

Unification of Presbyterian Units in U.S. Forecast Soon

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Unification by 1958 of the two largest Presbyterian bodies in the north and south—merger with the southern church within ten years—was forecast Friday by Dr. Robert W. Gibson of Monmouth, Ill., moderator (president) of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Dr. Gibson, also the president of

Monmouth College in Illinois, was in Salem Friday to talk at a dinner meeting of about 30 area alumni of the Illinois institution at the Marion Hotel. Topic of his talk was "A Bright Future for the Liberal Arts College."

Dead Polio Victim Aids Dime Drive

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 25 (AP)—A 14-year-old polio victim, whose last wish was that all his money go to the March of Dimes, was found shot to death last night.

David Putnam was found in a bathtub by his father, Winton Putnam, principal at the University Heights Elementary School. There was a bullet wound in the youth's right temple. A pistol lay at his side.

The father showed police a note purportedly left by the boy, which read:

"Please give my money in the bank to the March of Dimes. Have the people who come to the funeral give money to the March of Dimes instead of flowers."

"Again, I am sorry to do this with love, David."

The boy, a high school freshman, was stricken with polio when he was 3. His left arm was paralyzed as a result of the illness.

Snow, Cold Chill U.S. Locales

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow, rain and bitter cold contributed to typical winter weather across the nation Friday.

Most of the North Central States were locked in a brittle chill of Arctic air and the area was rife with below freezing and below zero readings.

Light snow filtered northward from the Mid Atlantic area into Connecticut and another belt of snow began drifting across northern New England. Snow fell from the Upper Great Lakes to the Appalachians. There was some freezing rain along a stretch from Virginia to New Jersey, rain and snow in sections of the Mid Atlantic states, and intermittent rains in the South Atlantic states. Florida escaped the dousing.

The nation's icebox was contained in the Northern Plains and Upper Mississippi Valley. The cold Arctic air in the North Central States also seeped into central Texas.

Frigid Weather To Trim Power

PORTLAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—Cold weather has so reduced Northwest stream flow that the delivery of interruptible power will stop at midnight tomorrow, the Bonneville Power Administration said today.

Interruptible power is that produced during high generation and sold with the condition it may be cut off.

Only a definite break in the weather and general precipitation can ease the power problem, BPA Administrator William Pearl said.

French Reject Bill To Curb Bar Hours

PARIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—The French National Assembly rejected today a bill which would have forced all bars in France to close one day a week. The bill was backed by the Catholic, left-of-center Popular Republican movement, which expressed hope it would help to cut down on alcoholic consumption in France.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Astoria	31	22	60
Baker	31	22	60
Bend	31	22	60
Eugene	31	22	60
Klamath Falls	31	22	60
Medford	31	22	60
Newport	31	22	60
North Bend	31	22	60
Portland	31	22	60
Salem	31	22	60

By The Associated Press

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Anchorage	19	9	7
Albuquerque	31	22	60
Albany	31	22	60
Alma	31	22	60
Boise	31	22	60
Boston	31	22	60
Chicago	31	22	60
Cleveland	31	22	60
Denver	31	22	60
Des Moines	31	22	60
Detroit	31	22	60
Fairbanks	31	22	60
Flt. Worth	31	22	60
Galveston	31	22	60
Honolulu	31	22	60
Kan. City	31	22	60
Las Vegas	31	22	60
Los Angeles	31	22	60
Miami	31	22	60
Minneapolis	31	22	60
New Orleans	31	22	60
New York	31	22	60
Omaha	31	22	60
Phoenix	31	22	60
Reno	31	22	60
Sacramento	31	22	60
Salt Lake	31	22	60
San Diego	31	22	60
San Francisco	31	22	60
Washington	31	22	60

Today's forecast (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Continued clear and cold today, tonight and Sunday. High today, 36. Low tonight, 10. Wind, 10 to 15 m.p.h. 17.

Salem precipitation since start of winter year, Sept. 1 to date: Last year, 22.97; 22.76; 41.08.

sary to pass down knowledge of America's heritage.

In addition, he continued, there is an increasing demand on these colleges for more ministers. "We can't produce them fast enough," remarked Dr. Gibson.

Deadlocked Jury Quits In Kidnap

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 25 (AP)—The jury trying two women on charges of kidnapping and attempting to murder wealthy Mrs. Ruth E. Latham was dismissed tonight after reporting itself hopelessly deadlocked. The jury had deliberated nine days.

Mrs. Beatrice Winn, 57, and Mrs. Lucille Whisenand, 36, were returned to jail. Superior Court Judge John A. Hewicker set March 7 as a tentative date for hearing on a new trial.

The jury said it stood 7-5 in favor of acquittal, but was unable to disclose which was the majority vote.

The trial started Jan. 3 and the case went to the jury 14 days later.

Mrs. Latham is the wife of George Latham, 56, a partner in a building materials firm. She is the mother of two grown sons.

She testified Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Whisenand took her into the desert 100 miles east of San Diego Sept. 12, and buried her naked under rocks.

The defense termed the story a hoax. It challenged Mrs. Latham's testimony that she freed her arms and legs from bonds, pushed the rocks aside and survived 24 hours without food, water or clothing.

U.N. Averts Showdown on Disarmament

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 25 (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly, sidestepping a public showdown on disarmament, voted unanimously tonight for a Soviet-Western compromise plan to refer the issue to Big Power private talks.

The committee adopted a 12-nation resolution for that purpose and sent it to the full Assembly, where its final approval was certain.

The vote climaxed a two-week debate during which the compromise was worked out in private negotiations on the sidelines. The proposal was the first on disarmament since 1954 with joint U.S.-Soviet sponsorship.

Air Crash Kills Six in Texas Area

BRYAN, Tex., Jan. 25 (AP)—A twin-engine Beechcraft airplane crashed and burned in rainy, foggy weather tonight killing six persons.

Dead were Bob Pomeroy, the pilot, Jim Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cray, all of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson of Houston.

The plane, which belonged to the Sohio Oil Co. of Oklahoma City, took off from the Houston airport at 7:28 p.m., bound for Oklahoma City.

The control tower at Easternwood Airfield, here said at 7:57 p.m. the pilot radioed he had lost an engine and was going to attempt an emergency landing.

It fixed the time of the crash at 8:18 p.m.

Guzzler Fails to Sway Judge With Whisky Capacity

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 25 (AP)—William Rose, motorist who downed 20 shots of whisky in court to discredit a "drunkometer" reading, failed to do so to the satisfaction of the judge.

Municipal Judge Francis A. Sobieski ruled today that a drunkometer reading of 246, which police claimed they got originally in testing the alcoholic content of Rose's blood, was correct. The judge set Feb. 14 as hearing date on charges of driving under the influence of liquor.

In the courtroom experiment Wednesday, Rose achieved a reading of 122 after absorbing 20 drinks. He said he was willing to continue, but the test was called off.

Health Meeting Set

CORVALLIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—County and state sanitarians will discuss public health problems during civil disasters at a three-day conference here Feb. 4-6.

Princess Grace Proudly Displays Daughter



MONACO, Jan. 25—Princess Grace proudly displays her daughter, Princess Caroline Louise Marguerite, in the palace in Monaco today. Baby was born Wednesday and birth registered officially at palace today. (AP Wirephoto)

Directors Named for River Days

Persons representing 32 Salem area organizations were named to the board of directors of Willamette River Days Inc. at a Friday night meeting of corporate officers.

Also formed were three committees which will help to shape plans for the second annual Willamette River Days Festival on July 4th. The committees were Ways and Means, James Daniels chairman; Publicity and Promotion, Vernon Gilmore chairman; and Events and Activities, with Walter Wirth as chairman.

Festival President Robert Hultes said all persons named to the board were selected by their particular organizations as representatives. Selection of board representatives was in effect a pledge of festival support by each of the 32 organizations.

Factory Fire Rubble Yields Fifth Victim

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 25 (AP)—The slow search for bodies went forward today in the blackened rubble of a four-story factory swept by fast-spreading flames.

Four women died yesterday in the fire, stuck on a fire escape that jammed instead of lowering. Firemen found a man's body today.

Two men and two women are missing. Officials are certain their bodies are in the ruins.

Beside the 9 known or presumed to be dead, 31 of the 112 men and women in the building were injured, 10 critically.

Six manufacturing establishments occupied the 85-year-old building in a run-down section. Some of the firms made dresses and slippers. Two were machine shops.

Fire Marshal Eugene Mulligan said "I have no idea" what caused the fire, but would try to find out by questioning survivors. He said he believed it was started in a pile of cardboard cartons and waste paper which had been stacked on the first floor preparatory to removal.

Japs to Emigrate

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (AP)—About 2,600 Japanese will emigrate to Argentina within the next five years, the Foreign Ministry announced. A Japanese-Argentine agreement pledges Argentina to accept 400 Japanese farm families as settlers. Many Japanese are pouring into Brazil.

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Book Trial Centered On Author

(Story on Page 1.)

That a book in question was fact and not fiction was a main contention of the defense Friday at the trial of Salem magazine dealer Claude Cummings on charges of distributing indecent literature. A jury returned a verdict of innocent Friday evening.

The book involved was "Men Into Beasts" by George Sylvester Viereck. The defense pointed out that Viereck's book is written as an account of his experiences while serving a five-year sentence in a federal prison as an enemy agent in the early 1940's.

Only witness called by Defense Attorney Bruce Williams was the defendant, Cummings, who testified that he could recognize the difference between an autobiographical narrative and fiction.

Deputy District Attorney C. L. Marsters moved almost an hour Friday morning to quoting long passages from the 138-page pocket-book in closing arguments to the jury. Passages included a graphic description of homosexual activities among federal prisoners.

State's arguments were based primarily on the book's alleged indecency and the author's seeming contempt for law and authority.

Williams, in closing arguments, cautioned the jury to judge the dominant theme of the book as a whole and not isolate passages or words included in the narrative.

Trial of Jack St. Clair, indicted by the same grand jury on charges of distributing indecent literature, resulted in a "hung jury" last November. St. Clair operates the American News Agency in Salem.

Consciousness Recovered by Stricken Judge

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 25 (AP)—Municipal Judge Albert L. Harding, 75, Independence, who suffered a stroke in his home several weeks ago, has regained partial consciousness at Kearney St. Convalescent Center in Portland, according to the Associated Press.

The report added Judge Harding's condition had also improved slightly.

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"DISNEYLAND" 1:30, 3:30, 5:30

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"LUST FOR LIFE" 7:00, 9:30, 11:30

"SIAM" 9:15

Red Yugos to Meet

BELGRADE, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Politburo of the Yugoslav Communist party today called a meeting of the Central Committee on Feb. 1 to fix the date of the party congress and make necessary preparations for it.

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Montana Mercury Skids to Minus 62

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 25 (AP)—The temperature was an unofficial 62 degrees below zero at San Coulee in Central Montana today.

It was warmer at Helena. The Weather Bureau said the temperature was 42 below. It equaled the capital city's 64-year-old January record. So immediate break was seen.

The all-time national record is 74 below for Rogers Pass, about 40 air miles northwest of Helena, on Jan. 20, 1955.

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