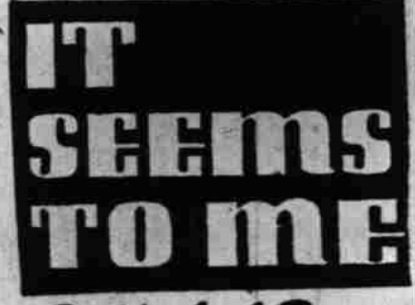


Airliner, Private Plane Crash, Fall; 15 Persons Killed

By HAROLD HARRISON

BURLINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Fifteen persons died Wednesday on bleak snow-covered Northern Kentucky hillsides as a TWA Martin Skyliner and a privately owned DC3 collided in the air and crashed a half mile apart.

There were no survivors to explain the accident. The TWA plane had left the greater Cincinnati airport only minutes before, bound for Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio. It carried 10 persons and a crew of three.



By Charles A. Sprague

CHICAGO, Jan. 10—Why are we all so weather-conscious? For the great majority, the state of the weather makes relatively little difference. Most folk work indoors at this season at least, where temperatures are governed by thermostats. The intervals of being outdoors, going to and from work, are short. For them we can dress according to our wishes: overcoats, rubbers. In spite of the fact that modern inventions and working habits have sealed down the importance of weather, we remain keenly interested in weather changes. Weather news is indispensable in a paper. Folk laugh or grumble at mistakes of weather forecasters regardless of the fact that either hit or miss will not make the slightest difference in their routine. News broadcasts faithfully report the weather predictions, and many folk punctually listen to them, whether they have any plans for the morrow or not. Not that weather forecasts are unimportant. To an orange-grower prediction of frost means he must get busy with his orchard heaters. Warning of a hurricane prompts residents in its probable path to batten down until it passes. For the great majority, however, the degree of interest in weather is quite disproportionate to its actual effect on their living and work.

Which is a long introduction to the report that this was a nice day in Chicago, an unusually fine day, for January, the taxi driver said. Not that it made any special difference to me or to thousands of others. Still, we all do get a lift out of a sunny day, particularly in winter time.

Whatever the weather may be currently in Chicago the winter (Continued on Editorial Page, 4)

The DC3, with two aboard, was being flown from Battle Creek, Mich., and was to have picked up Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Van Lennep in Lexington, Ky., wealthy Detroit race horse owners. Mrs. Van Lennep is the former Frances Dodge.

Lewis Reinhold of Pittsburgh, aviation safety agent for the Civil Aeronautics Authority, issued a statement 11 hours after the accident, however, that:

"Preliminary investigation has disclosed that the DC3 aircraft departed from Battle Creek, Mich., at 7:33 a. m. (EST) for Lexington. The pilot did not file a flight plan or make any contact with the CAA's facilities enroute."

Reinhold's statement said the TWA plane had received routine instrument flight clearance to proceed from Cincinnati to Dayton on a cruising altitude of 4,000 feet.

He said no other aircraft was reported in the area at the time. Reinhold said emergency searchers first found the DC3 and then the airliner.

C. Woodrow McKay, chief controller at the tower, said he saw the transport plane head southwest for about two minutes, make a right turn and then disappear. Seconds later he saw a flash and then smoke.

The TWA plane crashed into the side of a gully approximately a half mile from the nearest road. It bounced back and wreckage was strewn for 150 yards.

The DC3 appeared to have hit nose first about a half mile away.

Signs Mount Dag's Mission 'May Succeed'

HONOLULU (AP)—Dag Hammarskjöld, refreshed by a midwinter swim in warm Hawaiian waters and wearing a bit of sunburn, Wednesday night resumed the homeward flight from his Peiping mission to free 11 American airmen.

The U.N. secretary general left at 5:57 p.m. (7:57 p.m., PST) in a big Air Force Constellation.

Signs mounted that Hammarskjöld's mission to Red China was not in vain.

While the United Nations secretary general remained silent, a personal aide, Per Lind, told reporters in Tokyo the families of 11 U.S. fliers jailed as "spies" must "have a little more patience."

And in London, the British Foreign Office endorsed a U.N. spokesman's statement that Hammarskjöld had not failed in his flight half way around the world for talks with Premier Chou En-Lai of Red China.

In response to reporters questions in Honolulu, Hammarskjöld said that this was "not the time or place" to comment on his mission for a "fairly obvious" reason.

Wrecks Kill 3 In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—This city's 1955 traffic fatality toll stood at six Wednesday after three deaths within 12 hours.

Robert J. McCann, 23, Portland died in a hospital Wednesday morning a few minutes after his motorcycle collided with an oil truck.

Several hours earlier, Victor G. Fong, 39, Portland, was injured fatally when the car in which he was riding crashed into another and rammed into a power pole. Seriously hurt were Herman R. Chinn, 36, driver of the death car, and John B. Jung, 41, another of Chinn's passengers.

Glynn Bristol, 67, Portland, died in a hospital from injuries suffered when struck by a car as he crossed a street.

FAMOUS TRIO

LEBANON, Ind. (AP)—Herbert Hoover, Mary Livingston and Jesse James have obtained their 1955 auto licenses here. The three drivers with names of the famous are residents of this county.

Combined Industrial, Chamber Manager Gets Tentative Okeh

One membership for both the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Industrial Development Council won tentative approval Wednesday at a session of representatives of both groups.

Chairman Carl Hogg said a six-man committee will be named by each of the groups to work out details of the administrative organization including a division of its costs. The plan would call for one executive overall with an assistant whose duties would be primarily with the Industrial Council.

Agreement on the plan was reached at a morning meeting of the Industrial Council at which Elton Thompson, new president

Road Test Proves Point, Lad Fined For Loud Muffler

MANKATO, Minn. (AP)—A youthful hot rod enthusiast brought into court for using an overly-loud muffler tried to reverse the usual judicial procedure by tossing a book at the judge.

Roger Taylor cited in his defense a hot rod magazine article on behalf of throaty mufflers called, "How Loud Is Loud?"

Judge Leslie Morse studied the article, then ordered a road test of the car—with the judge as a passenger.

His verdict: "The noise almost broke my eardrums."

The fine: \$2.

Gusts Cause Power Failure In City Center

A temporary power outage blacked out section of downtown Salem Wednesday night as 35-mile-an-hour gusts whipped through the city.

Portland General Electric workers were called out about 10:30 p.m. after a transformer supplying power to two downtown movie theaters was put out of commission by a short-circuit, apparently caused by wind-blown wires.

The theaters were without electricity for 45 minutes and a primary line supplying power to other downtown buildings was closed for about five minutes. Among the darkened buildings was the Marion County Courthouse.

Weathermen at the McNary Field station said the winds resulted from a low-pressure area that began passing over the city about 10 p.m. They said wind velocities will diminish today but that the day will be generally blustery.

Partly cloudy skies are expected over Salem today, and scattered showers are forecast for today and tonight. The temperature is expected to range from an afternoon high of 45 degrees to a low of 32.

Woman Struck By Automobile Near Keizer

A 66-year-old woman pedestrian was hospitalized with a probable fractured hip Wednesday night after she was struck by a car as she crossed North River Road near the Cherry Street intersection.

The injured woman was Mrs. Elsa Fischer, 4360 N. River Rd. She was taken by Willamette Ambulance to Salem Memorial Hospital after the accident, which occurred about 11 p.m.

State police said the driver of the car, Gordon Zeldin, 34, Portland, told them Mrs. Fischer stepped out onto the highway in front of him and he was unable to stop.

Rain, driven by strong winds, resulted in poor visibility at the time of the accident, police said. No citations were issued.

Hospital attendants said early this morning that Mrs. Fischer was being treated for a probable hip fracture and bruises. Her condition was listed as satisfactory.

Dally's Dallying Costly Mistake

SEATTLE (AP)—James Dally dallyed in Portland Wednesday and it cost him \$2,800 in Seattle.

Dally was to appear in municipal court for trial on seven counts of bootlegging in a local night club. His attorney, Euthimos Carras, asked for a continuance, explaining that Dally thought the trial was scheduled for Thursday and was spending the day in Portland.

Judge John H. Neergaard said "No" and ordered the \$2,800 bond forfeited.

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Police knew him as the "shovel burglar" because of a practice of using a shovel or a similar tool to open windows or doors.

Legislature's Top 2 Officials Oppose Patterson Tax Plans

Wayne, Dick Share Cover



Oregon's U.S. Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger share the cover of Time magazine this week. The accompanying story in the magazine brought the comment "It's just awful" from Mrs. Neuberger who is serving as a state legislator in Salem. Besides the overall tone of the article, Mrs. Neuberger—shown above with the magazine—look issue with Time's statement that her husband made \$30,000 a year writing. "How will I ever be able to rent an inexpensive place to live when Salem landlords read that?" she said. (Story on page 8, sec. 2.) (Statesman Photo)

Aircraft Guns Spray Towns in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—Mystery aircraft sprayed nine Costa Rican towns—including this capital city—with machine gun fire Wednesday. Fighting was reported at half a dozen points.

A government communique said one person was killed when a plane strafed Liberia, in Northwestern Costa Rica, and a boy and a 19-year-old girl were wounded by machine gun bursts at Canas.

The spreading hostilities in the Central American country brought a new turn of events Wednesday when the United States announced in Washington it will "make aircraft immediately available to carry out Pacific observation flights" over Costa Rica. Such action was requested earlier by the Organization of American States (OAS), in hopes that this would stop air raids reported by Costa Rica.

Towns reportedly strafed by a plane or planes were San Jose, Cartago, Heredia, Canas, Alajuela, Turrialba, Zacero, Liberia, and Villa Quesada.

Suspended Civil Rights

Following Wednesday's air attacks, figures suspended civil rights. Airline flights out of San Jose were canceled and planes bound for the capital were diverted.

The U. S. Embassy announced six engineers from the United States who have been working on the Inter-American Highway have been pulled back to safety. Their families also were evacuated from the trouble zone.

President Jose Figueres told the nation in a broadcast: "We don't scare with the splattering of bullets."

He charged President Anastasio Somoza of neighboring Nicaragua with unleashing an attack on this country.

"Man-to-Man Duel"

In Managua, strongman Somoza replied with a challenge to Figueres for a duel man-to-man at the border of the two countries. Somoza is an expert marksman.

A five-nation commission from the OAS arrived in Panama Wednesday night and prepared to fly here Thursday to investigate the bitter Costa Rica - Nicaragua dispute.

Detroit Holds Farewell for S. T. Moore

DETROIT, Ore.—The North Santiam area honored District Ranger S. T. Moore at a big farewell party Wednesday night at White's Santiam Cafe.

Attendance was estimated at 170 by E. C. Kennedy, president of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce.

Moore and his wife were presented a television set and other gifts. A plaque also was presented to Moore in recognition of his civic activities during the 12 years he has been at Detroit Ranger Station.

Moore and his family will leave soon for Medford where he will be a staff officer in the Rogue River National Forest.

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Ike Considering Filming News Meetings for TV

WASHINGTON (AP)—Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Wednesday the White House is considering filming President Eisenhower's news conferences for release later to newsreels and television stations.

Hagerty made the announcement after conferring with representatives of the two media.

He stressed that no consideration is being given at this time to "live" telecasts of presidential news conferences. When the administration took office nearly two years ago, Hagerty said he hoped "live" telecasts of the conferences would be possible.

Youthful Russians Use Food Money For Cigarettes

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio urged the home folks Wednesday to keep cigarettes out of the hands of the kiddies.

In a program beamed to Central Asia and heard here, a speaker said:

"Russian children often spend their luncheon money on a cigarette, which they smoke in secret and therefore in a hurry."

"One should convince children that smoke is bad for them. After all, good athletes do not smoke."

Ike Upholds Both Parties in Attache Firing

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower upheld Wednesday the right of officials to reach conflicting decisions in the Wolf Ladejinsky case—a case in which he said he himself has formed no judgment.

Eisenhower also told a news conference that without inquiring into all the circumstances or studying the other side of the question, he once remarked to Secretary of Agriculture Benson that a summary of the case would scare him—the President.

Yet he said he would uphold the right of Harold E. Stassen, foreign operations administrator, to hire Ladejinsky after Benson turned him down as a security risk. Stassen, he said, will be held responsible if his judgment turns out to be wrong.

Ladejinsky is a 55-year-old Russian who became a naturalized American. He was cleared for security by the State Department and served as U.S. agricultural attache in Tokyo. When agricultural attaches were shifted to the Department of Agriculture, Benson ousted Ladejinsky on security and technical grounds.

In the midst of a lively row over the case that reached into Congress, Stassen took on Ladejinsky for a land reform assignment in Viet Nam.

The chief executive said this was a case in which honest men came up with different answers.

Portland Invites West GOP Meet

EUGENE (AP)—Ed Boehnke, GOP chairman, said Wednesday the Western States Republican Conference has been invited to hold its 1955 session in Portland.

Top Republican workers of the 11 Western states, Alaska and Hawaii usually attend the conference. It is taken up with discussion of legislation affecting the West as well as party matters.

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U.S. Agency Confirms Field, Wife Seek Asylum in Hungary

WASHINGTON (AP)—The strange case of Noel and Herta Field reached a new climax Wednesday night with an announcement confirming that they have asked Communist Hungary to grant them asylum.

The State Department said the American ministers at Budapest, Christian M. Rayndal, had received a letter "purporting to be from Noel Field" confirming that he and his wife wanted to stay in Hungary.

Asked why the department used the "purporting" language, press officer Henry Suddam said he was "just being super-cautious."

Field, now 50, has been accused in the United States as a Communist agent and in Europe as an American spy.

He worked for the State Department on West European affairs from 1926 to 1936 and then went to work for the League of Nations in Geneva.

In 1949, after having disappeared from public view, he was named in testimony during the Alger Hiss trial as having been linked to Communist cells in Washington in the 1930s.

The Communists sent him and his Swiss-born wife to prison on charges of espionage, but cleared them and released them last November after five years behind bars.

Noel's brother Hermann, 44, was freed by Communist Poland last October after five years imprisonment. Like Noel and Herta, Hermann was accused of being an American spy. Also, as in their case, these charges were dropped upon his release.

Another missing member of the Field family is Erika Glaser Wallach, 31, foster daughter of the Noel Fields. She was last reported in a Soviet prison camp.

Repeal of Income Tax Deduction Hit

By HECTOR L. FOX
Associated Press Writer

Opposition to Governor Paul Patterson's tax program was heard Wednesday from both presiding officers of the Oregon Legislature. Senate President Elmo Smith and House Speaker Edward A. Geary opposed the governor's plan to repeal the federal income tax deduction in state income tax returns, and to levy a state property tax. The proposals seek to head off an impending state deficit of \$65,000,000 for the next biennium.

Geary said he fears a "taxpayers strike and a grave school financing problem" if the state begins collecting a property tax for the first time since 1940.

"It would be an immoral tax," Geary said in reference to the repeal of the income tax deduction. "It would be a tax on a tax. Raising the income rates would be a more honest way of doing it."

Lawyer-Solons Can't Oppose State in Court

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton Wednesday issued an opinion that might affect the law practices of the 19 attorneys now serving in the Oregon Legislature.

Thornton's legal ruling, requested by State Sen. Harry George (D), Portland, was that George cannot represent clients before the State Industrial Accident Commission, any other state department or in any court on appeal of such cases.

The opinion is based on an Oregon constitutional provision that no state officer or legislator may represent as agent, counsel or attorney any person making a claim against the state.

Sen. George told The Statesman he did not agree with the attorney general's opinion, but he has not decided what he will do about it.

George, who said he has several cases pending against the State Industrial Accident Commission, said he had queried his fellow senators who are attorneys and found all but one also had cases of a similar nature.

The Senate has 11 attorneys among its 30 members the House, eight.

(Additional details on page 8, sec. 2.)

Blood Record Set at Dallas

DALLAS (AP)—A record 163 pints of blood were donated here Wednesday to the Red Cross blood program. Previous high of record was 147 pints in May, 1953.

The visit to Dallas Army of the Bloodmobile drew 202 persons, many of whom were volunteering for the first time. Henry Coleman, blood program chairman for Polk County, said there were 39 rejects. He credited the big turn-out to the recruiting efforts of many volunteer workers.

The next Polk County visit by the Bloodmobile will be Feb. 25 at Independence.

Klamath Man to Head State Economic Census

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bureau of Census Wednesday named Roy Murphy, Klamath Falls, supervisor of the Oregon area for an economic census.

The announcement was made by Rep. Coon (R-Ore.), who said Edward Bates, Junction City, will be assistant supervisor.

REDS HEAR GERSHWIN

VIENNA (AP)—George Gershwin's music is now permitted in Poland, a Polish newspaper reaching Vienna Wednesday said. His "Rhapsody in Blue" was played at a New Year's Eve concert by the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the Interest Of Spelling!

More than 3000 7th- and 8th-grade students of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties are competing in the 5th annual Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. Following are among words being studied:

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| young | mysterious |
| beyond | prominent |
| astonish | separation |
| knowledge | regional |
| inseparable | privilege |
| justified | ordinarily |
| imagination | nautical |
| familiar | sanitary |
| headache | quarrel |
| gratitude | radiator |
| furniture | vicinity |
| moisture | swallow |
| | literature |

ANIMAL CRACKERS
BY WARREN GOODRICK

"No, John, I believe in long engagements—how about Saturday for the wedding?"

THE WEATHER

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| Baker 28 | 9 | .00 |
| Medford 40 | 26 | .00 |
| Roseburg 31 | 23 | .01 |
| North Bend 31 | 23 | .00 |
| San Francisco 32 | 23 | .00 |
| Chicago 32 | 29 | .07 |
| New York 34 | 24 | .00 |
| Los Angeles 64 | 41 | .00 |
| Willamette River 24 | feet. | |

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today and tonight. High today near 45; low tonight near 32. Temperature at 12:31 a.m. today was 44.

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

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