

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY FOGGY tonight and Thursday. Continued cool. Low tonight, 30; high Thursday, 40.

Russians Shake Up Planners

High-Level Shifts Hint Economic Fumbling

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government has shaken up its top economic planning staff after a call from the Communist Party Central Committee for revisions in the nation's new five-year plan. The committee said the original plan called for more production than is possible with available resources.

The committee also declared the Soviet people must eliminate inefficiency and bureaucracy if they want better living conditions.

Stalinist Promoted
In the high-level changes, announced Tuesday Deputy Premier M. G. Perukhin was named chief economic planner. He replaces Maxim C. Saburov, another first deputy premier and like Perukhin a member of the Central Committee Presidium.

Yugoslav Communists said last September that Perukhin was among the Kremlin faction opposed to party boss Khrushchev's policy of relaxing control of the satellites.

There was no indication that Saburov, who has directed Soviet economic planning for 20 years, was being dropped from his other posts in the Soviet leadership.

Six experts in agriculture and industry—four of them deputy premiers—were named to help Perukhin with the economic guidance. They will make up a supercommittee as deputy chairmen of the State Economic Commission.

5-Day Session Ends
The six are Deputy Premiers A. N. Kosygin, V. A. Malyshev, M. V. Khrushchev, V. A. Kucherenko, Minister of Agriculture V. M. Malyshev and Minister of State Farms I. A. Benediktov.

The report from the Central Committee came at the end of a five-day meeting and emphasized that top priority in the Kremlin's planning still rests on heavy industry. It disclosed that the sixth five-year plan had been sent back to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) for revision.

The committee said the plan in certain categories had not been fulfilled in 1956, its first year, but added that heavy industry as a whole was 11 per cent above quota and light consumer industries were 9 per cent above.

The committee criticized the economic planners particularly for outlining projects without reference to such practical limitations as raw materials and supplies.

The five-year plan, the committee said, set quotas too high for some enterprises. It said production plans fell short in the important fields of coal, metal, cement, lumber and housing. Mismanagement, poor planning and improper allocations were blamed.

Fog Ties Up Shipping and Plane Travel
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A thick fog blanketed much of Oregon Tuesday night and Wednesday slowing motor traffic and closing airports.

The Weather Bureau at Portland said the fog probably will lift Wednesday afternoon.

Freezing temperatures in some sections of Western Oregon and east of the Cascade Mountains created icy spots on highways adding to the driving danger. The fog halted shipping on the Columbia River Wednesday with 20 ships anchored between Portland and Astoria. Six were out-bound and 14 inbound.

The Highway Commission reported that pavements were bare at all points but fog was slowing traffic at Sunset Summit, Astoria, Salem, Curvallis, Salmon River, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Coquille, Pendleton.

More Fog and Sub-Freezing Weather Due
Gloomy fog and nippy temperatures prevailed in Salem and area following the big holiday. The mercury in the capital dropped to 30 for the Wednesday morning minimum, two below freezing.

Traffic Toll Hits Record High of 701

872 Total Deaths Nation's Worst Mark Ever

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Traffic deaths zoomed to the highest total for any holiday period in American history during the long Christmas weekend. Tabulations Wednesday also showed that deaths in accidents of all kinds shattered previous records.

Fatalities added up to 701 in traffic, 30 in fires and 121 in accidents of other types for a total of 872.

The motor vehicle death toll surpassed the old record for any holiday period—609, set during the three-day celebration of Christmas last year. It also exceeded the National Safety Council's advance prediction of 660.

Top 805 of July 4
The all-accident total topped the old mark of 805 established during a three-day observation of Independence Day last year.

The deaths tabulated Wednesday were caused by accidents that occurred during a 102-hour period from 6 p. m. (local time) Friday to midnight Tuesday. It was a four-day period, one day longer than the 1955 holiday period in which the former records were set.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president expressed hope that the huge loss of life will "shock" motorists into an attitude of caution in the four-day New Year holiday next weekend.

"Surely a civilized nation cannot ignore what has just happened on a holiday dedicated to peace on earth, good will toward men," he said.

California Leads States
California led all states in highway deaths with 79.

During the long weekend holiday, deaths on the highways averaged nearly seven an hour for the 102-hour period. In the first 10 months of this year the nation's traffic deaths averaged 106 a day.

An Associated Press survey during a nonholiday period, from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Tuesday

Four Killed on Oregon Roads Over Weekend
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The long Christmas holiday brought death to four persons on Oregon highways.

Three of them died on Christmas day.

Widespread fog lessened highway traffic in many areas, cut down on speeds, and the death toll was less than had been expected.

First to die was Robert Louis Brunette, 68, of Empire, killed Saturday when his car left Highway 36 near Florence in coastal Lane County.

On Christmas day, Rocky Bryan Carson, 3, darted into a Klamath Falls street from behind a parked car. Another car hit and killed him. The driver was not cited.

Christmas night in a Klamath Falls hospital Alice M. Eddy, 81, of Tulelake, Calif., died of heart failure Sunday when a car in which she was riding went into a ditch on a curve south of Malin on the State Line Road.

Go-Ahead Given for Suez Job

UN and Egypt Get Together on Salvage

LONDON (UP)—An official source in Cairo said today that orders have been given to start clearing the Suez Canal.

The source said the instructions were given to U. N. and Egyptian officials on the scene on the basis of an agreement reached between U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and the Egyptian government.

The source said orders for clearing the canal have been given to retired U. S. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, placed in charge of salvage operations by the United Nations and to Col. Mahmoud Younis, general manager of the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority.

The source said Egypt would "never enter any direct talks" with Britain or France on the canal. He said any future discussions would be "only through the United Nations."

Israel Withdrawing
Agreement to start work on clearing the canal was reached as a result of meetings in New York between Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Hammarskjold.

The source also said Israel had informed Hammarskjold that it was completing its withdrawal from Egyptian territory by Jan. 7, 1957.

As far as negotiations over the future of the Suez Canal, the source said that "Egypt can never enter negotiations with Britain or France on the canal on the basis of the Oct. 15 agreement providing six principles for tripartite talks in Geneva Oct. 29."

"Any future talks about the canal in future would be done through the United Nations," he added.

ODM Balks at Steel Priority For Oil Boats
WASHINGTON (UP)—The Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) Wednesday refused to give tanker construction a priority on scarce steel. It also turned down the steel industry's plea for federal tax assistance in a proposed \$2,300,000 plant expansion program.

ODM Director Arthur S. Flemming said reopening the program of tax benefits for the steel industry would be "contrary to the intent of Congress" and discriminatory against other industries.

In rejecting the proposal that scarce steel plates be allocated formally to shippers rushing oil tankers to completion, Flemming reaffirmed ODM's policy that the government will not ration scarce materials for essentially civilian needs.

To rule otherwise, he said in a statement, could lead to a "controlled economy" in peacetime.

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Huge Brush Fire Destroys 50 Malibu Beach Houses

Brush Fire Rages Near Malibu

MALIBU, Calif.—Flames and smoke from a major brush fire fill the hills and mountains in background as the flames burn out of control near the coastline (below) near here early today. Homes dot the area between the sea and the fire. (AP Wirephoto)



Jakarta Chief Defies Rebels' Ouster Threat

Winners Chosen in Yule Lights Contest

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UP)—The insecure coalition government of Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo Wednesday rejected demands that it resign over the army revolt in Sumatra.

The decision, taken at an eight-hour emergency meeting of the cabinet, was made despite pressure from coalition parties which threatened to withdraw their cabinet members.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting, a cabinet spokesman announced the resignation of Djalmar Israhim, representing the veterans' IPKI party in the coalition.

He was replaced by Deputy Premier Idris Cholid.

President Sukarno's personal demand for surrender of the army rebels who have seized control of much of Indonesia's second largest—and richest— island appeared to have done little or nothing to bolster the government of Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo, a "neutralist" who usually sides with Communist China and the Soviet Union preference to what he calls the "Western imperialists."

The government's resignation has been the chief demand of the army rebels on Sumatra.

Many Women And Children Evacuated

By HARRY BOYLE
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MALIBU, Calif. (UP)—All women and children were ordered evacuated from the danger area today as a 500-acre an hour fire roared unchecked across 6,500 acres of the Santa Monica Mountains bordering on a famed movie colony beach front.

The inferno took the life of one man who saw the flames and ordered his wife and year-old child to flee while he remained in an attempt to save his home. His charred body was found later in an automobile in which he apparently tried to escape. He was identified by sheriff's officers as Frank L. Dickover, Zuma Beach.

More than 50 structures, some valued at more than \$100,000, were destroyed as nearly 1,000 men fought the fire.

Area Evacuated
Fire officials ordered all women and children removed from the area between Latigo and Ramero canyons. Men were permitted to remain near their homes "if they have a clearing around the house and can be of any help."

Calls for additional help were sent out by units on the scene which included Los Angeles and Ventura County and city crews, Forest Service personnel and Navy units from Port Hueneeme and Port Mugu. The plea for help went out to every Southern California county and those areas were responding with all available equipment and manpower.

Flames Leap High
Luxurious homes of many film celebrities dot the beach area but it was not known whether any of them were among those destroyed.

Flames were visible from Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley as they billowed 100 feet into the sky, spreading in every direction and in one instance leaping across Pacific Coast Highway.

The fire area is near a popular movie star resort area east of the old Richard Dix ranch and is populated by many movie personalities. It was the scene in 1955 of a \$5 million blaze that razed more than 100,000 acres.

Residents Evacuated
Film star Alan Ladd reportedly owns a ranch in the area but it was not known if he was living there.

Evacuation of residents in Newton, Ramera, Latigo and Trancas (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Burglars Loot Grocery Store; 2nd Try Fails

A burglary of one Salem grocery and an attempted break-in of another were reported by city police Wednesday.

Some 20 cartons of cigarettes, some meat, coffee, a bottle of wine and possibly some gloves were reported taken in the burglary of the Nameless food market, 1940 Mission St., early Wednesday, officers said.

Jimmy Attempt Falls
An attempt to Jimmy a rear door at Erickson's market, 2825 South Commercial St., failed, police said. The attempt was made sometime between closing time Monday and Tuesday afternoon, when it was discovered by an employee, they said.

The Nameless break-in occurred between 3:45 a. m. Wednesday when the place was checked by a patrol officer and 7:45 a. m. when the break-in was discovered by two passersby, officers said.

It took three attempts to gain entry, police said. First the thief prowled the store and went through the unlocked safe but apparently took nothing but the groceries, police said. Even small change in the cash registers was untouched.

Officers said they did not know if there was any connection with another burglary about the same time at Krueger's Market, 812 Lancaster Dr., which was investigated by state police and sheriff's deputies.

Murderer of 4 Dies as Crash Sets Off Rifle

EL RENO, Okla. (UP)—A 29-year-old Negro janitor's crime spree that resulted in the violent deaths of four persons began with a pre-Christmas drinking party, officers disclosed today.

James Leroy Neal, El Reno, had no previous criminal record. He was an Army veteran, had been married and divorced. He had been treated for mental illness at one time but had been released from a hospital as cured.

Sunday night, the Negro went berserk and raped the wife of a 23-year-old El Reno school teacher.

Later that night, he drove to the home of his former employer, Scott Smith, 37, Hinton farmer. He shot Smith and kidnapped Smith's wife. He held her hostage for seven hours before turning her loose unharmed.

Christmas Eve, he shot and killed two men who accidentally came upon his hiding place in an isolated ranch house. The two victims, Francis Eluenhorst, 29, El Reno, and Glenn Herndon, 37, Tulsa, were both shot in the back as they tried to flee.

Neal's 24-hour orgy of crime ended in his own violent death later that night. His automobile crashed in a wild flight from officers, and a 270 hunting rifle in the back seat discharged accidentally.

Neal was found in the front seat, both hands still gripping the steering wheel.

50 PINTS NEEDED THURSDAY Emergency Blood Call Issued Here

In an effort to prevent hospital refrigerators here from being left without blood with the New Year's weekend coming up, the Red Cross is holding an emergency blood drawing Thursday.

It will be held at the Marion County Chapter House, 1290 Fairgrounds Rd.

50 Pint Quota
County Red Cross officials said that unless the quota of 50 pints was met the area will go through the holidays dangerously short of blood at the hospitals.

It was pointed out that holiday traffic accidents and the lack of "walking donors" makes the situation even more serious.

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Berserk Bus Rider Slays 2, Wounds 5

CLEVELAND (UP)—A man who was asked to leave a Pittsburgh-to-Chicago bus early Wednesday morning retaliated with gunfire, shooting down and killing the bus driver and an 18-year-old girl.

The assailant was killed a short time later by police bullets.

Five other persons were wounded in the legs as the man charged through the Greyhound bus depot here firing wildly at Patrolman Mike Barrett.

Four of the wounded were released after hospital treatment.

An 35-year-old man, who was among the victims, was held for observation.

The dead bus driver was Leo Almerico, 45, of Cleveland. The young girl killed was Georgeann Kartzik, of Hampton, Va.

Passengers on the bus said the man, a Negro, had been bothering Miss Kartzik, a white girl, in the waiting room at the terminal. The girl complained to the driver after the travelers boarded the bus at the end of the Cleveland stopover.

The driver went to the rear to talk to the man and order him off.

The man grabbed his bags, and when he reached the front of the bus, turned and fired at Almerico. Then he shot the girl.

Emmett Jefferson, a porter at the bus depot, which was crowded with holiday travelers, said that after the shootings on the bus the assailant came "whooping and hollering" through the terminal.

Patrolman Barrett happened to be coming in the door at the same time. He shouted to bystanders to "fall on the floor."

Crew Hit by Train; 1 Dead

KLAMATH FALLS (UP)—One man was killed and five others injured at 11:08 a. m. Wednesday when the Southern Pacific's north-bound passenger train, the Klamath, hit a railroad motor car at Klamath Falls, 45 miles south of here.

Dead is section foreman A. J. Remijo, 27, of Kegg Pitt, Calif. The names of the five injured were not known here immediately.

Tom McCarty, district freight and passenger agent here, said the injured would be brought to a Klamath Falls hospital for treatment. They are all railroad employees.

Holiday Mail Higher Only By 1 Per Cent

When the final calculation was made Wednesday concerning the volume of Christmas holiday mail handled during the Dec. 1-24 period, it was learned that this year's increase over 1955 was a slim one per cent.

In making this statement, Postmaster Albert C. Graeg explained that the apparent earlier big gain was because patrons had heeded the advice of postal authorities to "mail early."

"This they did with a vengeance," he said, "so in fact, that during the final two or three days before Christmas, the volume slumped materially."

Total cancellations from Dec. 1 through the 24th this year were 2,302,956 as compared with 2,299,000 for a similar period in 1955.

However, this year's overall volume doesn't take into account metered mail which has become quite a sizable factor in Salem. Several more concerns are currently using meters instead of purchasing stamps.

As of Wednesday, all pieces of mail involved in the Christmas rush had been delivered, except a few that because of wrong addresses, had to be given special directory service.

The special parcel post warehouse on South Liberty street was vacated as of today and all extra clerks and carriers were released.

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