took a heavy toll of lives. At Champaign, Ill., three little girls, including twins, were killed Tuesday night when flames swept their small frame home.

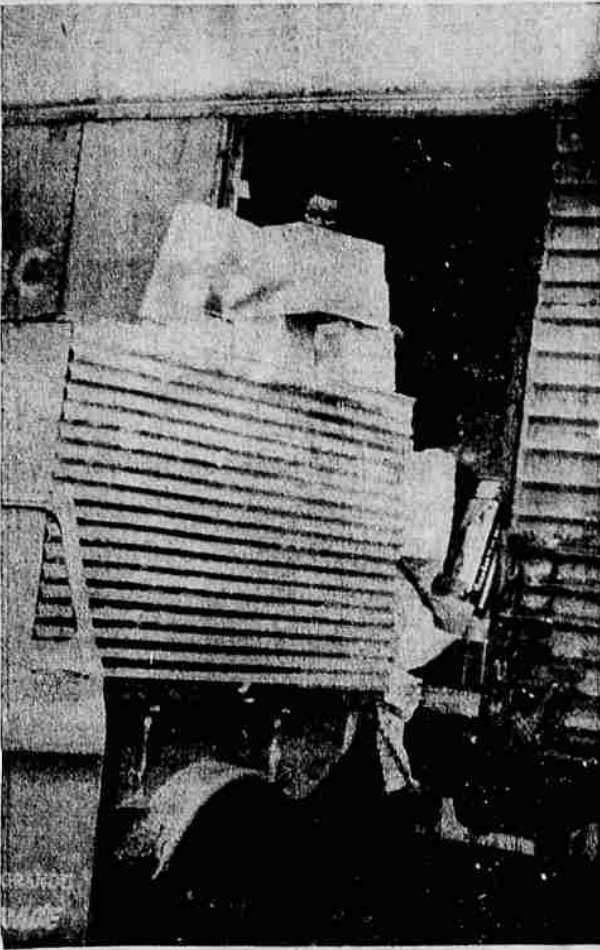
An overheated wood stove was blamed for a fire which killed two boys at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

The intense cold brought a four-inch-thick ice cover to the Mississippi River from Clarksville to Hannibal, Mo., and ice formed on the river as far south as St. Louis, which reported its coldest Dec. 9 in 41 years. Barge traffic continued on the Mississippi despite the ice.

Other heavy snow amounts included 30 inches at Fulton and 36 inches at Boonville, N.Y.; 48 inches at Houghton, 30 inches at Pellston, and 40 inches at Hancock, Mich., and up to four inches as far south as northern West Virginia and western Maryland.

The coldest weather of the season closed in on the New York metropolitan area where readings dipped into the teens.

Slight warming trend brought a little relief to the Dakotas, eastern Montana, Iowa and Minnesota. Although it was 10 to 20 degrees "warmer" in this area, most temperatures still were below zero.



CHRISTMAS MAIL—The first special Union Pacific railroad car of Christmas mail from Portland was unloaded here this morning by Zedell Jackson, Jackson is atop his truck putting the last package on his truck. He holds a contract for transporting the mail from the rail car to the local post office for distribution in this area. The rail car is "kicked off" at La Grande to expedite pushing the train on to other destinations. Postal officials continue to urge everyone to mail early to avoid overloading postal facilities at the last minute, which could result in a delay of delivery past Christmas.

Nine Dead, Missing In Monastery Bombing

CHATSWORTH, Calif. (UPI)—An exploding bomb ripped through the Fountain of the World religious colony today, killing barefoot "messiah" Krishna Venta and destroying the main monastery building.

At least eight other persons, including an 11-month-old boy, were killed or missing, according to Capt. Howard Bowman of the Ventura Sheriff's Department. At least three others were injured, one—a 9-year-old girl—critically.

Cult leader Venta's body was one of the charred bodies found in the smoldering wreckage of the building. He was identified by dental work—an upper plate.

The blast caved in one wall of the building, setting it on fire and spreading debris several hundred feet in Box Canyon, some 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles in the Santa Susana Mountains.

The flaming wreckage touched off a brush fire that roared out of control for nearly three hours. Some 250 fire fighters contained the blaze shortly after daybreak after 200 acres were blackened.

A cult member, Brother Martin, told deputies that shortly before the explosion he overheard "master" Venta and another brother in a conversation with a stranger in the office of the main monastery building.

The man was wearing shoes and

was not a member of the sect because none of them wear shoes, Brother Martin said.

Martin said the stranger was in his early 20s, wore khaki clothes and carried a small canvas zipper bag about 18-inches long.

"I heard the master say 'What do you think I am, a hypocrite?' just before I left the building and in a moment the whole thing exploded," Martin said.

Ventura County fire officials said there was "no doubt the explosion was caused by a bomb."

Los Angeles and Ventura County sheriff's investigators, and the FBI in an unofficial capacity, began an immediate investigation.

Los Angeles Police Sgt. R.H. Sansing said "it is common knowledge Venta had many enemies. In the course of his travels here and in Europe he managed to acquire many enemies."

The dead and their approximate ages were listed as: Bishop Martin Baker, 40; Cardinal James Shanafelt, 37; Brother Elynn James Shanafelt, 11 months; Sister Keela Baker, 7; Bishopess Jean Shanafelt, 38; Sister Anna Noga, 65, and Sister Ethel Reay, 58, and Venta, 47.

Two of the injured, Sister Erna Winfrey, 59 and Sheila Vizina, 8, were taken to Ventura County Hospital with serious burns.

Ike Discusses Varied Items At Confab

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today he saw no reason to refute reports from Russia that the Soviet Union has an 8,700-mile ballistic missile. But he sharply rejected as without evidence a recent report that Russia was test flying an atomic-powered plane.

The President, at his first news conference since Nov. 5, declined to discuss in specific detail information from the Kremlin relayed to him Tuesday by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.).

But he took a highly guarded view of a number of reports of startling Russian progress in the development of scientific weapons. He said that in the case of the atomic plane there was absolutely no reliable evidence of any kind that the Soviets had flown such an aircraft.

Other news conference highlights:

—The President decried as reprehensible the failure of Alabama officials to supply requested public records on Negro voting registration to the Civil Rights Commission.

—He said that until the Berlin situation is composed by all interested powers, the United States

will stand firm behind its responsibility and duty to remain in West Berlin as a means of maintaining the freedom of the West Germans.

—He bluntly challenged the truth of a statement by former President Truman that he, Eisenhower, stood idly by in 1952 while Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind.) denounced Gen. George C. Marshall, World War II Army chief of staff, as a traitor.

—The President said recent spending proposals by the Democratic Advisory Council would, of necessity, lead to many new taxes. In effect, he challenged the Democrats to prepare a list of such tax recommendations as a companion document to their spending proposals.

—He called on Congress to extend the life of the Civil Rights Commission which got off to a slow start after being given originally only a two-year tenure by Congress.

As for an 8,700-mile missile, he said casually that he saw no reason why this could not be done because, after all, the Russians had a fine technique. He said that this country knew about their missile tests and their having exploded atomic weapons over the range of one megaton (the equivalent of one million tons of TNT).

But, concerning the report recently in Aviation Week magazine that Russia had test flown a nuclear-powered plane, the President said with considerably more feeling that there was absolutely no reliable evidence of any kind that the Soviets had flown such a plane. He said he discounted such a

Airline Certification For La Grande Studied

Evidence Hints At Red Split

WASHINGTON (UPI)—American authorities said today there is some evidence to suggest a split among top Soviet leaders over Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's tough Berlin policy and his handling of some other foreign policy matters.

They reported credible signs in recent weeks that some members of the Soviet Politburo are challenging the wisdom of Khrushchev's action in forcing the Berlin crisis, including his ultimatum to the Western Allies to get out of the city within six months.

There also is evidence, these sources said, that the two Russian delegations engaged in disarmament negotiations with the West at Geneva are not getting clear-cut directions from Moscow at this time.

A power struggle in the Kremlin could explain the sudden removal of Gen. Ivan A. Serov as chairman of Russia's state security committee, the top police job in the country, authorities said.

Serov may well have been a casualty as Khrushchev and his opponents jockeyed for position in preparation for a policy showdown, they added.

The intelligence reaching Washington suggests that some Politburo members feel that Khrushchev's probing actions at the Western defense perimeter and his tough attitude on Berlin are strengthening the anti-Communist front.

There also are indications some of Khrushchev's colleagues fear he is courting the possibility of war if he goes through with his threat to turn East Berlin over to the German Communists and force the Allies to deal with the unrecognized puppets or fight their way into the Western sectors of the encircled city.

Explorer Training Session Scheduled

The second Boy Scout Basic Explorer training session will be held at the LDS Church in Union, Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Paul Jenkins, scout executive here, said this morning.

Jenkins urged the public to attend the training sessions which are preparatory to the new Explorer program for teen-agers which will get underway over the nation at the start of the coming year.

Frank Mathias of La Grande, a post leader, will instruct this second training session. The last session, to be held later, will be instructed by Jenkins. Jack Lew taught the first class held.

The Explorer Training program is geared to youths of scouting age, from the ninth grade through high school.

The scout district here was the first to kickoff the training sessions in the Blue Mountain Council, Jenkins said.

Pacific Test Area Planned

POINT MUGU, Calif. (UPI)—The Navy has revealed plans for a proposed 15-year expansion program which would turn an area of one million square nautical miles of the Pacific Ocean into a gigantic test section for the launching and recovery of American missiles and space vehicles.

Cmdr. Joseph Pace, resources and facilities officer at the Pacific missile range here, outlined the program Tuesday. He said it already has been presented to the Department of Defense for approval.

The huge space testing area would border on Johnston, Tanager and Christmas islands in the South Pacific.

Pace said the vast section would be ideal for use as the recovery area for Project Dinosaur, in which a man is to be orbited around the earth and then returned.

Manus Island in the large area was described in the Navy plan as the best location for launching an equatorial orbit satellite which could lead to a complete worldwide communications network.

Another use of the area would be as impact locations for intercontinental ballistic missiles lobbed from 5,000 or 6,000 miles away on the California coast.

The importance of using Manus Island, now under trusteeship of the United Nations, as a launching site for satellites was stressed because its location would allow the establishment of an equatorial orbit in which the satellite could be made to travel at the same speed as the earth and therefore remain over one spot of the globe.

Local Men Head Seed Groups

PORTLAND (UPI) — R. W. Schaad, La Grande, Tuesday night was elected president of the Oregon Seed Growers League to succeed E. F. Jernstedt, Carlton.

Other officers named at the close of the League's 18th annual convention here included Roy Stevenson, Madras, vice president, and Rex Warren, Corvallis.

New directors include Wayne Garner, Nyssa, and Don Hector, Albany.

Home Case, Alico, earlier was named president of the Northwest Chewing & Creeping Red Rescue Association at a meeting in connection with the League convention. Other officers included Fred Hattinger, Sublimity, vice president, and Ted Sidor, La Grande, secretary.

PILOT MISSING

DENVER (UPI)—The pilot of a light plane missing since Sunday on a flight from Denver to Seattle was identified today as a Seattle engineer.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration here said the pilot of the twin engine Piper Apache was James S. Robbins. The pilot's son-in-law, Wade Vogel of Denver, said Robbins, about 50, was a consulting engineer.

Air Travel Promotion Discussed By Officials

The problem of getting potential airline passengers from the La Grande area to Portland "at a reasonable time" was the focal point of discussion during a Chamber of Commerce and West Coast Airlines officials meeting yesterday when it was decided to make an intensive effort to make people of this area conscious of air traffic in advance of a Civil Aeronautics Board Hearing Feb. 4 when the airline's certification will be up for renewal or cancellation.

Airline representative Lyle Elwood of Boise, Idaho, who was the main speaker yesterday noon at the La Grande Rotary club meeting, agreed with Chamber of Commerce officials that getting air traffic into Portland before 10 a.m. is a prime consideration, and he said in a special meeting with the C of C that he would make suggestions to the "head office" on schedule changes which might help that situation.

Meanwhile, Chamber of Commerce members meeting with Elwood and two other airline officials, agreed that La Grande needs and should do everything possible to keep the CAB from canceling the West Coast flights out of La Grande.

The airline officials and C of C members talked in general terms about holding a special Aviation Week at the La Grande airport, probably in the latter half of January.

A number of the local businessmen also said they would put airline literature in their monthly billing statements to draw attention to air transportation.

Elwood, a West Coast district sales manager in the Boise office, advised the chamber members and the Rotarians that continued airline service to La Grande, Baker and Ontario "depends on the degree the local people use the service."

Local businessmen agreed with Elwood that once a community loses airline certification, it is hard to get the CAB to again authorize stops in a community.

Elwood maintained that the great share of the potential passengers want to get into Portland early and this situation means that passengers from this area on east would have to catch a plane in the early hours of the morning.

Local businessmen said they would much rather leave here at an early hour than have to drive all night or go to Portland the previous day by car, train or plane because that means another day away from the office and away from their families.

Elwood pointed out that the airline on Dec. 1 added two more flights into La Grande, in the hopes that this would increase the passenger load. C of C members said the time of the new flights do not help the La Grande-Portland runs, thus possibly will not add materially to the passenger load.

Elwood told the Rotarians and visiting Chamber of Commerce members that the greatest competition to West Coast Airlines are car and new, modern highways.

The sales manager said his company has not asked CAB to let them drop the La Grande stop, nor has the company, he said, told the CAB that they want to continue the La Grande stop. Meeting here with the Chamber of Commerce shows our interest in the La Grande situation, Elwood said. The company has been making stops here the past 10½ years, Elwood said.

County 4-H Leaders To Hold Party Tonight

Union County 4-H leaders will hold their annual Christmas party tonight starting at 7:30 at the L. R. Hoxie residence at Mt. Glenn, James R. Huber, county extension agent, said this morning.

Huber said there would be food, "entertainment and a gift exchange for all attending the party. Each person attending is requested to bring a gift, not over a dollar in value.

Three Nobel Prizes Awarded In Stockholm Ceremony Today

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI)—The Swedish Academy presented cash and accolades today to winners of three Nobel prizes and mourned the "voluntary" absence of Russian author Boris Pasternak who refused the literary award under Soviet pressure.

The 1958 awards of \$41,250 for physics, chemistry and medicine were handed ceremoniously to scientists from Russia, Britain and the United States, and it was made starkly clear the academy and the Free World felt Pasternak should have been there too.

The 1958 peace prize was awarded today in Oslo, Norway, to the Rev. Georges Pire, a Roman Catholic priest and member of an order sworn to perpetual poverty. He will use the \$41,250 prize money to further his work of building villages for the homeless refugees of World War II.

The Stockholm ceremonies were formal, and guests wore white ties and tails. The Russian scientists who won the physics prize solved their problems by renting formal dress suits for \$13 each—the first they had ever worn.

The Oslo ceremonies were as austere as the black and white robes of the Belgian priest who was deemed to have done more



UNCOMFORTABLE—Dr. Werner von Braun of the Army's ballistic missile agency said in a TV appearance that it was "not comfortable" to think of the lead the Russians have in rocket missiles. (NEA)

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