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Morse Raps Hells Canyon Suggestion by FPC Lawyer

President Mixes Work and Play in Quiet Holiday

Traditional Turkey Feast Due Tonight

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower mixed work and play today in quietly observing Thanksgiving Day at the famed Augusta National Golf Club.

He got the work out of the way early, doing paper work in a special office over the club's pro shop.

Mr. Eisenhower sent telegrams to relatives of 13 Americans held prisoner by Chinese Reds, assuring them that the government is doing everything "feasible" to secure their release.

Railroad Dispute
He also named the three members of an emergency fact-finding board in a wage dispute between conductors and brakemen and most of the nation's railroads.

The President then stepped onto the golf course for a round of his favorite sport. Before starting to play the 18 holes, he sharpened up his game with some practice shots under the guidance of Ed Dudley, the club pro.

The weather was perfect for golf, sunny but bracing with the temperature in the 50s.

Turkey Tonight
Mr. Eisenhower planned to top off the day with the traditional dinner of turkey and all the fixin's this evening in the trophy room of the main club house. He assured his guests that he will do the carving on the large 43-pound turkey brought from Washington.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty conveyed to reporters and news photographers accompanying Mr. Eisenhower here an invitation from the President to play the Masters course tomorrow.

It will be the first time that reporters have been permitted to play the course while Mr. Eisenhower was there. This is his sixth vacation at the club since he became President.

Oregon Dampened By Pacific Storm

By UNITED PRESS
A high pressure ridge which had been protecting Oregon from rain flattened out last night. As a result the state got some showers today from a storm system moving in from the Pacific.

Portland got more than half an inch of rain during a six-hour period starting shortly after midnight. Astoria had .60 and Newport .30. Light amounts of rain fell in central Oregon.

Precipitation was heavier up north where Seattle had 1.08 inches and Tatoosh Island 1.41 inches.

The storm front ended, for the most part, the heavy fog that has blanketed Oregon this week. Only Medford was reported soaked in this morning. However, more fog is expected in some areas by tonight.

Owosso, Mich. — (U.P.) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York arrived today for the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Anne Dewey, who died in her sleep Tuesday night at her home.

Fog Halts Regular Flights; MF Takes Two to Portland

Resumption of scheduled flights at the Medford municipal airport was expected today after the local field had been closed for more than 36 hours by heavy fog.

Mercy Flight
Only plane to leave Medford yesterday was a Mercy Flight, Inc., air ambulance plane which took two infants to Portland for treatment there. Because of the fog, Pilot George Milligan landed the plane in Ashland on the return trip.

Patients on the flight were Frank William Lewis, 10-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lewis,

Fatal Traffic Accidents Mount

By UNITED STATES

A sudden spurt of fatal traffic accidents today dampened hopes that the nation was on its way to a safe and sane Thanksgiving.

A United Press survey since 6 p.m. last night showed 26 persons had died in auto accidents. No other types of accidental deaths were reported.

An early lag in accident reports encouraged experts to hope the nation's drivers were practicing life-saving caution. But the toll climbed sharply during the early morning hours.

Three auto crashes accounted for 13 of the deaths. Two head-on collisions in Illinois killed five and four persons, respectively. Four more persons were killed in an Indiana smashup.

Train Leaves Tracks
A far greater tragedy was narrowly averted when eight cars of the crack Santa Fe Chief jumped the tracks in the Mojave Desert 50 miles from Needles, Calif., last night. Police and ambulances rushed to the scene, but officials said there were no fatalities or serious injuries.

Thousands of motorists jammed the highways as they journeyed to join their families in the traditional turkey dinner and to give thanks.

The weather was fair and driving conditions were good in most of the nation. But wintry weather made travel hazardous in the Northern Midwest and parts of the Northeast.

Wind-whipped snow flurries swept the area west of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river. Boston had .61 inches of rain and a snow blanket covered much of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Fog shrouded much of the Pacific Coast area, cutting visibility to zero at Los Angeles and to one sixteenth of a mile at Oakland, Calif. Further north, rain pounded Western Washington.

Sprague Named To Fact-Finding Board

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today named the three members of an emergency fact-finding board which he set up Tuesday to study a wage dispute between conductors and brakemen and most of the nation's railroads.

They are Judge Edward M. Sharpe, Lansing, Mich., chief justice of the Michigan supreme court; Charles A. Sprague, Salem, Ore., newspaper publisher and editor; and John T. Dunlop, Harvard economics professor.

Acting under the railway labor act, Mr. Eisenhower prevented a strike for at least 60 days from establishment of the board.

The board has 30 days from Tuesday to report its findings and the union, the order of railway conductors and brakemen, is prohibited by the law from striking for another 30 days.

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — Two major Humboldt county lumber mills employing some 2100 persons scheduled shutdowns today as a result of the strike against the Northwestern Pacific railroad.

In Oxygen Tent
The Lewis infant was scheduled to undergo nasal surgery at Portland, and the Doss child, who made the flight in an oxygen tent, is scheduled to receive treatment for a blood ailment.

Fred Hale, of Grants Pass Air service, who made the trip as co-pilot, brought the babies to Medford from Grants Pass by car. The children were the 301st and 302nd patients carried by the non-profit air ambulance service.

Patients on the flight were Frank William Lewis, 10-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lewis,

and it was drizzling in Eastern Washington and Northern California.

In New York City Thanksgiving Day dawned cloudy and cold, snow flurries expected to whip northern suburbs.

However, thousands of chilled youngsters turned out to watch the 28th annual Macy's parade down Broadway. The traditional giant balloons and spectacular floats filed by.

Heavy Fog Blamed For Numerous Auto Crashes in County

Heavy fog, which cut visibility to less than 50 feet at times yesterday afternoon, was blamed for numerous automobile accidents in Jackson county, state police reported this morning.

Most serious of the accidents was a five-car collision on Highway 99 just north of Ashland at about 5:15 p.m., police said. It involved a pickup truck operated by Dorman Ray York, Montague, Calif., a coupe driven by Lavina Wiggins, Ashland; a sedan operated by Jay Cochran, Ashland, and two other cars which left the scene before the state police arrived.

Stopped To Turn
All of the vehicles were northbound, when one of the unknown drivers stopped for a left turn. The Wiggins car stopped behind it, and the pickup truck struck the back of the Wiggins car, pushing it ahead into the first vehicle. The Cochran car struck all three and in turn, was sideswiped by the fifth vehicle, whose driver was not listed.

Mrs. Margaret Cochran, a passenger in the car driven by her husband, and their three children, Karen, Diane and Steven, were taken to Ashland General hospital by Litwiller ambulance for treatment of cuts and bruises.

Woman Injured
In another accident, Mrs. Margie Busbee, Lorenzo, Calif., received neck injuries, and was hospitalized overnight at Ashland General. She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Lloyd, who received minor face cuts. Their three children were uninjured. Busbee was the driver of a car which went out of control south of Ashland on Highway 99 and slid broadside into a vehicle operated by Robert Lewis Ferguson, Hilt, Calif., at about 10:40 p.m.

A Talent school bus operated by Bruce Hitt Jr., Medford, was involved in a collision on Highway 99 south of Talent at about 4:30 p.m. Police said the bus stopped to discharge passengers and was struck from the rear by a coupe operated by William H. Stabler, Ashland. There were no injuries, and only minor damage was reported.

A fourth accident involved a sedan operated by Carl J. Koester, Portland, and a vehicle driven by Frank Joseph Hart, Atlanta, Ga. Both were southbound on Highway 99 at Talent junction at about 9 p.m. when the Hart car slowed down and was struck from behind by Koester's car. There were no injuries and damage to the vehicles was said to be minor.

Two minor crashes were reported by city police, and state officers said numerous cars were reported in ditches. Most of these mishaps involved little or no property damage and no injuries, they said.

Weather
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with a few showers this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Low tonight 35. High Friday 35.

Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest This Morning 35
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .31

Commission Said 'Stacked,' Solon Not Surprised

Idaho Power Wins First Round in Fight

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse today attacked a Federal Power commission lawyer's recommendation for private development of Hells Canyon water power, saying it fits in with Eisenhower administration proposals for "a giveaway of the people's power resources to private combines."

The Oregon Independent said the FPC is "stacked" and he expressed no surprise at commission counsel John C. Mason's arguments that the Idaho Power Co., and not the federal government, handle power and water development in the vast canyon on the Idaho-Oregon border.

The power company a privately owned utility, won the first round in the politically explosive fight to see who will develop the Snake river when Mason filed his opinion yesterday.

Commission To Decide
Mason, who represented the commission in the year-long Hells Canyon hearing before one of its examiners, submitted a 200-page legal brief recommending a license for Idaho Power to build three low dams in the reach. He opposed a single, high, federally financed dam, advocated by the National Hells Canyon association, Inc., and other public power bodies.

Idaho Power and the high dam advocates also filed briefs. Reply briefs are due Jan. 10 and a final brief by the power company on Jan. 31.

Then hearing examiner William J. Costello must make a recommendation to the commission, and the commission itself must make a decision. Mason's views, the first formal endorsement of the private project by a government official, undoubtedly will carry weight with both Costello and the commission.

Congress May Act
Three Congresses already have kicked around the various proposals for developing Hells Canyon, and the new Democratic controlled 84th Congress may do some more.

Mrs. Evelyn N. Cooper, representing the high dam interests, said Idaho Power's plan would deprive the Pacific Northwest of "a block of power equivalent roughly to the output of the Bonneville Dam," and would jeopardize the comprehensive development of the entire Columbia River Basin.

She said the commission should ask Congress to authorize the high dam.

Idaho Power's brief agreed with Mason's findings.

Widely Viewed as Test
The Hells Canyon case has been widely viewed as a test of the Eisenhower administration's public power policy. Mr. Eisenhower has said repeatedly he favors more participation by local and private groups in developing the nation's water power.

Early in his administration Interior Secretary Douglas McKay withdrew the Interior Department's opposition during the Truman administration to the Idaho Power Company's application. The long and heated FPC hearings on the case followed.

Kerr Gifford Firm Announces Merger
Portland — (U.P.) — Merger of Kerr Gifford and Company, pioneer West Coast grain firm, with Cargill, Inc., of Minneapolis, has been completed, according to Thomas Kerr, president of Kerr Gifford.

Kerr said the Pacific Coast operations of both firms have been merged into the new Kerr Gifford division of Cargill. Kerr becomes manager of the new division.

All Kerr Gifford capital stock was acquired by Cargill in June, 1953.

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Watkins Declares Petitions Not To Influence Censure

Public Opinion Not To Guide Conduct

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) said today he is not paying any attention to the battle of petitions for and against censure of Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Watkins, chairman of the special Senate committee which recommended the McCarthy censure, said he does not intend to guide his conduct by public opinion in this "judicial" kind of proceeding.

Senators should settle the McCarthy question on the basis of "the facts and the law," he said in an interview.

McCarthy was expected to have his Thanksgiving turkey at the Naval hospital in nearby Bethesda, Md., where he has been confined with a bad elbow since last week.

Mass Meetings Called
Hospital officials said he would get the special turkey-day dinner prepared for all patients.

From his hospital bed, McCarthy sent a message yesterday to one of the groups whose petitions Watkins said he is ignoring. McCarthy praised the group, "Ten Million Americans," for planning a public demonstration in his behalf next Monday night at Madison Square Garden in New York.

"Ten Million Americans," under directorship of Rear Adm. John B. Crommelin (ret.), has been circulating petitions throughout the country, seeking 10,000,000 signatures of persons opposed to Senate censure of the Wisconsin Republican. It also has planned other mass meetings in Chicago and Los Angeles next Monday night.

New Organizations
Another new organization, "Citizens Committee to Inquire Into the Personal Finances of United States Senators," announced it is asking all senators to answer 57 questions about their finances "before a vote is taken on the McCarthy censure resolution."

One of the McCarthy censure counts cites his failure to appear before a Senate Elections Subcommittee investigating his affairs in 1952.

Symington Sees 'Inadequate' Budget

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said today Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott has apparently admitted the present budget level for the air force is "inadequate."

Symington, former Air Force Secretary under the Truman administration, based his assertion on a major speech by Talbott yesterday calling for a bigger Air Force to bolster the American deterrent to World War III.

Symington said he found it "an interesting talk, especially the apparent admission during the question period that the rate of present appropriations is inadequate."

Spreckles Released From California Jail

Santa Ana, Calif. — (U.P.) — Millionaire Adolph Spreckles II got out of jail today five days early and drove away in a long black limousine to a Thanksgiving dinner.

Spreckles, convicted of beating his ex-wife, Kay Williams, was sentenced to 30 days and began his term Nov. 1. He got five days off for good behavior.

Jailer Clyde L. Gathright said the sugar fortune heir was a "model prisoner."

Oregon City Woman Found Dead in Home

Oregon City — (U.P.) — Nellie May Fisher, 82, was found dead in her home here yesterday by an alert newsboy who noticed smoke coming out of the woman's residence.

Clackamas county coroner Lester Peake said the woman apparently died of natural causes while lighting a fire in her oil stove. The fire, which produced a great deal of smoke, was confined to the stove.



BENT STEERING WHEEL, shattered windshield, are mute evidence of terrific impact when car driven by Iowa's Gov. W. S. Beardsley crashed into rear of pickup truck near Des Moines. He was killed instantly, wife was seriously injured. (International)

\$10,000,000 Program Announced by Copco

The board of directors of California Oregon Power company has authorized a \$10,000,000 construction program for 1955, it was announced today by A. S. Cummins, Copco president.

Cummins said that \$5,000,000 has been allocated for local additions and improvements, and \$5,000,000 for hydro plant construction. Of the amount budgeted for plants, \$1,275,000 will be spent to complete Lemolo No. 1, planned for operation by mid-1955, and \$3,665,000, will be spent in building Lemolo No. 2, which will be ready for service in late 1956.

Expansion Program
The proposed 1955 expenditures represent part of an expansion program started by Copco in mid-1945, according to Cummins. This program so far has resulted in expenditures of some \$94,000,000 for additional generating capacity and other service facilities.

Six units of the company's projects on the North Umpqua river have been completed and are now in operation. Lemolo No. 1 is the seventh, and Lemolo No. 2 will be the eighth and last. First unit to be completed

Remington Death Probe Scheduled

Lewisburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Authorities made plans today for an extensive investigation behind the walls of Lewisburg Federal Prison to determine a motive in the bludgeoning slaying of William Walter Remington.

Remington, a former \$10,000-a-year government economist imprisoned for lying about his Communist associations, died yesterday, two days after he was found dazed and bleeding in the cell he occupied as an honor prisoner.

Authorities said the fatal assault on Remington may have been instigated through prisoner resentment over the scheduled release of Alger Hiss from the same prison on Saturday.

Norman H. McCabe, special agent in charge of the Philadelphia FBI office identified the alleged killers as George Junior McCoy, 34, of Grundy, Va., and Robert Carl Parker, 21, of Washington, D.C.

Liberace Breaks With Night Club Girl

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Liberace, who recently professed his affections for night club show girl Joanne Rio, has stopped seeing her because of a newspaper article she "wrote" on her romance, the attractive brunette said today.

The "tell all" article, a three-part series which appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper several weeks ago, "embarrassed" the curly-haired piano player, she said. But, Miss Rio said, she and Liberace and his agent had approved the story before it was printed.

Hospital Patients Get Holiday Feed

Patients at the Medford hospitals were served Thanksgiving day dinners of turkey and other traditional dishes for the day.

The Gideons furnished Sacred Heart, Community and Osteopathic hospitals with place cards with an appropriate quotation for each of the patient's trays.

At Community hospital favors for each tray were furnished through the hospital auxiliary project and youth work chairman.

Devotions were held at 8 a.m. at Sacred Heart hospital and benediction will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Tray covers and napkins in the Thanksgiving day theme were used for patients at that hospital.

Experts Studying Plan To Present Matter Before UN

Several Possibilities Claimed Under Study

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States today considered appealing to Russia for help to win the release of 13 Americans imprisoned by Red China on "trumped-up" spy charges.

Experts also were studying a move to place the matter before the United Nations.

Several Possibilities
The two courses of action were among several possibilities under study at the State Department after Red China's diplomatic snub of Franklin C. Gowen, the American consul general in Geneva. The Chinese Communist representative refused to meet Gowen immediately Wednesday.

Gowen had demanded a meeting with the Red official on neutral ground to deliver a blistering protest against Red China's "wrongful detention" of 11 American airmen and two civilian employees of the Army. Peiping said Tuesday that the 13 had been sentenced to terms ranging from four years to life for espionage activities in Communist China.

Men Shot Down, U. S. Says
The United States claimed the airmen were shot down during the Korean war over North Korea but never were repatriated and that the two civilians, both employees of the Army, had been believed lost at sea.

The United Press in Tokyo learned that the two civilians—John T. Downey, 24, and Richard G. Fecteau, 27—were hitch-hikers aboard an airplane which disappeared two years ago between Japan and Korea.

A U.S. Far East Air Force spokesman at Tokyo said Downey and Fecteau boarded a Civil Air Transport plane leased by the Air Force at Seoul. The plane never was heard from after it crossed the Korean east coast.

Attempt at Justification
The Chinese Communists, in a flimsy attempt to justify imprisonment of the Americans, said the 1951 mutual security bill granting aid to U.S. allies was designed "to organize sabotage and subversion."

Wednesday the Red China radio said it had either killed or imprisoned 212 Nationalist Chinese and 18 Americans since 1951 on charges of spying for the United States. The 18 included the 13 sentenced to prison terms plus five who had been killed.

Angry Outbursts
The broadcast touched off angry outbursts from congressmen. Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) suggested the possibility of blockading Red China and "sinking a few of their ships."

Peron's Drive on Clergymen Backed
Buenos Aires, Argentina — (U.P.) — Pro-government organizations called a mass meeting today to support President Juan D. Peron's drive against Roman Catholic clergymen accused of meddling in political and labor affairs.

The call came as police announced that the Rev. Rodolfo Carboni has been sentenced to a 30-day jail term for preaching a sermon which criticized Peron's regime.

Police arrested the Reverend Carboni three days ago after it was reported he contrasted Nazi persecution of German Catholics to present conditions in Argentina.

Father Carboni's reading of a papal encyclical on Nazi persecutions and his subsequent comments on the Peron government were said to have caused a disturbance in which three women were hurt.

Ten Germans Killed When Struck by Train
Baden-Baden, Germany — (U.P.) — Ten railway workers were killed near here today when a passenger train ran them down as they were filing to work in a heavy fog.

Two other workers in the group jumped aside at the last moment and were unhurt.

3,000,000 Servicemen Feast Royally on Turkey Dinner

Washington — (U.P.) — Some 3,000,000 servicemen feasted royally today on dinners built around the traditional turkey, but for most there was no pumpkin pie. Just mince.

Unification came unstuck at the dessert line. The Army and Air Force followed the Pentagon's "master menu," striking pumpkin pie and giving the troops just mince pie and ice cream.

The Navy let its commanders decide what holiday pie to serve and at last count had prepared

44,000 mince and 39,000 pumpkin. The Marines had both. Statistics attested to the celebration under way at military posts at home and abroad. The Navy dispensed 14 freight carloads of turkey, 25 tons of shrimp, 100 tons of potatoes. The Air Force stuffed 600,000 pounds of turkey with 150,000 pounds of oyster dressing and gave its airmen 112,500 mince pies and 30,000 gallons of coffee to top off the feast.

The Army, staid old senior service, topped up no figures.