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Bend Forecast

Night-Morning fog and low clouds; clearing partially on Wednesday afternoon; low Tuesday night 10 to 15; high Wednesday 32 to 38.

No. 15

## Convict Taken In Portland, Others Sighted

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two more of seven convicts who tunneled their way to freedom from the Washington state penitentiary were reported Tuesday to have been seen here as police staked out hotels throughout the city.

One of the escapees was shot down and captured in a bullet-flying chase Monday afternoon after being spotted in a car stolen in Walla Walla, Wash. The other six remained at large.

A man who turned up at two downtown hotels was believed to be Harold Coe, who was serving a life term for murder. A clerk identified a picture and fingerprints identified as Coe's were reportedly found on a whisky bottle. Officers said a man seen with Coe was thought to be another of the escapees.

### Alerted to Watch

Authorities throughout the Northwest were alerted to watch for the escapees, one of whom has sworn he will never again be taken alive. Police said they believed several of the convicts had fled to Portland as four piles of cigarette ashes were found in the stolen car. Also, officers said, prison clothing found in the car had numbers which tallied with those of some of the other escapees.

Authorities said they had no information to indicate that the men who escaped from the Washington State Penitentiary early Monday were armed.

"But considering the caliber of the men, including one murderer, they will probably find arms," one officer said.

The men made their escape through a 200-foot tunnel which must have required months of labor and painstaking secrecy to construct.

### Convicted Robber

Fugitive Ralph Courser, 45-year-old convicted robber who was one of the seven who tunneled their way to freedom from the Walla Walla, Wash., prison, was being held under guard at St. Vincent's Hospital here after a Portland policeman ran him down.

Attendants said Courser was only slightly injured when a bullet from the officer's gun pierced the back of his neck and went out through the left cheek.

Washington state policemen joined local officers in the intense search after Courser was captured and another man, believed to be one of the escapees, was sighted in a railroad yard here.

## Policeman Kills Grenade Tosser

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—A Marine sergeant on Christmas leave threw an incendiary hand grenade into a crowded bar early Tuesday and was shot to death by an off-duty policeman in a seven-block chase through dark Manhattan streets.

The 19-year-old sergeant, identified as Eugene McDermott of New York, died of a bullet wound in the head six hours after he terrorized an entire neighborhood by throwing a grenade in a west side bar. Thirteen persons were injured in the spray of burning phosphorus from the bomb.

Police said the fiery blast literally "burned the pants off" one man in the bar, John H. Orth, 50, a federal narcotics agent. Orth was in the bar on a narcotics investigation not connected with the bombing.

McDermott, who was wearing civilian clothes, was taken to Knickerbocker Hospital with a bullet wound in the head. Patrolman Vincent Beckles, who chased McDermott and finally downed him with a pistol shot, was treated for knife wounds.

Police could establish no definite motive for the bombing. They said McDermott apparently threw the grenade in an outburst of anger or resentment against someone in the bar.

## Jamboree Signup Deadline Jan. 1

Boy Scouts of the Modoc area council were being advised by their scout executives this week that they must send in their registration cards not later than Jan. 1 if they wish to attend the nationwide Boy Scout Jamboree to be held near Santa Ana, Calif., next June. The Modoc council will be permitted to send 118 scouts to this meeting, and the Fremont district, of which Bend is a part, will be allowed 26 boys.

It was reported by Scout officials today that an entire troop of 20 Indian boys from Warm Springs already has registered for the Santa Ana Jamboree.

## Bend Gets New Street Signs



New street signs, of steel with baked enamel facing, now are being put up in Bend by city street department crews. The city has purchased 151 of the new signs. Estimated cost of the signs, plus installation, is \$2,000.

## Street Crews Busy Installing Sturdy New Markers in City

City crews now are in the process of installing 151 new street signs, designed to serve unmarked areas in all parts of Bend. The new signs are of enameled steel, and much sturdier than the previous aluminum and wooden signs that marked city streets, according to Percy Drost, street department superintendent.

Drost estimated that between 50 and 60 of the new signs already have been put in place.

The letters and figures are larger than those on the older signs, making the new markers more legible, both during the day and at night.

Heavier and stronger material used in the new signs, it is hoped, will discourage young pranksters from ripping them off, next Halloween or when the impulse strikes, Drost explained today. Vandalism has been responsible for destruction of so many older signs that it has been difficult for strangers to find their way around in some sections of Bend, due to inadequate marking of streets.

The 151 new signs will not be sufficient to mark completely the Bend business and residential areas. Where the aluminum signs or wooden signs were found in good condition, they were not replaced this year.

Drost estimates the cost of the new signs, plus installation, will be more than \$2,000.

## Education Board Submits Budget

EUGENE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The State Board of Higher Education's biennial report to Gov. Paul Patterson calls for an annual operating budget of \$11,749,000 in state funds for instruction and general services, the board said in a statement Tuesday.

The budget calls for a 6.9 per cent increase over the current biennium. This is lower than increases sought by other publicly supported institutions in other states, Chancellor Charles D. Byrne said.

The requested operating budget includes full costs of operating and maintaining eight campus instructional units.

No increase in funds for added instructional staff or for added classified civil service personnel is requested by the board, Byrne said.

The board said the increases were necessary to bring academic salary levels up to standards of other state higher educational institutions, to provide for operation and maintenance of buildings completed or to be completed in the current biennium and to provide small requested expansion in statewide services.

Hamilton explained today that the Troy laundry field has been sprayed the past two nights and a firm foundation of ice has been obtained. Another layer will be added tonight and the ice should be in fair shape for skating by Christmas eve, barring a chinook wind or rain.

Good skating will be in order Christmas day, again if the elements are favorable, Hamilton added.

A previous attempt to get Bend's municipal skating rink into operation failed, when a warm wind and rain melted the carefully prepared ice.

# Truckers to Pay from Nov. 4

## Next President In Conference With Hoover

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower discussed reorganization of the executive branch of the government at luncheon Tuesday with former President Herbert Hoover and Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

The luncheon was at the home of Secretary of State-designate John Foster Dulles, who was present.

It was at Dulles' home last Wednesday that Eisenhower got together with Gen. Douglas MacArthur to receive MacArthur's counsel on the Korean war.

One of Eisenhower's visitors earlier Tuesday was Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of Foreign Affairs, a quarterly publication. Eisenhower is a member of the editorial board of the Council on Foreign Relations, which publishes the magazine.

### Foreign Policy

Armstrong said they had discussed "foreign policy in general terms."

The President-elect, was tapering off his visitor's schedule looking forward to a quiet Christmas at home, pinch-hitting for his son in Korea as daddy-by-proxy to three small grandchildren.

The President-elect's son, John, an Army major, is on duty in Korea, so his wife will bring their three children from Highland Falls, N. Y., to the Eisenhower home here to spend the holiday with their grandmother and grandfather.

The grandchildren are Dwight David, 4; Barbara Anne, 3, and Susan, 1.

The President-elect's schedule of appointments at his Commodore Hotel headquarters Tuesday included only three persons. The first was Jack Connelly, head of the newsreel section of the "Voice of America."

### Others Listed

The second was with Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of the quarterly Foreign Affairs. The last was Edward C. January, of South Londonderry, Vt., who was elected Republican national committeeman from Vermont after the national GOP convention last July.

A surprise visitor at Eisenhower headquarters last Monday was John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He supported the Eisenhower presidential candidacy although his mother and two of his brothers made campaign speeches for Democratic candidate Adlai E. Stevenson.

Roosevelt, in answer to a question following his talk with the President-elect, said he thought Eisenhower's cabinet appointments were "wonderful." He said he still was registered Democrat but when asked if he intends to retain that status, Roosevelt smiled and said: "That's an 'if' question."

### MUMPS REPORTED

PRINEVILLE, Dec. 23—An epidemic of mumps in the Mitchell community of west Wheeler county caused cancellation of the pre-Christmas school program. Many students are convalescent while many others, school authorities report, are absent from the madly.

### ORDERS ISSUED

VICKSBURG, Mich. Dec. 23 (AP)—Chief of Police Jesse Bone ordered his men to ignore downtown parking violations as a Christmas present to shoppers but ordered them to get back on the ball for the New Year celebrations Jan. 1.

## Communists Consider Charitable Foundations 'Very Lucrative,' Ex-Party Workers Testify

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Communists have considered charitable foundations "very lucrative" sources of funds "to help in the task of subverting America," according to two former Reds.

A House committee investigating whether tax-exempt foundations have been used for subversive purposes heard the testimony Monday from Manning Johnson, a party member from 1930 to 1940, and Maurice Malkin, a charter member of the U. S. Communist Party who was expelled in 1937.

The witness said Reds in 1928 began worming their way into the foundations—as well as labor unions and other organizations. Johnson and Malkin, who now work for the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department in New York as consultants on Communism, have testified previously before other congressional

## Heroic Captain Praised After Daring Rescue Of Passengers From Grounded French Vessel

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 23 (AP)—The heroic captain of a Lebanese motor launch rescued almost single-handed all remaining passengers and some crewmen—a total of about 150 persons—from the wrecked French cruise liner Champollion Tuesday.

Before the rescue, scores of panic-stricken passengers had leaped from the slanting deck of the liner into the sea, 17 to death, about 45 to be rescued by Lebanese fishing boats.

As night interrupted rescue operations, only about 100 of the Champollion's crew remained aboard, confident of rescue in the morning.

According to official figures—subject still to revision—there were 113 passengers and 205 crewmen in the 12,546-ton Christmas cruise liner when it was smashed into a reef in a howling gale, only 200 yards offshore.

Seventeen crewmen who volunteered to try to swim ashore with a lifeline were picked up Monday by little Lebanese fishing boats.

It looked grim for those remaining aboard today, with the ship

fast breaking up and waves sweeping over it.

There was an anxious huddle of officials and boatmen on the shore. Capt. B. Radwan, who pilots ocean-going ships into Beirut harbor, volunteered to go to the rescue.

Radwan bounced his launch through the sea to the Champollion, its back broken and heeling over at a 50-degree slant.

Crew members of the Champollion threw him ropes. He secured his little craft to the side of the liner.

The crewmen threw rope ladders over the side. While Radwan maneuvered his boat close, men and women started clambering down the side, first the women, then the men passengers, then some crewmen. Three women carried babies in their arms. Three other children climbed down in safety.

The one casualty was a 12-year-old boy. He fell while climbing down a ladder. His head struck a bulwark of the launch and he died on the way to shore.

Radwan made three trips in all,

bringing about 50 persons to safety each time.

Crews ashore helped the exhausted victims off Radwan's boat, while women knelt in prayer in the background.

Messageries Maritimes Co., owner of the cruise ship, said in Paris there was a brief panic aboard Tuesday morning as the ship settled into the sand of the Mediterranean bottom but the panic soon ended.

Survivors included 17 crew members who came ashore safely Monday and made a vain attempt to secure a line from land to the 12,546-ton cruise ship aground on a sandbar 200 yards offshore.

Charles Harris, listed as a "U.S. painter" was among the passengers.

The marooned passengers and crew huddled in the superstructure of the vessel, the only part above the rush of the crashing seas.

With holes below the water line and badly split amidships, the Champollion settled deeper into the sandy floor of the Mediterranean.

## Crew Taken Off Wrecked Vessel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Justice Department said Tuesday that more than one-fourth of the crew of the French luxury liner SS Liberté will not be permitted to go ashore when the ship docks in New York Wednesday.

The reply to inquiries, a department spokesman said 269 of the 974 crew members refused to answer questions of a U. S. immigration inspector put aboard the ship to make sure they complied with the seamen landing requirements of the new McCarran-Walter Immigration Law.

The law goes into effect Wednesday. It requires a security check of all seamen entering U. S. ports before they can be permitted to enjoy any kind of shore leave.

French and British authorities have protested informally to the statement about these examinations of their nationals.

Foreign complaints against this provision of the law have been mounting.

The burden of complaint is that the provision will require ships to lay over for extra days in American ports—thus delaying the "turn-around" and cutting into profits of foreign shippers.

## Mercury Drops To 11 in Night

Clear weather and bright sunshine was Bend's lot today after storm clouds rolled away last night and brought a crisp temperature of 11 above at 8 o'clock this morning.

The mercury fell from a high of 43 yesterday and, strangely, was 12 above at 7 o'clock this morning, dropping one more degree between 7 and 8.

The U. S. weather bureau was cautious in its forecast for the next 24 hours, seeing the possibility of some snow without much change in temperature. Another storm is reported to be approaching the Pacific Northwest, but whether or not it will carry into Eastern Oregon was not indicated in forecasts.

Travel was at winter normal in Central Oregon today, with motorists advised to carry chains, but no fresh snow reported in Cascade mountain passes.

## Pinay Resignation Plunges France Into Grave Crisis

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Vincent Auriol Tuesday accepted the resignation of Premier Antoine Pinay and France plunged into a grave Christmas time crisis.

Auriol acted after he failed in a last-ditch plea to the popular business-man premier to stay on the job and see through his program to save France from economic disaster.

Pinay, disillusioned by rebuffs in the National Assembly, refused to reconsider his dramatic early morning resignation.

"On no pretext will I descend again into that lion's den," he said.

The French president immediately resumed talks with top political leaders to find a successor to Pinay, whose nine-month term of office gave France its third longest government in postwar politics.

Even before accepting Pinay's resignation, he conferred with former Premier Georges Bidault and Pierre-Henri Teitgen, leaders of the Moderate Catholic Popular Republican Party (MRP).

It was the MRP which drove Pinay into resigning by refusing to back him on three confidence votes on the 1953 budget the premier was to have faced before his resignation cut short an early morning National Assembly debate.

## Salt Used Here In New Treatment For Icy Streets

A new treatment for icy streets, as a means of providing greater traction during winter months now is being tested by the street department, according to W. O. Cuthbertson, city manager. The salt replaces cinders, formerly employed for this purpose.

As explained by the city manager, application of the salt is made as early as possible when a storm develops. Results to date would indicate that less labor is necessary in cleaning up after a storm, and that greater traction is provided for motor vehicles. Cuthbertson explained.

A rust inhibitor is mixed with the salt before it is applied to city streets, to prevent spray from rusting metal parts of cars and trucks. A salt spreader has been obtained by the city, for use in application.

Under the old system cinders were spread on the streets, when ice conditions developed. Effective at the moment, cinders soon would be coated with ice, especially when temperature fluctuations caused alternate periods of freezing and thawing. The rock salt tends to melt snow and ice, and keep the footing soft even though more snow may fall on it, according to the city manager. In addition, cinders must be swept up and hauled away, after storms abate.

The new method is more economical than the old, even though the original cost of the rock salt exceeds that of the cinders, Cuthbertson commented.

### OFFICERS PICKED

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (AP)—At the annual election, held at the home of Mrs. Edith Chester at Warm Springs, the Madras Toastmistress club named Mrs. Earl Townsend as president for the coming term. Other new officers are: Mrs. Howard W. Kriz, vice president; Mrs. Con Herberster, secretary; and Mrs. Cecil Vandal, treasurer. Officers will be installed at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Darrar in Madras on January 14, when husbands will be invited.

## Marion Judge Rules Against Jan. 1 Date

SALEM, Dec. 23 (AP)—Truckers expressed pleasure Tuesday over a decision late Monday by Marion County Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell which ruled that an increase in the weight-mile tax rate on trucks went into effect Nov. 4, the day the voters of Oregon backed the Legislature in the increase.

If the tax had been retroactive to Jan. 1 it would have cost trucking concerns an estimated \$2,000,000 in back taxes. Moe Tonkon, attorney for the trucking industry, termed the decision "an excellent opinion."

The decision will undoubtedly be appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, observers said. The test case was up for court determination after Attorney General George Neuner ruled that the increase was retroactive to last Jan. 1.

### Sponsored by Council

The suit was brought by the Portland-Pendleton Transportation Co. on behalf of the industry and was sponsored by the Oregon Highway Council. It had the approval of the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways which had recommended that the increase be hardship until Nov. 5 so that no trucking would be worked on small trucks.

The trucking industry had asked a Dec. 1 start on the tax. The action was brought against Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzell. Arguments were heard Dec. 15.

Judge Kimmell ruled on the Dec. 1 date asked by the truckers on grounds that the state constitution says a referendum measure "shall take effect and become the law when it is approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise."

### Statutory Method

He held the governor's proclamation "is only the statutory method of legally establishing a public record of an existing fact." The governor proclaimed the measure as law Dec. 1.

The increase was voted by the 1951 legislature, then referred by petition by the trucking industry. At the same time the trucking industry initiated a measure to abolish the weight mile tax. The voters rejected this proposal to abolish the weight mile tax and at the same time backed up the legislature in the increase.

## Bus Line Drivers Seek Pay Hike

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Some 40 drivers of the Continental Pacific Bus Line in Washington, Oregon and northern California were still striking Tuesday and negotiations had not been resumed.

Ted Scott, general chairman of the drivers' union, said drivers were seeking the same pay received by drivers on other routes operated by the parent firm—Transcontinental Bus Corp. of Dallas, Tex.

Scott said the union, which is affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, felt behind the others because of a two-year contract. Drivers on other runs of the company, Scott declared, won a scale of seven cents a mile last year.

He said the seven cents a mile is all his union seeks.

The company has offered to renew the old contract.

## Services Held For Victims

LARSON AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., Dec. 23 (AP)—Memorial services for 86 men who had hoped to be home for Christmas will be conducted Tuesday and investigation was to continue on the crash of the C-124 Globemaster which carried them to their death Saturday.

Wing Chaplain Maj. George E. Rummey will conduct Protestant services and Lt. Thomas G. O'Brien, Catholic chaplain, will conduct Catholic services for those who perished in aviation's worst air disaster.

Meanwhile an investigating team was to continue questioning those who survived the crash, except for those on the critical list, in an effort to determine what caused the huge plane to thud to earth shortly after takeoff.