

French Surprise Algerian Rebels, Slaughter Scores

ALGIERS, Algeria (U.P.)—French forces ambushed a big rebel detachment in eastern Algeria Friday and killed 107 in a running battle that went on into the night. Parachute troops and mechanized units joined forces to clamp a steel pincer on the band in the region of Lafayette, a village of 2,300 about 150 miles east of this capital city. Other rebels had just struck Algiers in a series of fire raids.

Blackout, High Speed Blamed In Train Crash

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission said Friday an engineer's blackout, with resulting failure to reduce speed on a curve, brought about the train derailment at Los Angeles Jan. 22 in which 30 persons were killed and 122 others were injured. The final report affirmed preliminary findings that the two-car Santa Fe passenger train overturned as a result of excessive speed on the curve.

The ICC reported that trains on that curve are restricted to 15 miles an hour and the train involved left the tracks while traveling between 68 and 69 miles per hour. The train was operating between Los Angeles and San Diego. The mishap occurred at Rendondo Junction.

The engineer, who was injured, testified he had a mental lapse and did not clearly remember his actions after leaving the Los Angeles Union Station.

Margay, Not Ocelot, Bit Off Infant's Toes

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The pet wild cat which chewed the toes from a two-month-old boy's left foot was identified Friday by a Smithsonian Institution expert as a margary rather than an ocelot.

Identification of the beast was made by Dr. Charles O. Handley, associate curator of mammals, at the request of Prince Georges County, Md., police.

The police acted after the infant's father, Walter T. Perry, 28, of nearby Beltsville, Md., said he purchased the animal believing it to be an ocelot. Perry said yesterday he had been told ocelots make tame pets while margays tend to become wild when they reach full growth.

Dr. Snyder At Education Conference

PORTLAND (U.P.)—A panel of school administrators agreed here Friday that the most important job facing Oregon educators is getting the state to put up half the costs of school support.

Walter P. Snyder, Salem school superintendent, told the 150 at the Oregon Education Assn. meeting that schools need not accede to "pressures on every side for things that can be done equally well by agencies other than the schools."

Agriculture Chief Blames Old Policies

PORTLAND (U.P.)—Assistant Agriculture Secretary E. L. Peterson told the Oregon Feed and Seed Dealers Assn. here Friday the administration's soil bank program was proposed to get at the problems created by unwise agricultural policy of the past.

Oregon's Demos Ask Columbia Flood Survey

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Democratic members of Oregon's congressional delegation have asked Army Engineers in a letter to make an immediate survey of possible protective measures against threatened lower Columbia River floods.

Sens. Morse and Neuberger and Rep. Green told Lt. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis Jr., chief of engineers, the Weather Bureau has reported there are indications that the probable peak river discharge near The Dalles will be 700,000 to 850,000 cubic feet a second during the coming snow melt.

They said "prudence requires the utmost consideration be given to the possibility that the flood peak might exceed the predicted stage."

Salem Host to Dons' Basketball Fans



Salem is host to a large group of San Francisco University supporters during the NCAA basketball tournament in Corvallis this weekend. Two of them, Joseph J. Allen (right), executive secretary to San Francisco Mayor George Christopher, and David Cohen, Dons club president, are shown above showing Charles Barclay (left), representing Salem Mayor Robert White, a list of activities planned while here. Statesman Photo.

Federal Aid Request Eyed By Cattlemen

PRINEVILLE (U.P.)—A possible request for federal aid to bolster declining cattle prices is under consideration by the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn., in convention here.

The request, if made, would be the first ever to come from the cattle industry for government help, Secretary Ed Coles said.

One proposed plan would provide for the marketing of spring heifer calves when they come off the range in the fall. A government payment of \$15 to \$30 would be asked. This would cut the amount of full grown beef available for market.

Present prospects are that 800 million more pounds of beef will be produced in this country this year than last, Coles said. He added that beef prices now are only 66 per cent of parity, one of the lowest in the agricultural industry.

West, Russia Agree on Atom Peace Agency

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (U.P.)—A compromise formula on the relation of the proposed Atom for Peace Agency to the U. N. has been reached by the West and Russia, diplomatic sources here said Friday.

U. N. diplomats said that 12 powers negotiating an agency constitution in Washington decided the agency should report regularly on its activities to the U. N. General Assembly.

In addition it would report when appropriate to the U. N. Security Council.

The United States and Western powers balked for months at a Russian demand that the agency should submit reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly at the same time.

Jet Tanker Hits 662 MPH

WICHITA, Kan. (U.P.)—Boeing Airplane Co. said Friday night its 707 jet tanker-transport prototype plane hit a top speed of 662 miles per hour for 51 minutes in a transcontinental test flight.

This speed was attained between Rapid City, N. D., and Kansas City in a 3-hour 58-minute dash from Seattle to Washington, D. C. last Oct. 16, Boeing said. Takeoff was from Moses Lake, Wash.

Girls Present Variety Show

Fourteen girls from Hillcrest School presented a benefit variety show Friday night for the Encampment branch of the Salem Order of Odd Fellows.

A cake auction also was a feature of the program, which served as a benefit for the L.O.O.F. Home for the aged in Portland. Some 200 persons attended.

Grace's Man Claims He's Not Nervous

NEW YORK (U.P.)—Prince Rainier of Monaco said Friday that, as the date of his wedding to film star Grace Kelly approaches, he has experienced none of the nervousness expected of bridegrooms.

But he acknowledged he wouldn't mind sidestepping all the wedding preparations.

"With all the bustle, do you wish you could go away with Miss Kelly and just get married?" a reporter asked.

"As it goes on—more and more," he replied.

The Prince boarded the liner Ide de France Friday to return home after a visit of three months. Accompanying him were the Rev. Fr. Francis Tucker, his personal chaplain; Charles Ballerie, his secretary, and a valet.

The Prince said he last saw Miss Kelly in California 10 days ago and that he had talked with her by telephone last night.

Rainier said he expected 600 guests at the wedding, and that he would meet the liner Constitution when the ship arrives in Monte Carlo harbor with Miss Kelly and members of her wedding party. He said he would take them ashore in his yacht, "Deo Juvant," which he translated as "God Help Us."

Addition to Commercial Site Okehed

A \$54,000 addition to a West Salem commercial development was authorized Friday by the city engineer's office.

The project, whose future tenants will include a second Salem area establishment of the Cornet variety store chain, will be located in the 600 block of Wallace Road.

Owner John R. Taggart reportedly plans the structure as an expansion of the present development, which includes Emery's Market and a group of other businesses. The addition will connect between the market and the other firms, it was reported.

Construction on the project is expected to get under way soon.

Also authorized Friday by the engineer's office was a \$2,500 alteration job at Needham's Book Store, 465 State St. Owner W. J. Needham said the project will consist of complete altering of the front of the firm.

Other permits issued Friday included: Kenneth L. Strawn, to erect an 11,500 house at 1540 Glen Creek Rd., and L. A. Whitney, construction of a \$9,000 house at 260 W. Hoyt St.

Beef carcasses—Steers, choice, 500-700 lbs, 30.00-33.00; good, 27.00-31.00; commercial, 26.00-28.00; utility, 24.00-26.00; utility 23.00-25.00; canners and cutters, 20.00-23.00.

\$240,000 Asked For Irrigation On Indian Lands

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Congress was asked Friday by President Eisenhower to approve a supplemental \$240,000 for restoring irrigation facilities on Indian lands recently damaged by Pacific Coast floods.

The President also asked \$360,000 for repairing flood damage to National Park Service buildings on the Pacific Coast.

Stock Market Gives Ground

NEW YORK (U.P.)—The stock market gave up a limited amount of ground Friday after streaking to record peaks in five out of the past six sessions.

Losses generally were under two points. On the other hand, gains of one to four were frequent among coppers, oils and a substantial number of special situations.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks dipped 10 cents to 188.50, and volume amounted to 3,120,000 shares. Thursday the market chalked up its fifth new high in six sessions with a gain of 90 cents on trading of 3,270,000 shares.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND (U.P.)—Butterfat—Tentative, subject to immediate change—Premium quality, delivered in Portland \$5-61 lb, first quality 55-58; second quality 50-53.

Butter—Wholesale, f.o.b. bulk cubes to wholesalers—Grade AA, 93 score, 57 1/4; 92 score, 56 1/4; B grade, 90 score, 55 1/4; C grade, 89 score, 53.

Cheese—To wholesalers—Oregon singles, 38 1/4-41; Oregon 5-lb loaves, 41-44.

Eggs—To wholesalers—Candled f.o.b. Portland, A large, 49-51 1/4; A medium, 48-49 1/4; A small, 36-39 1/4.

Eggs—To retailers—Grade AA, large, 55; A large, 52-53; AA medium, 50-52; A medium, 50-51; A small, 38-41. Cartons, 2-3 cents additional.

Live poultry—No. 1 quality, f.o.b. Portland—Fryers, 2 1/2-4 1/2 lb, 23; at farm, 22; roasters, 23; f.o.b. Portland; light hens, 17-18; heavy hens, 5 lbs and up, 22; old roosters, 11-14.

Turkeys—To producers—Live weight fryers, 27.

Rocket Ship Readied for 6th Test Hop

LOS ANGELES (U.P.)—The Bell rocket ship X2, designed to top 2,000 miles per hour, is ready for its sixth test hop next week.

Its first target is the "thermal barrier," the point at which high speeds develop heats so great that the plane begins to melt. This barrier is reached at speeds two to three times that of sound.

The X2's predecessor, the Bell X1A, reached a speed of 1,650 m.p.h., or approximately twice the speed of sound. The X2 has been engineered to resist higher heats than the X1A.

Lt. Col. F. H. (Pete) Everest took the X2 up on its first power flight last November. He has made four flights in it since then, and had trouble landing the rocket ship on three of them. In each case the plane, which lands on steel skids and a nose wheel, skidded sideways.

"Each time I expected it to begin cartwheeling, but for some unknown reason it didn't," the 35-year-old Everest reported.

When asked how many more test flights will be needed before he'll rocket at full power, the test pilot replied:

"In each flight I'll build up the speed gradually. If everything goes well, 10 more flights will do it."

Plantings on Fewer Acres Farmers Plan

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Agriculture Department reported Friday farmers planned to plant fewer acres this year than last.

A March 1 survey indicated farmer intentions to place about 283 million acres in 18 major spring crops—3,400,000 acres fewer than in 1955.

These intentions were reported, of course, while the outcome of congressional action on the proposed soil bank plan was not known. Under this plan, now before Congress, producers would receive government payments to make sizeable reductions in plantings to help reduce surpluses.

The March 1 survey indicated planned reductions in plantings of corn, soybeans and rice.

Sizeable increases were indicated in plans for soybeans, and modest increases for spring wheat, hay crops, sorghums, dried peas and sugar beets.

The department had hoped for a considerable decrease in plantings than is indicated.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND (U.P.)—(USDA)—Cattle for week, salable 31; market active on most classes, fed steers and heifers mostly 50 higher cows strong, bulls strong to 50 up; half dozen lots choice to 1,137 lb. fed steers 19.25-19.50, other choice 18.50-19.00; good steers 17.00-18.00; commercial 15.00-16.00; utility 14.00-16.00; light cutters down to 11.00.

Calves for week, salable 315; market 2.00 to as much as 4.00 lower; good and low choice vealers 20.00-26.00, few high choice 28.00, one prime at 29.00 with one early at 30.00; commercial 15.00-18.00, culls down to 6.00; heavy calves mostly untested.

Hogs for week, salable 225; market generally active, strong to 25 higher; bulk U. S. No. 1 and 2 butchers 180-235 lbs 15.00-15.50, specialty lot Wednesday 15.75; No. 2 and 3 lots 14.00-14.50; heavier and lighter weights mostly 13.00-13.50; sows 350-500 lbs 10.00-12.00, heavy sows down to 9.00.

Sheep for week, salable 1500; market active, steady to strong; choice fed woolled lambs 18.75-19.25, few No. 3 pelts early 18.50; bulk good and choice lambs 17.00-18.00, few woolled to 18.50; few good and choice feeders 14.00-15.00; good and choice slaughter ewes 5.50-6.50, culls down to 2.00.

Ducks, Seagulls Tested in Probe For Psittacosis

PORTLAND (U.P.)—U. S. Public Health Service officials have taken blood samples to test wild birds for psittacosis, a disease found recently in two turkey flocks in this area.

Tests are being made on 30 wild ducks and on seagulls. The ducks were captured in the Sauvie Island area, where the disease was found in one turkey flock.

Psittacosis is believed to have caused the death of at least one person and the illness of 30 others.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND (U.P.)—Coarse grains, 15-day shipment, bulk, coast delivery: Oats No. 2, 34 lb white \$3.00-34.00; Barley No. 2, 45 lb B. W. 49.00-49.50. Corn No. 2, E. Y. ship ment 65.75.

N wheat transactions: Car receipts: Wheat 28; barley 1; flour 3; corn 4; oats 1; mill feed 10.

Salem Market Quotations

(As of late yesterday)

BUTTERFAT Premium 59 No. 1 56 BUTTER Wholesale 69 Retail 71 EGGS—(Buying) Wholesale prices range from 6 to 1 cents over buying price: Large AA 46 Large A 42 Medium AA 42 Medium A 38 Small 37 POULTRY Colored Hens 32 Leghorn Hens 32 Colored Fryers 23 Colored Roasters 23 Old Roosters 14

Chicago Grain

CHICAGO (AP)—

WHEAT Open Close March 2.23 2.23 1/2 April 2.20 2.19 1/2 May 1.99 1.99 June 2.01 2.01 July 2.04 2.04

CORN March 1.33 1.33 1/2 April 1.36 1.36 1/2 May 1.40 1.40 June 1.39 1.39 July 1.39 1.39 August 1.35 1.35

OATS March 81 81 1/2 April 81 81 1/2 May 81 81 1/2 June 81 81 1/2 July 81 81 1/2 August 81 81 1/2

SOYBEANS March 2.60 2.57 3/4 April 2.63 2.63 1/2 May 2.65 2.65 1/2 June 2.65 2.65 1/2 July 2.65 2.65 1/2 August 2.65 2.65 1/2

Stocks and Bonds

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BOND AVERAGES March 16 20 10 10 10 Indus 171 171 171 Gov 171 171 171 Net change -0.2 D 1 A 1 D 1 Friday 97.8 97.8 97.8 97.8 Previ. day 97.8 97.8 97.8 97.8

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