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President Eisenhower is going through the shape-up for the second session of the 83rd Congress. His commissions—on tariff, agriculture, state relations, housing—will be making their reports. His staff and others of his administration are working on legislative matters such as amendment of labor laws. And the President has just concluded several days of conferences with Republican leaders on the program for the session.

What seems to be clear is that defense spending will be reduced, chiefly at the expense of Army and Navy; that built-in tax cuts scheduled for 1954 will go into effect though probably the five per cent cut in corporation taxes will be scaled down, and the excise tax structure revised. The outlook is for Congress merely to extend the present 90 per cent parity price support law, and to include more crops under government beneficence. There is little chance for Congress really to revise its farm support system even if Secretary Benson doesn't like it.

No particular disturbance will be made on Taft-Hartley. The lineup is not clear on tariff issues. "Trade not aid" has a much wider following than before, but industry threatened with foreign competition can be exceedingly formidable during the in-fighting that occurs over tariff legislation.

What seems to be evident is that Eisenhower is now ready to play a much more active role in guiding Congress than he did in the (Continued on Editorial page, 4.)

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The Weather

Table with weather data: Max, Min, Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette River.

Highway Signs Victims of Hunting Season



During hunting season, business at the state sign shops which is always good, gets even better. David Chilles, sign shop foreman is shown above holding one of the reasons for an increase in highway sign replacements—a sign punctured by bullets which cause the large rust spots shown. The rattled signs are being replaced by plywood signs which will not rust and are cheaper. (Statesman Photo.)

Storms Subside, 2 Dead

Less water—both in the skies and in the streams in this area—is the weatherman's forecast for today, following a storm Saturday which claimed two lives in highway accidents.

Sunday the weather moderated and although many streams ran bank full there was no immediate danger of damaging floods. Approximately 2 1/2 inches of rain fell on the Salem area over the weekend.

A storm lurking out in the Pacific northwest of here is expected to move inland Monday night and to begin dumping more rain Tuesday.

East of Burns a Eugene woman, Mrs. Elmer Anderson, was killed when her car collided with another car, because a boulder had rolled onto the road. (Story on page 2, sec 1.)

Tree Strikes Car William B. Derry, 21, of Glenwood near Hillsboro was killed when a storm blew a tree down onto the car in which he was riding.

After a night of heavy winds and rain streams in the Willamette Valley were falling Sunday. The Santiam crested at Jefferson at 19 feet. The Willamette River is expected to crest at Salem today at about 18 feet.

River Flooding The old Salem-Silverton road through the Pudding River bottom was flooded Sunday in that area.

A large fir tree fell across the road and damaged a garage near the Knott farm on Greenwood Road north of Independence early Sunday.

Saturday night's winds uprooted many trees all the way from the northwest part of the state into Central Oregon.

Skies cleared for a time in some areas Sunday and the forecast calls for cloudy skies but little rain today.

Airliner Leads Lost Rescue Plane to Safety

TOKYO (AP)—A Pan American Airways plane came to the aid of a distressed Coast Guard plane some 200 miles east of Wake Island Monday in the western Pacific—so swiftly that the Coast Guardsmen were not obliged to make an emergency ditching.

Pan American Airlines Company here reported the commercial airliner, bound for Tokyo was diverted after its takeoff to search for the Coast Guard craft which had radioed at 10:20 a. m. (5:20 a. m. Sunday, PST) that it was ditching off Wake.

The Pan American plane, named "Nightingale" and carrying radio and television commentator Edward R. Murrow among its passengers, reached the Coast Guard plane in time to lead it to safety. Both planes landed at Wake—midway stop on the Honolulu-Tokyo run.

The Coast Guard plane, a sea rescue craft, was searching for another plane belonging to the Overseas National Airways. The Overseas plane had radioed earlier that one of its engines failed. The plane was presumed to have landed safely at Wake.

Today's Statesman

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Michigan Cons Release Hostages; Five Still Free

Woman Tells of Ride As Escapees' Captive

(Editor's note: The following story was told by one of two women taken as hostages on a night-long escape flight by five Southern Michigan Prison inmates.)

By MARY LOU WATTS As told to Ed Smith, of The Jackson Citizen-Patriot JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—It was a little after 9 p. m., Saturday when these men barged right into our house. One of them held a gun and the others had knives.

They told us no one would be hurt and then proceeded to ransack the house.

All we could do was sit there. My husband, (Joseph Watts), Helen (Miss Helen Gilbert), Don (Don Peck), Mary (Mary Bobe, 14, a baby sitter) and I couldn't believe it.

They took three of Joe's suits, three pairs of his shoes, even the ones he was wearing, and one of his shirts. Don's Cadillac was parked outside, full of gas. It was just like an invitation for them.

Girl Left Behind We were scared. Little Mary was terrified and began to cry when the men got ready to leave and said they were taking her as a hostage. We begged them not to take her and they changed their minds.

They ordered Helen and me into the car. Before we left, though, they asked my husband the way to Indiana. They promised that we wouldn't be hurt. Then they tied the others after collecting about \$30 from all of us. But they left one dollar with my husband.

Then we started out. Dowling Driving The man named Dowling (Robert Dowling) was driving. I sat in front with him and another man, Helen was in the back seat with the other three.

We headed south on M60 at about 70 or 80 miles an hour. We ran into the first roadblock about 15 miles from home but they saw it in time and backtracked to the first side road. Then Helen and I really were scared!

From then on it was just one set of back roads after another. Convicts Kind It was funny. All of them except the one called Usiondek (Roman Usiondek) were almost kind. One time I sort of bowed my head trying to stay awake and one of the convicts asked if I was sick.

Once they talked about the break and one of them said he felt like turning himself in after they were outside. He said there were too many to be successful. Whenever they wanted to talk about their plans, though, they stopped the car and talked outside. Once we skidded into a ditch because there was ice on the road. Then Usiondek went wild, screaming about Dowling's driving and waving a gun. It seemed as if they all were afraid of him.

Hold Consultation We reached Detroit about 6:20 a. m. Neither Helen nor I know much about it but we stopped at Wyoming and Joy Roads (on the northwest side of the city). There was a consultation and two of them got out.

Then the other three left, but not before they gave us two dollars to use for food and phone calls. They told us not to turn in an alarm for at least 15 minutes.

We started to drive away but ran out of gas. There was a filling station open and we went in to call. We called the State Police and then called home to let them know we were safe.

We hadn't eaten since Saturday afternoon. Even though the convicts offered to stop and get us hamburgers and coffee during the ride—we were too nervous and keyed up to think of food.

Neither one of us slept, either, although one of the men in the back slept on the floor for a while. When the Detroit police found us, we both found it hard to believe we were still alive.

McKays Here For Holidays

Interior Secretary and Mrs. Douglas McKay arrived in Salem by auto Sunday morning for what was designed as a strictly "pleasure" trip and visit over Christmas.

The McKays arrived in Portland by train at 9 a. m. Sunday after the train had been delayed an hour from Spokane by stormy weather. They made the rest of the journey, accompanied by Sec. McKay's mother, in a limousine dispatched by Gov. Patterson.

McKay said he had no business planned between now and his departure by train from Portland for Washington Jan. 1. He said he would meet with Oregon Republican Party workers in Portland Wednesday, but that was politics.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 18.86 8.92 15.73

Remaining Men Loose in Detroit Area

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) The eighth of 13 desperate convicts who tunneled and blow-torched their way out of high-walled Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson Saturday night was nabbed in that city Sunday night.

But the five still at large in the big penitentiary's biggest break—some of them the toughest in the lot—left a cold trail in sprawling, residential northwest Detroit.

Hundreds of police concentrated their intense search there after the five abandoned a stolen car and released unharmed two women held all night as hostages.

Jackson police seized Harold Rosa, 24, in the basement cell big of a hotel.

Rosa was the last of eight felons hunted in the Jackson area, 80 miles west of Detroit. He was serving 4-to-13 years for breaking and entering in Saginaw, Mich.

This was one of the lightest terms being served by the 13, who somehow laid their hands on an acetylene torch and cut through a giant storm sewer gate. The five hunted in Detroit included two life term murderers, a convicted kid napper an armed robber.

Up to 14 hours after the five set out in two groups on foot Detroit police reported they didn't have a single clue.

19 Missing on Two Planes In Guam Area

GUAM (AP)—Navy planes and ships fanned out from Guam Monday in an extensive search for two missing planes with 19 persons aboard.

One, a Navy search plane, disappeared Sunday while looking for the other, a weather plane and its crew of nine, missing since last Wednesday.

The Navy disappearance added to a series of Guam plane tragedies. Dec. 17 a B29 tried to make a landing after developing motor trouble but crashed and exploded as it ripped through a military housing area. The crash killed 4 persons and injured 12 others.

The day before the crash, the weather plane failed to return from a mission of tracking a typhoon. It last reported while 30 miles north of Guam.

Monday the Navy sent out 3 planes in a continuing search. At 6 p. m., the Navy confirmed that a R4D-8 with its crew of 10 had broken off radio contact and was listed as missing.

Korean War Vet Wins Home Downpayment

A veteran of the Korean War has been chosen winner of a down payment Christmas present of a new home in the Lockwood Homes development in Salem's Morningside district.

The lucky veteran, now an employee of the state, is George E. Day who will occupy the home first completed in the development, with his wife and three small children. Day, recalled to active duty with the Air Force when the recent Korean conflict broke out, was a veteran of World War II.

The Days will receive their "dream come true" at a special program Thursday afternoon at the site of the new home on Peck and Harris streets. Sam Lockwood will make the presentation which amounts to approximately \$900 a down payment on the \$8,000 three-bedroom home. The Rev. Donald Payne will give the invocation at the program.

Day was selected by Veterans of Foreign Wars from a list of veterans who were required to submit a letter as to why they would like to have their own homes.

Washington Auto Death Toll Cut

OLYMPIA (AP)—The State Patrol reported these comparative figures Sunday in the campaign to cut Washington's traffic fatalities in half during November and December:

December: Traffic deaths since Nov. 1, 1953: 62 Traffic deaths for same period 1952: 103.

Man Slugged, Robbed While Aiding Pair

A Roseburg man told State Police Sunday afternoon he was slugged and robbed by two strangers he had stopped to help near the summit of the South Santiam Pass highway.

Herbert E. Wood told police he was robbed of \$100 in traveler's checks and \$115 in currency by two men at about 3:15 p. m.

According to police reports Wood said he was driving along when he saw a car stalled in roadside snow between the summit and Blue Lake. He stopped to help. The two occupants of the stalled car asked Wood to help pull them out.

As he stepped to the rear of his auto to get a tow chain, Wood said, one of the men stuck a gun in his back and the other slugged him over the head. When he regained consciousness, Wood said, he drove his car to Sweet Home where he was treated for a large gash on his head.

Police said they had only a faint description of the robbers and their auto.

U.S. Novelist Wins Stalin Peace Prize

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda announced Monday the award of 10 international Stalin Peace Prizes including one to American novelist Howard Fast.

The announcement came on the 74th anniversary of the birthday of Joseph Stalin who established the award in 1950.

An editorial in the official Communist newspaper lauded this year's recipients as "outstanding fighters for peace." The pictures of all 10 including Fast, French parliamentarian Pierre Cot and Prof. John Bernal of the University of London appeared on Pravda's front page.

The announcement said the prize is aimed at "strengthening peace between the peoples."

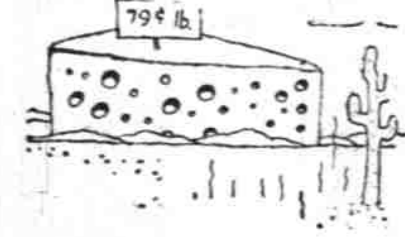
Fast, a frequent advocate of left wing causes, is the author of The Last Frontier, Citizen Tom Faine, Freedom Road, and other novels of the past two decades.

Five of his books were removed from U.S. overseas libraries last year.

The Stalin peace prize has been valued as high as \$25,000. It first was awarded in 1951. A previous American winner was singer Paul Robeson. His prize was given to him in New York last September after Robeson was unable to get a passport enabling him to travel to Moscow.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH



"On the other hand, supposin', it's not a mirage."

Einstein Ignores Style At Full-Dress Wedding

NEW YORK (AP)—Prof. Albert Einstein mingled with the full-dressed and fashionable crowd at one of the season's most elegant weddings Sunday night in one of his rare social appearances.

But the 74-year-old scientist, who sometimes refuses to wear socks in public, made little effort to be fashionable himself.

He strode through the refined halls of the Hotel Plaza into the room, pulled off and handed to the check-room girl an old navy blue knitted cap—the kind sailors wear for a cold watch.

NRA Label in Coat Then he doffed an overcoat so ancient that a waiter was surprised to see it had an NRA label in it.

Then, in a well-worn dark business suit and vest and an ordinary striped tie, the white-haired Einstein went in to mingle with men in white tie and tails, and women gowned in formal silk and jewels.

Einstein came to the wedding because the bridegroom, Dr. Thomas Lee Bucky, is the son of an old friend, physicist Gustav Bucky.

40-year Friendship His friendship with the elder Bucky dates back some 40 years, to an association in Germany, Einstein made another rare public appearance a year ago to testify for his friend in a patent infringement suit—which Bucky won.

The younger Bucky, who is director of student health at Cornell University, was married to Miss Margaret Neuburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neuburg, of Park Avenue and Weston, Conn.

Einstein came late, accompanied by several unidentified friends, and declined to talk to reporters.

Rescuers Near Plane Wreck

LONDON (AP)—A ground rescue team toiling up a southern Iceland glacier was reported Sunday night within 1 1/2 miles of a U. S. Navy plane which crashed Thursday with nine men aboard.

U. S. Air Force headquarters here said the rescuers were battling a blizzard and winds up to 50 knots.

The rescuers made their report by radio to a U. S. Navy P2V Neptune plane, a sister ship of the crashed plane which disappeared on a routine flight out of Keflavik airfield in Iceland. The searching crew reported no sign of life around the wreck.

McKay Says BPA to Continue 'A Certain Amount' of Planning

PORTLAND (AP)—The Bonneville Administration will continue to do "a certain amount" of planning for future power demands, Interior Secretary McKay said here in a Sunday interview.

That was a limited modification of what Undersecretary Ralph Tudor said here last week. Tudor had reported that Bonneville's future role would be only that of a wholesaler of power produced by Army Engineer and Reclamation Bureau dams.

But McKay said Bonneville still has responsibilities as a member of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee and "will still have a certain amount of planning to estimate requirements on various parts of the system."

At an end, though, is what McKay called Bonneville Administration's work of "promoting public power."

The Northwest needs more dams, McKay said, putting the

Poison Candy Sent to Florida Church People

LAKE WALES, Fla. (AP)—Police and postal authorities are attempting to learn who mailed at least five boxes of poisoned candy to members of the First Baptist Church here. Fourteen persons were made violently ill, but none was ever in serious danger.

Police Chief K. M. Mellick said Sunday the affair is a complete mystery so far—there is no suspect, no known motive and the poison has not been identified. Samples of the candy have been sent to a laboratory for analysis.

None of the boxes had a return address. The names and addresses of recipients were formed of letters clipped from a newspaper and pasted on. There were no accompanying messages.

The candy, apparently home made, was chocolate fudge with pink icing.

Those who ate it became ill about four hours later, vomiting heavily and remaining nauseated for a day or two, Mellick said.

It was not until word of the effects spread around and people began to compare notes that anything unusual was suspected. Then a doctor advised one of his patients to report the matter to police and an investigation began.

One box was sent to the Berean Bible class of the First Baptist church. The adult class has 28 members. Others went to individual members of the church.

Barnard has often been in the news, most notably as the campaign manager for Sheriff Mike Elliott. Barnard later worked for Elliott's recall.

Horses Injure Two Men at Fairgrounds

Horses took their toll of riders Sunday sending two to a Salem hospital as the result of mishaps at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

At Salem Memorial Hospital with a severe laceration of the forehead and skull fracture was Lebanon Logger William McPherson, 39. McPherson, a rodeo hand who has ridden in State Fair shows, was practicing bull-dogging Sunday morning when he was kicked by a hazing horse as it went by him. He was given treatment by Salem first aidmen and taken to the hospital by friends. His condition was described as good by hospital officials.

Second victim of a horse was Keith Adams, 31, of Independence Route 1 and also a rodeo rider. His own horse bit him on the hand, requiring treatment at Salem Memorial hospital. He was later released.

Audrey Hepburn, Ferrer Awarded Movie Accolades

NEW YORK (AP)—Audrey Hepburn and Jose Ferrer Sunday were named top movie stars of the year in the annual poll of critics by the trade publication Film Daily.

Miss Hepburn, a screen newcomer, was also labelled top "find" of the year because of her performance in "Roman Holiday." Ferrer was cited for his acting in "Moulin Rouge."

Citations for best supporting performances went to crooner Frank Sinatra for his straight dramatic role in "From Here to Eternity" and to Gloria Grahame for her portrayal in "The Bad and the Beautiful."

Fighter Planes With Atom Bombs On Polar Ice Islands Proposed

By ELTON C. FAY WASHINGTON (AP)—An Air Force Arctic expert Sunday proposed forming small fighter plane units on polar ice islands which could lash out with atomic bombs against any aggressor nation.

Lt. Col. Joseph O. Fletcher, who organized the first detachment for the drifting ice island T3 in 1950, said such units might prove to be the only readily available retaliatory bases if Russia should strike suddenly and wipe out present U. S. air bases in forward areas.

Fletcher, who is now in the air research and development command, outlined his proposal in a paper written for the official publication "Air University Quarterly."

The basic unit might be built around the all-weather fighter as an atomic bomb delivery vehicle, supported by long-range air transport or by submarine," he wrote.

"Such a widely dispersed force would be at home anywhere in the Arctic Ocean, would possess unparalleled destructive capability, and would be relatively invulnerable to countermeasures, since it could fade away into the trackless expanses of ice and water easier than an Arab in the Sahara. Here, if anywhere, military competition will be a game of wits in which flexibility and versatility will win over brute force."

"Properly camouflaged, it could lurk within short-distances from enemy shores without fear of detection."

"There are no technical obstacles formidable enough to prevent the development of such a tactical capacity."

While he did not so specify, it is known that small but powerful atomic bombs now can be carried in such planes as the jet F84 fighter.

Fletcher said that in any sudden attack war Russia would strike first and possibly destroy such forward bases as the big airdrome at Thule, in northwest Greenland.

Moreover, he suggested that use of bases in foreign territory might be lost by shifting policy of friendly nations.

"In some cases our Allies, faced with the choice of neutrality or obliteration, may decide that neutrality is their only salvation," he said. "Already we hear talk from some of them."

Fletcher also said that the submarine will become an important weapon in the Arctic.

"To the submarine the pack ice, which restricts its access to the surface, also offers protection from detection and attack from the air."

From the shelter of the pack forays against thousands of miles of strategic coastline can be made," Fletcher said. "Sooner or later the airplane and the submarine will take their places as the instruments for controlling this strategic area."