

Filibuster for Bilbo New Senate

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'Snowgram' Saga Ends in Confusion Without Lost Plane

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—The "snowgrams" that started the army, state police and private fliers on a search for a crashed plane turned out tonight to be the idle work of a hill resident.

State Police Sgt. Lewis Johnson emerged from the snow-covered mountains south of La Grande late tonight to announce there was no missing plane.

The mystery messages in the snow were the work of Mrs. Gale Vincent, he said. She intended them for an aviator friend who had promised to drop packages to her occasionally, Johnson said.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Simpson

The country must give some serious thought to its communications industries. The telephone system was badly overburdened when the war load fell on it, and strangely the postwar burden is growing worse. Christmas day the long distance lines of the Bell system reported calls of over 300,000. Long delays resulted and many calls had to be cancelled.

All the phone companies are straining themselves to add to their facilities. The chief bottleneck is switchboards, although other equipment is in short supply and labor remains scarce, particularly skilled labor. Despite the installations of the past year the companies have made little headway in communities like Salem in eating into the backlog of unfiled orders for service.

This expansion has required huge investments of capital. American Telephone and Telegraph company has issued debentures of over \$300,000,000 and its subsidiaries also have entered the capital markets. The burden of new financing and other factors have had a depressing effect on telephone company stocks. AT&T, for instance, has been selling on a basis to yield nearly 5.5 per cent, a return hardly for a stock as stable as this.

One difficulty with the telephone business is that as the number of subscribers increases operating costs per unit are apt to increase, because with every 1000 phones added the number of possible connections multiplies greatly. The more names in the telephone directory the

Others saw sign
But other fliers came over and saw the sign, and the army sent a plane from McChord field, 300 miles away, to see if a marine transport with 32 aboard, missing since December 10, had crashed there.

The navy also sent a plane and private fliers lent aid. Ground rescue plans were formulated.

The fliers dropped messages, setting up a code, and Mrs. Vincent said "I must have got excited." She used the code wrongly, indicating that "a plane is down, someone is injured and help is needed."

Wrote New Message
Then she realized what she had done and wrote another snowgram, "All OK."

Another plane dropped a note asking if a plane really was down, and she wrote then "No." That confused everyone concerned, and Mrs. Vincent thought to straighten it all out late today by setting out with a broom to erase everything from the snow.

Fliers Fuzzled
Fliers saw that too, and sat puzzling about it until Johnson came in with his report tonight. He said it took him four hours to return to the ground trip to the cabin eight miles into the timberland southwest of here.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—(AP)—Ogden Reid, president-publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, died tonight at Harkness pavilion of Columbia Presbyterian medical center. Reid, 64, and a New York resident, had been ill for some time.

Ogden Reid, Newspaper Publisher, Dies
Reid was one publisher who like several of the reporters on his newspaper, abandoned a promising law career to go on the rim of a copy desk.

Ike Requests Rumor Cease
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 3—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today asserted that he was a soldier, and that mention of his name as a possible political candidate "is not good for the great organization I command."

Businessmen in West Salem Form New Association
Walt Musgrave, mayor-elect of West Salem, was elected president of the West Salem Business Men's association at its organizational meeting Friday night at the Chuck Wagon restaurant. Other officers elected are: Roy Tweedie, vice president, and Loren Vosper, secretary-treasurer.

New Quakes Rattle Windows in Japan
TOKYO, Jan. 3—(AP)—Two five-second earth shocks rattled windows in Tokyo today, startling residents still nervous over southwestern Japan's earthquake and tidal wave of December 21.

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH



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Missing
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—Capt. Henry Howard Caldwell (above) of Loomis, Calif., commander of the U.S. Pine Island, a vessel in the Byrd Antarctic expedition, is reported missing with seven others, on a PBM Mariner seaplane exploratory flight in the Antarctic, the navy reported. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

9 Naval Air Explorers Lost In Antarctic
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The navy disclosed tonight that nine naval air explorers are missing off the desolate region of the south polar ice belt, four days overdue on a scouting flight from the navy's sea-borne Antarctic expedition.

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French Official Views Warfare
PARIS, Jan. 3—(AP)—Colonial minister Marius Moutet returned to Saigon today from a fact-finding peace mission to Hanoi, where he got a first-hand view of eerie street warfare in that city and twice escaped what the French said was the fire of Viet-Namese snipers.

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"The eyes of the Greek letter world are on Salem, Willamette university and the Miami triad this weekend." Stanley R. Church of Astoria, a district chief of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, told members pledged and alumni of the Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities at joint convention services Friday afternoon in Waller hall.

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Cold Snap Continues in Salem

Salem shivered with the rest of the nation as the temperature slid to 20 degrees last night and the weather bureau predicted 18 or 19 degrees before morning. Exposed water pipes and frozen car radiators proved problems as local residents hugged heaters and registers to keep warm in Oregon's coldest weather of the year. Snow and ice were reported over the nation with the cold wave extending to the gulf states and temperatures tumbled to new lows such as Baker's eight below in eastern Oregon.

Other temperatures ranged from near freezing at Bakersfield, Calif., to 23 below at Bryce, Utah. Coldest reported in the nation was Bemidji, Minn., with -40. Cold weather brought an outbreak of minor residence fires due to overheating stoves in Portland but Salem has had no serious fire due to that cause. Schools were closed at Clovis, Fortales and Tucuman, N. M., as a gas conservation measure, and the Portland Gas and Coke company delivered a record high of 50,595,000 cubic feet of gas in 24 hours.

Roads and highways in eastern Oregon were glazed with frozen snow and ice, making travel dangerous Friday, according to a report by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Other road conditions are:

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Congressmen Pray



Change in Wagner Act Asked
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The drive to change the labor laws began officially today. As the 80th congress came into being:

1. Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.) pressed a new labor policy for the nation.
2. Rep. Hartley (R-N. J.), bitterly opposed by the CIO in the November elections, decided to accept chairmanship of the house labor committee.

Other Labor Bills
Still other labor bills were introduced in the house. Senators will start introducing their labor proposals later.

Wagner Act
The Wagner act, which unions call "Labor's Magna Carta," would amend the bill to state that the nation's policy is to bring about the equality of labor and industry in collective bargaining, subject to the following "duty":

"Not to seriously interfere with the normal flow of interstate commerce, or with the continuous operation of those industries and facilities upon which the economic life and general welfare of the nation is dependent."

Department Store Sold to Portland Firm
Sale of the Worth department store, familiar Salem business establishment on North Liberty street for the past quarter century, to Roberts Brothers of Portland was announced yesterday by Harry Worth, present proprietor of the store.

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Bilbo Waits



Many Still Oppose Reduction
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Senator Fails to Gain Seat

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