

Air Force Calls Halt To New Enlistments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The air force announced tonight the suspension of enlistments except for personnel with previous air force service.

A spokesman said the action was taken due to heavy enlistments and overcrowding of facilities at air force indoctrination centers. He said it is hoped the suspension can be lifted about February 1.

Washington Airliner Crash Kills 10, Including Salem-Bound Pair

EDWALL, Wash., Jan. 16 (AP)—A twin-engine passenger plane carried 10 persons to their deaths today as it hurtled down through the snow and crashed near an eastern Washington farmhouse.

All aboard the plane died—seven passengers and three crew members.

Pilot Lloyd Rickman of Seattle said in his last radio message he was at an elevation of 8,000 feet and "in trouble."

The Northwest Airlines plane—a Martin 202 capable of carrying 36 passengers—crashed and burned on the L. E. Bundy farm near this little Lincoln county town about 20 miles west of Spokane. It had taken off from Spokane 15 or 20 minutes before on a flight to Seattle.

The passengers aboard were listed by the company as: C. Edwards, Yakima, Wash.; W. J. Craft, San Francisco; Robert R. Mann, 2509 No. Junette St. Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Milligan, Fairfax, Va.; Charles Wood, Seattle, and W. H. Goodlowe, San Francisco.

The crew members were Rickman, 33, Edmund J. Gander, 28, the co-pilot, and Joann Tabor, 22, all of Seattle.

Airliner officials in Spokane said they couldn't tell yet what had happened.

"There just wasn't anything left to see," a reporter said. Sgt. William Todd of the state patrol said there were no complete bodies found.

The Bundy family was just sitting down to eat its noon meal when they heard the plane.

"We heard this loud noise," Bundy said. "It sounded awfully low. Then came the crash. It sounded like it came right over the house and hit about 800 feet away."

The wind was blowing hard and snow was falling when the plane crashed. Ambulance workers recovered everything they could find and left.

Two Salem-bound passengers were aboard an airliner that crashed Tuesday in eastern Washington killing all 10 passengers and crew, relatives here reported.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Milligan of Fairfax, Va., who perished, were enroute here to visit her brother, Frank Sexton, Salem route 5. The Milligans also were to visit their son, Donald, at Albany, and two nieces, Mrs. Andy Etzel, Four Corners, and Mrs. Chris M. Bart-ruff, Keizer.

State and county authorities early today sought a hit-and-run driver who fatally injured an elderly Sublimity man shortly before midnight Tuesday.

State police identified the victim as John G. Halfman, 81. Officers said Halfman reportedly was struck as he crossed highway 222 near a grocery store in Sublimity.

Police said a witness to the accident chased the death car to Mill City before losing the trail. Halfman apparently was killed instantly, according to officers.

EISENHOWER IN LISBON LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 16 (AP) Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived tonight on the southern leg of his tour of Atlantic pact powers.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH

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Rex Hartley Appointed County Judge



Rex Hartley, Talbot, left, will be Marion county's new judge after being sworn in at 10 o'clock this morning. Here Hartley meets some of the courthouse personnel Tuesday afternoon. At right is Ed Brash, a courthouse custodian, being introduced to Hartley by County Commissioner Roy Rice, center. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Talbot Area Farmer to Take Oath This Morning

Marion county's third county judge in a month, Rex Hartley of the Talbot area, will be sworn into office at 10 o'clock this morning. His appointment was announced Tuesday by Gov. Douglas McKay.

Hartley, a farmer, said he would be able to arrange his affairs to participate fully in county business. He was slated as a member of the county budget committee, whose meetings he sat in on last spring. He stressed that his interest is in "the social and civic progress of the county."

He succeeds Ray J. Glatt, Woodburn, who served only two weeks as successor to the late Grant Murphy, before suffering a heart attack which brought his resignation.

Hartley, 50 years of age, is a native of the county. He owns 300 acres at the foot of Ankeny hill and farms another 300 acres. His principal crops are grass seeds and permanent livestock pasture, giving him a great interest in the development of stock forage.

His farm activities have made him chairman of the county agricultural planning committee and past master of Ankeny Grange and Marion county Pomona Grange. He also is a member of the National Cutting Horse association.

Hartley was Oregon grand patron of Eastern Star in 1949 and is a member of that order and the Masonic lodge at Jefferson. He is a member of the Oregon governor's mounted guard.

Strict Security Blanket Hides Korean Action

TOKYO, Wednesday, Jan. 17 (AP)—A tight security blackout was clamped today on the whole Korean front by the U. S. Eighth army.

The blackout followed: 1. Entry of a strong tank-led reconnaissance force Tuesday into Suwon, 17 air miles south of Seoul. The force routed a small Chinese unit and then withdrew to defensive positions 500 yards south of the town.

2. Completion by the U. S. Second division of a 26-mile pull-back from Wŏnju to Chungju in central Korea.

AP Correspondent Don Huth, at Eighth army headquarters in Korea, reported in an 11:30 a. m. dispatch: "The United Nations front today was 'in strict security.'"

In an overall assessment, Huth said: "Reports from the front indicated the Chinese and North Korean forces massed around Seoul and north of Wŏnju on the central front are in no hurry to press their offensive against allied positions."

"Their reluctance is allowing United Nations forces to firmly establish their new defense line, particularly on the central front where Second division forces withdrew from their perimeter south of Wŏnju."

Over the weekend, someone removed all the doorknobs from doors leading to the office of the collector of internal revenue. When tax men arrived at work Monday, it took two hours of jimmying before they could get back on the job.

Spitzbart Hearing Set Feb. 14; Bill Seeks New State Fair Board

Appeal of Leo G. Spitzbart, discharged state fair manager, will be heard before the Oregon civil service commission on February 14, the commission announced Tuesday.

Meanwhile, legislation was introduced in the Oregon senate to create a state fair board and remove the director of agriculture's jurisdiction over the state fair.

Spitzbart was fired by E. L. Peterson, state agriculture director, recently on charges of inefficiency and lack of cooperation. Spitzbart countered that recent fairs have made a good showing and that Peterson's attitude had made management of the fair difficult.

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, who introduced the state fair board bill yesterday, said the move for such legislation had started months ago and the actual bill had been drafted before the Spitzbart firing.

His bill would set up a separate body and would include representatives from all of Oregon's four congressional districts.

"As long as we have a state fair we should have a separate fair board," Ellis said. "The entire state would be represented by the proposed board."

Spitzbart had managed the state fair since 1935. He will be represented by Attorney Bruce Williams at the hearing.

Learn to Spell!

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for prizes, now underway for 1st and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

attend everywhere object every chart omit owner commence continue parent custom deny possible produce discover purpose encourage recover

Deficit of \$58 Million Handed to Legislators

Car Feared Trapped in Columbia Gorge Slide

THE DALLES, Jan. 16 (AP)—Highway crews dug rapidly into a huge rock slide on the Columbia River highway near here tonight, in fear that a motorist was trapped under the avalanche. The slide was the result of a new wind and rainstorm which swept the northwest Tuesday.

The slide cascaded down last night, narrowly missing two automobiles. One driver said he feared still another car was caught by the slide.

Efforts to clear the road were slowed as the rubble had to be hauled away by truck to avoid blocking the Union Pacific main line, which runs below the blocked highway.

William Myers, Portland, a salesman for the Columbia Equipment company, said he had observed the tail lights of another

Windborn showers dumped another .88 inch of rain on the Salem area Tuesday and the weather bureau predicted stormy weather again for today. Little change in temperature is forecast with the mercury failing to remain above freezing through tonight. Sixty mile wind gusts that slapped the Willamette valley Monday slowed to half that velocity Tuesday and no new storm damage was reported.

eastbound car for several miles last night. Suddenly, he said, his car crashed into the pile of rocks and the tail light had disappeared. He said there was a chance the other motorist had been far enough ahead to avoid the slide.

Highway crews estimated it would take two days to clear the road.

Hard on the heels of Monday's storm, in which two lives were lost in winds up to 80 miles an hour, the latest storm hit the coast with winds up to 59 miles an hour.

High waves blocked the Columbia river entrance again, and six ships rode out the storm at sea, waiting to get into port.

Heavy rains fell along the coast area from northern California to British Columbia. Rivers ran high in their banks. The weather bureau said western Oregon streams were "sensitive" to the rainfall, although no serious flood threatens at the moment.

\$5 Million Dock, Old Troopship Burn at Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16 (AP)—A multi-million-dollar fire tonight ate away a wartime ammunition pier, gutted the old troopship which took Woodrow Wilson to France in 1919, and brought injury to seven men.

Also lost in the blaze which roared on through the night were a tugboat and barges of equipment used for Maryland's new Chesapeake bay bridge.

The cause of the fire, which started in a shack on the pier, was not determined immediately. The pier was valued at \$5,000,000. An official said the George Washington on which President Wilson sailed 32 years ago couldn't be built new for less than \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000.

Retail Food Prices Reach All-Time High

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Retail food prices reached a new all-time high during the last two weeks of December, the bureau of labor statistics estimated today. An increase of 1.2 per cent between December 15 and January 2 was enough to establish a record one per cent higher than the previous peak of July 15, 1948.

'Burma Surgeon' Found Guilty

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 17 (AP)—A Burmese special tribunal today found America's "Burma Surgeon," Dr. Gordon Seagrave, guilty of high treason.

It sentenced him to six years' imprisonment on one count and one year on another.

Compromise Winter-Summer Street Plan Utilizes Portion of Both Avenues

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

A compromise proposal to bring southbound traffic into Salem on a one-way artery using both Summer and Winter streets was forwarded Tuesday night by the Salem planning and zoning commission.

Salem city council is now considering substitution of Winter street for Summer as the southbound arterial in the city's forthcoming one-way street plan, providing this meets with the approval of the state highway commission.

The zoning commission was asked to establish a record one per cent higher than the previous peak of July 15, 1948.

Arguments favoring use of Summer street include the favorable approach off Fairgrounds road, the impressive view of the state capitol and the endorsement of the state highway engineer, R. L. Baldock, that the Summer street route is the best plan for one-way southbound traffic.

The change to Winter street was suggested to keep through traffic from the state buildings area.

One objection to Winter street has been the cost of a special traffic signal to handle traffic at the Fairgrounds-Winter-Jefferson intersection. This would be eliminated in the compromise plan, though right-of-way costs at the D street reverse curve site would be high.

Both suggestions will be taken up by a zoning committee with the state highway department, before further zoning commission action scheduled for a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday in city hall. Rosebraugh named to the committee J. L. Franzen, Robert Stanley and Milton L. Meyers.

Under PUC Commission New bills introduced in the senate would place cooperative telephone systems operating their own exchanges under the public utility commission; include Columbus day as a legal holiday; prohibit any employer from discriminating against women working for them by paying them less than men doing comparable work; and prohibit companies loaning money or real or personal property from specifying companies from which borrowers must buy their insurance on the property involved.

Three state legislators introduced a bill to create a state fair commission, and, thus would strip the power from State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson. The bill, the sponsors said was not the outgrowth of the discharge of Fair Director Leo Spitzbart by Peterson last week.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a.m. today. (Additional legislative news on page 12.)

Authorized by Voters New spending created by the voters in November which has increased this legislature's budget is \$65,623,520 for the basic school support fund; increase and \$5,100,000 for the veterans' bonus during the next two years.

Other outlays contributing to the higher budget are \$68,000 for civil defense requirements during the next year and a proposed state building program to cost \$24,000,000. Without these two expenditures the budget deficit would be about \$34,000,000.

Sales Tax Suggested Some remedies suggested during the joint meeting included reduced spending, withdrawal of the state income tax exemption for federal taxes paid and the sales tax. But no real solution was offered to establish a long-range tax program for the state. The budget committee said its head-aches are increasing because material costs have increased 8 per cent in six months and wage increases have cost the state \$2,500,000 during the same period.

Introductions of new and controversial bills were other highlights of Tuesday's session.

Rep. Joseph Harvey of Portland introduced measures seeking abolition of all pari-mutuel horse and dog racing and diversion of racing funds to the state general fund instead of allocating them to county fairs and special activities.

Discontinue Levy Another heavy measure, introduced by Rep. David Baum of Grand, would allow counties to discontinue levying a \$10 tax per census school child for education. The tax is now levied but then offset by state property tax funds. Baum fears county taxes will be boosted by this amount because state funds for this purpose might be exhausted this biennium.

Other house bills introduced would allow children between 16 and 18 to discontinue school if circumstances make it advisable; require that the parole board give three day's notice before paroling a prisoner, and allow bus and taxicab drivers, printers, electrotypers, lithographers and several other classifications to become eligible for the state employers liability act by classing their occupations as hazardous.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Premier Rene Pleven, who will confer with President Truman on policy matters at the U. S. capitol soon.

Premier Pleven Of France to Visit Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Premier Rene Pleven of France will to Washington January 29 for a two-day policy conference with President Truman.

Announcing this today, the state department said Pleven suggested the conference and that Mr. Truman welcomed him to confer on important questions of mutual interest.

Informed government officials said Pleven wants to discuss cold war strategy, particularly the problems of French Indochina and western European rearmament. Presumably, too, the agenda will include discussion of the atomic bomb.

The announcement of Pleven's forthcoming visit came as a surprise even to the French embassy here.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	24	.77
Portland	48	37	.57
San Francisco	53	38	.73
Chicago	39	19	trace
New York	38	35	trace

Willamette River 12.6 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau): Monday—Showers with occasional clearing today becoming cloudy with continued rain tonight. Continued windy and little change in temperature with highest today about 48 and lowest tonight near 38.

Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
This Year	32.57	21.76
		19.98