

# Red China Charges UN With Interference

## MISHAPS KILL SIX IN STATE

By UNITED PRESS  
A variety of accidents in Oregon over the week end brought death to at least six persons. Two died in hunting accidents, two in highway mishaps and two in industrial accidents.

Isaac F. Berrong, Portland butcher, was fatally injured yesterday when he slipped and fell against a power saw while cutting rolls of paper in a meat market.

**Sheep Rancher Killed**  
Christian A. Cooper, 82, a retired sheep rancher, was fatally injured Saturday when struck by a car in Portland. His death brought Portland's total to 34 for 1954.

Earlier Saturday, Ernest E. Hartung, 28, Milwaukie, was killed when his car hit a guard rail near Oregon City.

Edward Sohler, 15, died instantly Saturday afternoon of a shotgun wound suffered on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sohler, near Forest Grove.

**Faulty Mechanism**  
Washington county coroner Graham S. Young said that the youth's gun apparently had a

faulty firing mechanism which went off when he set the gun on the ground.

Carl William Frey, of Portland was killed early Saturday when his shotgun went off as he slid it across the seat of a boat on Fairview lake while hunting ducks.

John Wehling, 38, of Lyle, Wash., a carpenter working on the powerhouse at The Dalles dam, was killed Saturday afternoon when he fell 70 feet from a scaffold.

## Israel Defends Action in Forcing Syrian Plane Down

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Israel defended today its action in forcing down a twin-engine Syrian Airways passenger plane and questioning its five crewmen and five passengers.

Israeli fighter planes forced the airliner down yesterday at Lydda Airport while the craft was on a flight from Damascus to Cairo.

**Detained by Police**  
Government officials said Ralph Hamsen, one of the passengers who was released after questioning and left on another plane for Greece, was an American, but Syrian officials in Damascus said he was British.

The other passengers and all of the crew were detained by police. One of the detained passengers was identified as the first secretary of the Syrian embassy in Cairo.

**Law Said Violated**  
The Syrian Foreign Office charged that Israel violated international civil aviation law in forcing down the airliner.

Radio Damascus broadcasts heard in Beirut, Lebanon, denied the Israeli charge. They said the plane was "flying to Cairo along the air route far from the aerial borders of occupied Palestine in accordance with international aviation regulations."

## Eugene Group Plans Air Pollution Study

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Eugene health and recreation council has recommended the formation of a special committee to study air pollution control.

The recommendation will come before the city council tonight. Industry representatives, city residents, councilmen, chamber of commerce representatives and members of the League of Women Voters would compose the committee.

Control of sawdust cinder pollution in the west section of the city and a city air pollution control ordinance were two issues included in the council's report.

## Six County Agents To Attend Conference

All six Jackson county extension agents will attend the annual agricultural conference at Oregon State college beginning tomorrow at Corvallis.

Extension Agents Miss Eula Wintermote and Miss Jean Brooks are already in Corvallis, as is Horticulturist Don Berry. Glenn Klein, 4-H club agent, will leave today and W. B. Tucker and Earle Jossy, agents in general agriculture, are to leave tomorrow morning.

The conference ends Friday evening with the agents due back in their offices next Monday, Dec. 20.

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Agriculture will hold its semi-annual session as advisory body to the State Department of Agriculture tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the state capitol here.

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## Floods Deal Damage in Europe

### England, Ireland Heavily Hit by Swirling Waters

#### Landslides Block Roads in Italy

London — (U.P.) — Floods rolled over parts of England and Ireland today while floods and landslides blocked traffic on many Italian roads and left scores homeless in Sicily.

Rain threatened to bring new disaster to battered Irish homesteads, already hit by the heaviest floods in many years. Three persons have died in the swirling waters.

**Water in Streets**  
Towns along the upper reaches of the River Thames in England reported two feet of water in some streets in the worst floods since 1947. The floods were expected to abate today unless there is more rain.

In Italy emergency crews cleared slide-blocked roads in the Passiria and Senales valleys near Bolzano in the Alps while storms raged over the Lower Adriatic forced Italian vessels and a Yugoslav motorship into the port of Brindisi.

Heavy storms hit Sicily, inflicting damage in the Catania-Messina area. Many were homeless and Catania's main sewer blew up under pressure of water flowing down the slopes of Mount Etna.

**Volunteers at Work**  
Rescue workers were out in force in Ireland where the River Shannon covered a wide area of the Midlands. Flotillas of volunteer rescue boats worked through the might through police had difficulty in persuading smallholders to leave their flooded homes.

Thousands of animals drowned in the Midlands where crop damage was estimated at more than \$1,200,000.

### Alaska Airliner Crashes on Takeoff

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — Three crewmen and two passengers of a Pacific Northern Airlines C-47 narrowly escaped injury last night when the craft crashed on takeoff on a snow-covered runway at Homer.

The plane was taking off on a flight to Kodiak on a runway covered with six to eight inches of new snow. Pilot Robert Schofield, Anchorage, said he wasn't satisfied with the way the plane was acting and cut his engines while the plane was taxiing down the field.

The plane veered and crashed off the runway, damaging the landing gear.

### Workmen Pour Concrete For New Annex Basement

Workmen were pouring the concrete basement floor today at the new courthouse annex, according to the construction foreman.

The building's roof slab was completed earlier, but work stopped on the intervening floor slabs because of freezing weather. When the weather gets warmer, the floors for the third, second and first levels will be poured in that order.

Wall studs for two ends of the building have been placed and steel lathe work is expected to begin the latter part of this month or January.

### Search Conducted for Survivors of Sinking

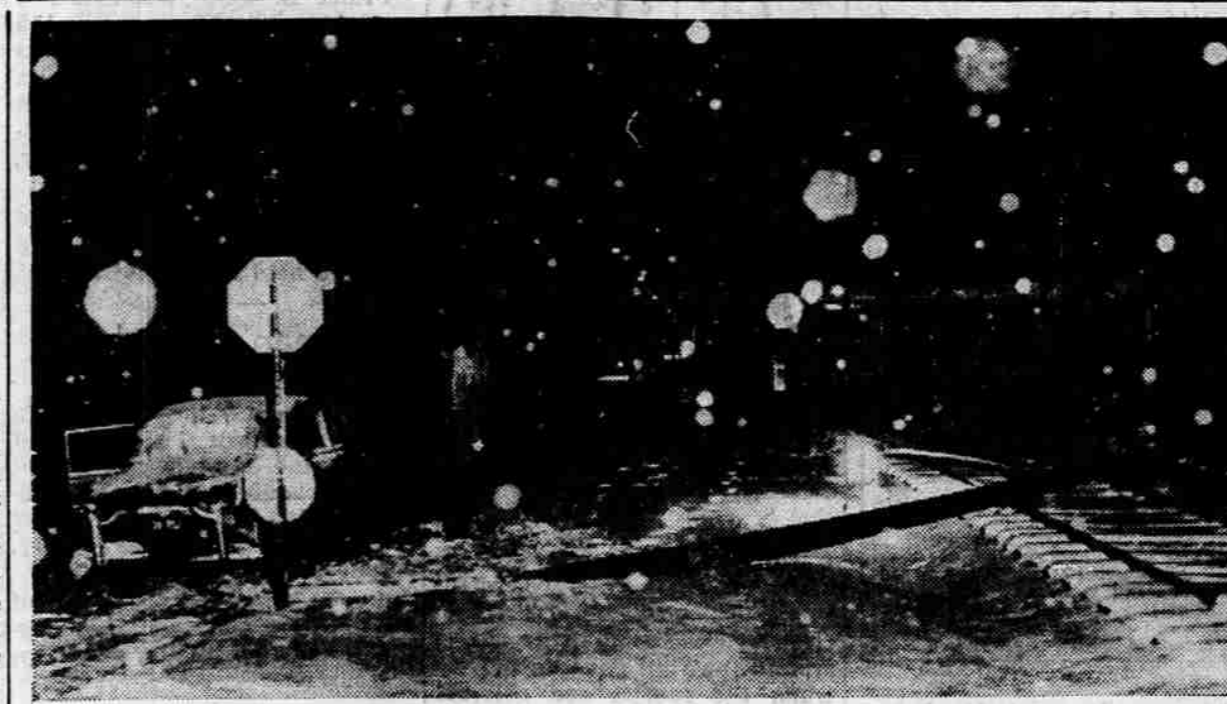
Honolulu — (U.P.) — The Navy and Coast Guard conducted an all-night air search for two men aboard a 48-foot fishing boat which sank early yesterday 75 miles northwest of Honolulu.

Aboard the boat, "Brothers," were Arthur Otness, the skipper, and his cousin, John Otness, both of Seattle. The boat is owned by the Kayler-Dahl Company of Seattle.

### Culprit Refuses Talk With Police Officers

Portland — (U.P.) — Two-year-old Johnny Doerr wasn't talking when Portland police picked him up while he was wandering around with a fistful of toys near his home yesterday afternoon.

But Johnny's brother, 18-year-old Robert, told police the little boy took it on the lam when he started to fill the bathtub with water.



**QUICK AS A FLASH!**—A possible tragedy was narrowly averted at this early morning scene. George Grant, Cleveland Press photographer on his way to work, stopped to photograph car at left that had skidded into utility pole knocking it across tracks at right. Clearing the approaching train, Grant turned, repeatedly flashed his camera strobe toward the train, enabling the motorman to stop the train in time. A passerby aided Grant by running up the tracks and waving in the light of the flashes.

## Truman Sees Loss Of Friends Through 'Fool Statements'

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman said today "fool statements by persons in high places" cost the United States friends in the conduct of this country's foreign policy.

But, he said, he is satisfied that all steps possible are being taken to free American flyers sentenced to prison in Red China on phony spy charges.

**Less Trouble for Ike**  
He also said he believed President Eisenhower will have less trouble with the incoming Congress than he had with the Republican-dominated Senate and House in the last Congress.

Mr. Truman, in a press conference kicking off a day of activities to be climaxed by a \$70-a-plate birthday dinner tonight, said the American foreign policy today is what was set up by his administration.

**Friends Said Lost**  
"The foreign policy is just what I set up," he said. "When you get right down to it, the foreign policy is just the same."

"But we lost a lot of friends by fool statements by persons in high places."

Mr. Truman was at Independence Hall at noon and presented Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay with a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted in 1785, to hang in the Hall.

## Lattimore Attorneys Seek Perjury Dismissal

Washington — (U.P.) — Attorneys for Owen Lattimore went before Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl today to seek dismissal of a second perjury indictment against the former State Department consultant.

The indictment charges Lattimore lied in denying to a Senate internal security subcommittee in 1951 that he was ever a "follower" or a "promoter" of Communist interests.

## Morse Attends Victory Dinner for Neuberger

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse attended a Democratic victory dinner celebrating the election of Richard L. Neuberger to the U. S. Senate Friday night, but the Oregon Independent did not say whether he would run in 1956 as an Independent or a Democrat.

However, Morse laughed and exchanged comment with Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland when Neuberger pledged to support Morse in 1956. The pledge brought a cheer from the 800 Democrats attending.

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film Director Busby Berkeley, 59, was arrested early today on a drunk charge when police said he was found asleep on a store doorstep.

Glendale, Ore. — (U.P.) — Ralph Brady, 38, of Azalea, was fatally crushed Friday when he was caught between a rolling log and a log truck.

## Republican Leaders Briefed on Coming Session of Congress

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson today gave special reports on foreign and military affairs to Republican legislative leaders gathered at the White House.

President Eisenhower called the GOP congressional leaders to the meeting for a full-dress review of the legislative program he will send to Congress next month.

Dulles discussed foreign affairs with the GOP leaders for 45 minutes and then Wilson took over for a briefing on the upcoming military needs of the nation.

**Long Briefing**  
Mr. Eisenhower was expected to spend most of the day briefing the top House and Senate Republicans on his legislative plans.

Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland predicted a "substantial amount of harmony" despite the party's deep differences over Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and the administration's far eastern policies.

But both Knowland and House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. declined to forecast the fate of the President's proposals until they have had a chance to study them in detail.

Mr. Eisenhower was expected at today's day-long session to give the leaders a tentative outline of the state of the union message he will send to the Democratic-controlled Congress in January. He also was expected to ask them for suggestions.

**Defense, Foreign Policies**  
Tuesday, the President and his aides will discuss national defense and foreign policies. For this, Democratic as well as Republican spokesmen from both houses have been invited.

Knowland said the new legislative program will not be as large as the 1953-54 recommendations since Congress already has put many of the President's proposals into effect.

The chief new item will call for an expanded economic aid program to combat Communism in the Far East. Mr. Eisenhower also is expected to ask Congress to postpone scheduled cuts in excise and corporation income taxes.

Legislative proposals left over from the 83rd Congress include revision of the Taft-Hartley Law, statehood for Hawaii, a health reinsurance program, 18-year old vote, postal rate increases, federal pay hikes, and reciprocal trade.

## Edward Condon Quits Post as Researcher

Corning, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Dr. Edward U. Condon has resigned as director of research and development for the Corning Glass Works because of the withdrawal of government security clearance last Oct. 21, the company announced today.

A company spokesman said Condon had already left by automobile for Berkeley, Calif., where he plans to make his home. He said he would remain available as a consultant in the company's "long-range program of fundamental research into the structure and property of glass."

## Road Conditions

Chains were needed today for automobile traveling to and from central Oregon by way of Diamond lake, according to state police.

Snow was falling in that area this morning, and the road in Crater Lake National park from Annie Spring to the rim was closed temporarily.

Although packed snow was reported on the Greensprings and Siskiyou mountains to the east and south, state police said chains were not required except by vehicles pulling trailers.

United Press reported that chains are advised at Willamette Pass, Chemult, Bly and McKenzie Pass.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fog or low overcast tonight and Tuesday until about noon. Partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon. Continued cool. Low tonight 30. High Tuesday 42-44.  
Temp. 39  
Prec. 34  
Highest yesterday 39  
Lowest this morning 34  
To 4:30 a.m. today 25

## Peiping Indicates Overtures Will Meet Rejection

### Britain Stands Behind United Nations Effort

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Red China angrily accused the United Nations today of interfering in the Communist regime's affairs by authorizing Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to try to arrange the release of 11 American airmen jailed there as "spies."

Radio Peiping, official voice of Red China, indicated that the outcast Communist government would reject any overtures made by Hammarskjold on behalf of the fliers.

Red China's reaction came after Britain's U.N. Delegate Anthony Nutting said his government stands "four-square" behind United States and United Nations' efforts to gain release of the airmen.

The Peiping broadcast, quoting from an editorial in the official Peiping Peoples Daily, said the United States goaded the U.N. General Assembly into taking action, which it called "illegal and unjust."

**Peiping Criticizes U.N.**  
It said the United Nations "has no right to interfere with China's sentencing of American spies."

"The banner of the United Nations cannot cover up the United States crime of airdropping spies in China," Radio Peiping said "no matter what means are taken, the civilized world knows what the truth is."

The broadcast did not refer to Hammarskjold's cabled request for a Dec. 26 meeting in Peiping with Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai.

Hammarskjold's message left New York at 5:08 p. m. last Friday, slightly more than an hour after the General Assembly had requested by a 47-5 vote that he negotiate for the fliers' release. The message was traced to Shanghai at 6 p. m. Friday. From there it was expected to be forwarded to Peiping.

**Strong Reaction Seen**  
The Red Chinese tirade against the United Nations was expected to bring strong reaction from free world diplomats.

Red China's attitude, in view of her repeated attempts to get into the United Nations, puzzled Western diplomats.

They could not understand why the Peiping regime chose to announce the sentences imposed on the Americans at a time when the Soviet Union was speaking softly of "peaceful co-existence."

These diplomats believed that a rejection by Chou of Hammarskjold's overtures would end all of China's hopes for membership in the United Nations.

## Sabrejets Crash In Air Near Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash. — (U.P.) — Two Sabrejet interceptors crashed in the Olympia peninsula west of here yesterday. The pilot of one plane was killed and the other was missing and presumed dead, also, the Air Force said.

The pilots of the two planes, who were on a routine weather reconnaissance mission from McChord AFB near here, were identified as Lt. James L. Teeslink, 25, of Oakland, Calif., and 2nd Lt. Donald L. Mootry, 24, of Salem, Ore. Both men were single.

The planes crashed almost simultaneously and it was believed they collided in the air. They were flying in formation, the Air Force said. The wreckage of both planes were found a half mile apart in brushy, logged over land 12 miles west of here.

## 'Dear John' Letter Results in Suicide

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The coroner's office reported today that Marine Sgt. Eibert Louis Crumbly, 20, of Davenport, Fla., apparently jumped to his death from the 11th floor of the Marine Memorial building because of a "Dear John" letter.

Crumbly, the coroner's office said, had been "heart-sick" since receiving a letter in Korea from his parents disclosing that his girl friend had married in his absence.

## County's School Districts Receive State Local Funds

Jackson county school districts received payments from both the state basic school support fund and county school fund this month, according to the county school superintendent's office.

The basic fund payment totaled \$436,443.64 and the county fund, \$105,144.71. The basic payment was the second received for the 1954-55 school year with Medford receiving the largest share, \$115,978.34. This payment brought the year's total to about 70 per cent of the money to be paid the county's districts during the year.

Basic fund money is appropriated by the state legislature at \$80 per census child. Apportionment among the counties is through grants-in-aid and an equalization system. The grants include \$500 for each teacher or each 4,200 of daily membership, whichever is the smaller; 20 for each daily membership; a proportionate share of 30 per cent of the fund based on total daily membership of the schools and on transportation (about one or two cents a mile). The balance of the fund is equalized with the use of two variables, an increase in assessed valuation and decrease in county ratio of participation.

Supt. Alf Mekvold stated that this distribution has increased each year since the law was in effect, with the remainder being kept until the end of the year when the balance is distributed on a straight basis. The equalization decrease is shown by Jackson county which received \$225,900.84 in 1950 and only \$69,091.90 for 1954.

The county fund money was obtained by a levy by the county court and is distributed on the basis of \$100 for each district and subdistrict, with the balance apportioned among the total number of children resident in each district between four and 20 years.

## Dulles To Seek French Support

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will fly to Paris tomorrow to try to bolster French support for German rearmament in the face of a crescendo of threats from Moscow.

Dulles is said to be worried about the effect recent Soviet propaganda may have on the showdown vote coming up in the French assembly on ratification of the Allied plan for freeing and rearming West Germany.

There is a feeling here that the Russians are actually resigned to German rearmament. But officials believe the plan may have a narrow squeak in the French Parliament and are anxious to prevent Russian wiles from tipping the scales in favor of its rejection.

Dulles will confer with French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in advance of the North Atlantic Council meeting in Paris Friday.

The council is expected to approve a broad defense program putting more emphasis on airpower, improved training of ground troops, better equipment and more ammunition, and the strengthening of reserve forces.

## More Donors Needed For Bloodmobile Visit

More donor appointments are needed for the Wednesday visit of the Bloodmobile blood collection unit in Medford, it was reported today. This morning only 83 appointments had been made, and 300 donors are needed.

The Bloodmobile will be in Medford Wednesday from 1 to 6 p. m. at the Medford Elks temple. Appointments may be made by telephoning Medford 3-3813.

Approximately 160 appointments have been made for the Rogue River visit of the unit on Tuesday. The Bloodmobile will be in Rogue River from 2 to 6 p. m. at the Grange hall. Appointments for the Rogue River visit may be made by telephoning Juniper 2-3675.

## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 389.79, up 0.29; 20 railroads 136.45, up 0.58; 15 utilities 61.38, up 0.06; 65 stocks 144.01, up 0.14. Sales today were about 2,750,000 shares, compared with 3,250,000 shares Friday.

## Chiefs of Staff of NATO Nations Open Conferences on Use of Atomic Weapons

Paris — (U.P.) — The chiefs of staff of 14 NATO nations met today in the first of a week-long series of urgent conferences that will blueprint the use of atomic weapons in the defense of Western Europe.

The decisions to be taken by the chiefs of staff and by the full NATO Council of Ministers on Friday and Saturday will be among the most vital in the five-year history of NATO.

**To Provide Framework**  
The meetings will provide the framework for an important separate session of the Western Big Three on Thursday to chart Western strategy for Soviet Russia's increasingly tough line against German rearmament.

The 14 chiefs of staff, who form the NATO Military Committee, already have approved a report recommending a change over to atomic age organization and strategy to meet any Communist invasion.

**Touchy Question**  
But the use of atomic weapons is such a touchy political question that the final word must rest with the full NATO Council of Ministers. Several nations already have raised worried questions.

The use of atomic weapons is a controversial milestone in the history of Western defense, for NATO was formed originally to provide a bulwark of men and conventional weapons against a

Communist threat. Now the NATO Council must decide how and when the West will unleash its dread nuclear weapons against any Communist invader and whether the Allied supreme commander must wait for political approval.

**Approval Expected**  
Authoritative sources predicted that the careful and common sense plans strongly recommended by military leaders will in the end win approval without difficulty. And high officials flatly denied reports of basic disagreement on whether military commanders could use atomic weapons on their own responsibility.

