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FORECAST: Scattered showers of rain and snow through today, with decreasing activity tonight. High today 40, low tonight 20.

Highest Yesterday	42
Lowest Yesterday	30
To 9 p.m. Yesterday	31

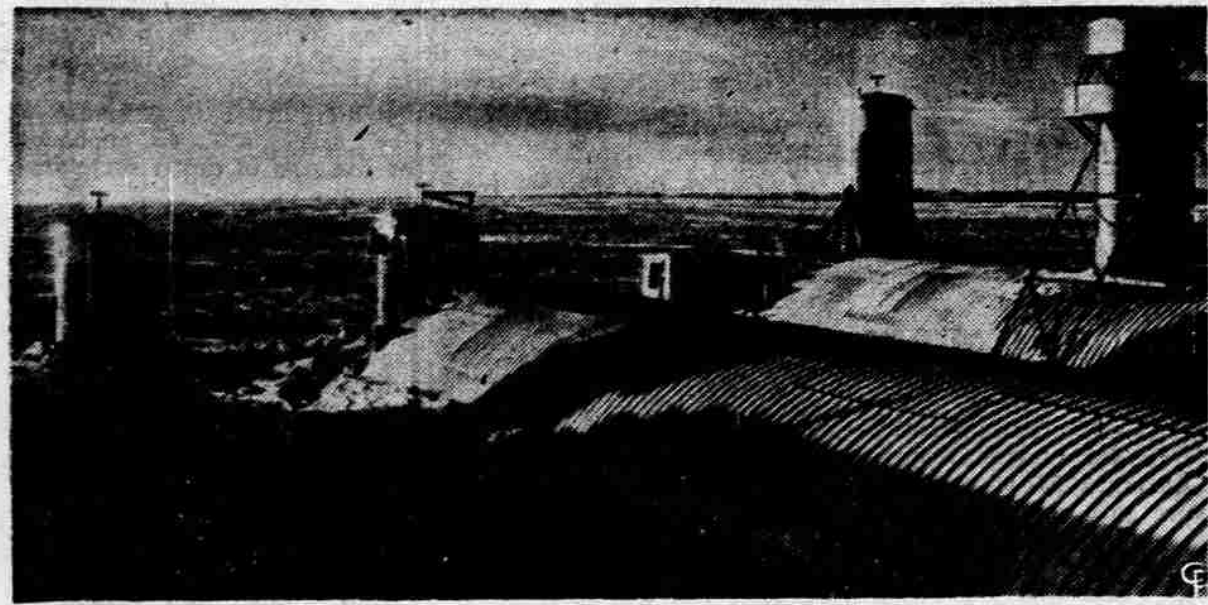
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DESIGNED TO SINK slowly into Greenland's polar icecap, these tubular buildings, 18 feet in diameter, were constructed by Army Engineers for U. S. Air Force. Vertical entrance towers are increased in height as structures work way into snow and ice. (International Soundphoto)

Air Crash Kills 28; Three Americans Die

Prestwick, Scotland — (U.P.) — Three passengers going to their homes in the United States for Christmas were listed last night among the 28 who died in the flaming wreckage of a British Stratocruiser here early Saturday.

Seven crewmen and one passenger survived the holocaust. The giant plane, flying from London to New York, dropped down through the murk and cracked up on the runway, bursting into flames.

Among the victims were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mayland of Evanston, Ill., and Kenneth Davidson, 49, a Briton who lived in Bronxville, N.Y. A former world amateur badminton champion, Davidson was returning from a badminton promotion tour of Malaya and India.

GOP Determined To Avoid Fight On Sen. McCarthy

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Republican policy makers are determined to avoid a fight over Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's committee assignments in the new Congress, despite the threats of Sen.-Elect Clifford P. Case, (R-N.J.).

Even if Case follows through with his announced plan to deprive McCarthy of all assignments, he is headed for certain failure, Republican sources said Saturday.

Behind the scenes, key GOP senators are expected to urge Case not to make the try—partly for the sake of party harmony but mainly because he faces sure defeat.

Case has said he would demand a senate vote on all committee assignments for McCarthy. He took this position after the Wisconsin Republican tried to bring about his defeat in the recent New Jersey election.

McCarthy holds seats on the government operations committee, of which he is chairman, and also on the appropriations and rules committees. Under the new Senate alignment when the Democrats take over Jan. 5, he may have to forfeit one of his seats.

McCarthy's permanent investigating subcommittee is under government operations. No change expected.

Although McCarthy has not included what committees he will request, he is expected to remain on the government operations and appropriations groups and possibly relinquish rules, to which he was assigned only recently.

In announcing his plans, Case apparently overlooked the fact that the congressional reorganization act requires each senator to serve on two committees. Some senior senators get three posts.

Snow Falls Locally During Christmas Day

It was almost a white Christmas in the Rogue valley yesterday.

Snow started falling in the vicinity of Medford early Saturday morning, and by 8:30 a.m. had whitened much of the ground, sticking to the tops of cars and buildings. It almost got deep enough in spots to throw snowballs. The airport reported 4 of an inch.

But a bright sun which came out quickly melted it away. Throughout the day, a snow pattern continued in the valley in spots and moved on or just "pettered" out, weather forecasters reported. At about 5 p.m., eastsiders reported about one inch of snow, although there was none laying in the downtown area at the time.

The weather bureau's forecast for today was for more of the same with snow and rain mixed at times, and decreasing shower activity tonight. It will be about a cool 20 degrees early Monday morning.

Youth Arraigned in Court on Charge of Assault, Robbery

Lyle Vernon Doty, 16, of 1125 Maple Park dr., was arraigned in district court Friday on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

He was committed to the county jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail. He is charged with holding up Wallace Stearns, a Grants Pass merchant, and stealing his delivery truck Thursday afternoon. Stearns turned the complaint.

Had Prior Record

District Attorney Walter Nunley said the teenager will be prosecuted on the criminal complaint, and not be referred to juvenile court. He has a prior record of trouble with the police, Nunley said.

In addition to the crime of which he is accused in Stearns' complaint, Doty is also alleged to have held up the family of Allen Gueches, on the Old Stage rd. southeast of Jacksonville, threatening members of the family group including a baby, stealing Gueches' car and attempting to steal another one, according to Nunley and police reports.

Had Loaded Pistol

He was armed with a Luger-type, loaded pistol, which he is believed to have stolen from a house in the Medford area. He was finally arrested by Officer Frank Sanders of the Grants Pass state police office, who was assigned to search for the armed theft suspect.

District Judge Rawles Moore gave young Doty until Monday to obtain counsel.

U. S. Said Putting Pressure on France

Moscow — (U.P.) — Soviet newspapers accused the United States Saturday of putting flagrant and unprecedented pressure on the German rearmament treaties.

The government organ Izvestia said Premier Pierre Mendes-France was devoting the Assembly recess to "blackmailing deputies" into reversing their Friday morning vote against rearmament.

"Flagrant pressure continues to be exerted on deputies from Washington and London," Izvestia said. "The attempt to make it appear that the Paris agreement can count on public support in France clearly has failed."

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Cars driven by Guy W. Gellopey, 20, Eagle Point, and Jack William Spaur, 21, Central Point, collided at the junction of Beall lane and Freeland rd. Friday, state police said. Both cars were extensively damaged, but no injuries were reported.

Six Fire Calls

City firemen answered six minor calls up to Christmas evening. They were all fire fires with damage generally confined to the area adjacent to the fire.

Yesterday six trucks were dispatched to five locations as follows: 9:28 a.m., 136 Willamette ave.; 10:42 a.m., 123 Highland dr.; 11:40 a.m., 841 Palm st.; 12:17 p.m., 704 North Central ave. and 12:36 p.m., 1534 Ridgeway. The other call was at 1507 East Main st., where a fire fire was reported at 2:26 p.m. Friday.

In most cases, firemen stood by while the fires burned out in the flames. Excess burning of paper wrappings was cited as the cause of several of the fires.

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL REACHES 221; AUTO ACCIDENT RATE HIGH

Death—instead of Santa Claus—visited many American homes Saturday.

Traffic accidents and fires were taking a frightful toll of lives as the nation celebrated Christmas day in unseasonably mild weather.

The number of accidental deaths mounted to 221, a United Press tabulation showed at 11 p.m. (EST), in a count that began at 6 p.m. Friday.

Of these 189 were killed in what the National Safety council called "needless slaughter" on the nation's streets and highways. Fires killed 22 persons, including a mother and 10 children gathered for a Christmas party in Parkin, Arkansas. Plane crashes killed two and eight died as a result of miscellaneous accidents.

Michigan had 15 deaths in traffic, California 14, Ohio 11, Missouri 10, Pennsylvania 9, and Texas 8.

Small Child Hurt In Siskiyou Crash; Two Other Mishaps

An 8-month-old boy was hospitalized in Ashland with two broken legs Christmas eve, following an auto accident in the Siskiyou mountains.

There were a few other less serious accidents Christmas eve and Christmas day. Otherwise, however, the two days were mostly uneventful in Jackson county.

The baby was Rafael E. Gutierrez Jr., who was traveling with his parents, of Compton, Calif. His legs were broken above the knee and his 28-year-old father was also hospitalized for observation following the accident.

Collide Head-On

State police said the Gutierrez car was hit head-on by one driven by Reuben Swetzig, 35, Vancouver, Wash., when Swetzig put on his brakes to avoid striking a third car. Swetzig was driving south behind a snowplow when the unidentified car pulled out to pass. He braked and his car skidded and spun across the highway, on the packed snow, hitting the Gutierrez car head-on. Swetzig, his wife, Helen, 30, and their daughter, Priscilla, 11, suffered cuts about the face.

Both cars were removed by a wrecker. Officers said the accident happened at about 3:05 p.m. Friday.

Pinned Under Car

Daniel Neil Morris, 17, of 3423 Madrona lane, Medford, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Perl ambulance early Christmas morning after he was thrown from a car and then pinned under it when it skidded and hit a power pole at the junction of Court st. and Central ave., according to city police. Driver was Jack Eugene Morris, 23, of the same address.

The younger Morris' injury was to his right hip, and was not serious. He was released at noon yesterday. The car was towed away.

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Dulles, President In Close Touch on French Situation

Ike Interrupts Holiday for Talks

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower discussed French opposition to German rearmament with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by telephone for the third time Saturday and planned to "keep in very close touch" with the current French parliamentary crisis.

Mr. Eisenhower interrupted his enjoyment of a quiet Christmas at the "Winter" White House on the edge of the famed Augusta National Golf course for the telephone conference and also to get in several hours of work on other matters of state.

Concerns France

The White House staff said only that the discussion concerned France, apparently the latest reports from the U. S. Embassy in Paris on a scheduled vote Monday in the French Chamber of Deputies.

The President and Dulles, who remained in Washington, will stay "in very close touch," the White House said. Dulles may possibly be asked by Mr. Eisenhower to come here for a conference if the chamber of deputies votes against German rearmament.

The French crisis also was discussed by the President and Dulles in two telephone conferences Friday.

Number of Business Firms in City Up 28 Pct. Since '48

The number of business firms in Medford has increased 28 percent during the past five years, according to figures released by Dun & Bradstreet.

The figures do not include some service and professional establishments, such as real estate brokers, barber and beauty shops, stock brokers, etc.

J. Harry White, manager of Dun & Bradstreet's Portland office, reports that in 1948 there were 577 businesses listed in Medford and the count, as of November, 1954, was 742.

County Up 25%

Jackson county showed a growth of approximately 25 percent on the same basis. Increases for other cities in the county included Ashland, 6 percent, and Rogue River, nearly 20 percent.

The figures are included in Dun & Bradstreet's November Reference book. Six editions of the book are published annually, plus smaller state editions in January and July.

Credit reports are prepared through information furnished by businessmen, plus data gathered from suppliers, bank, court-house records, and other sources. On the basis of the credit report, ratings are assigned and listings made in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference book.

Major Fight Slated in New Congress on Foreign Affairs

Washington — (U.P.) — A major fight early in the new Democratic-controlled congress became a certainty Saturday when President Eisenhower revealed he will renew his request for a foreign trade program carrying broad tariff-cutting powers.

Most Democrats will support the request and one high-ranking party leader said it will be the first important legislation passed. But Republicans are badly split over being put to the test of supporting the president when the voting showdown comes.

The little White House at Augusta, Ga., announced Mr. Eisenhower will send congress a special message on Jan. 10 asking for a three-year renewal of the reciprocal trade program, along with authority to cut tariffs as much as 15 percent over the three-year span.

Democrats tried to win approval of the bill in the Republican-dominated 83rd congress



MODERN MATA — Irmgard Margarethe Schmidt, 24, is led away by Berlin policeman after she was sentenced to five years for spying for Russia. The modern Mata Hari pleaded guilty in U. S. High Commission court.

Draftees Scheduled For Early Release During Next Year

Washington — (U.P.) — The Army plans to release thousands of draftees ahead of schedule next year to carry out the sharp manpower cut ordered by the White House, officials revealed Saturday.

Other steps in the cutback include early release of some reserve officers, extended deferment from active duty of reserve officers training corps graduates, and the already announced reduction in monthly draft calls from 20,000 to 11,000.

Cut Already Ordered

President Eisenhower recently directed a 243,000-man cut in the Army by next summer. This will reduce strength to 1,100,000 men or 73,000 more than planned until a few weeks ago. The Army also was ordered to cut out an additional 100,000 by mid-1956, leveling off at 1,000,000.

Military sources said it is a certainty the Army can not now man the 24 divisions announced as its goal last Sept. 29. They foresee only 19 or 20 divisions but said the exact number still must be worked out.

Pre-Release Policy

Under present plans, all two-year draftees completing 23 months service next May will be released at that time. Those completing 22 months in June will be released then. This "pre-release" policy will prevail for several months in fiscal 1956, starting next July 1.

From next March to September, the Army also plans to release reserve officers serving their first 24-month tour after they complete only 21 months. Exceptions are chaplains, medical officers and women officers.

Men overseas will be brought home in time for separation under the new schedule.

Future of French Government, Part In WDA at Stake

Communists Call For Demonstrations

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Communist leaders Saturday waged a grim tug of war for votes on German rearmament which will decide the fate of France's government and role in the western defense alliance.

The French Reds pounced gleefully on the national assembly vote against rearmament early Friday, and busied themselves shoring it up against the reversal sought by Mendes-France.

It was a bleak and busy Christmas day in French politics.

The showdown was near. Monday afternoon the wavering assembly will vote again — this time for keeps — on ratifying the Paris accords on rearming West Germany.

Coalition in Balance

At least two votes of confidence and possibly a third will have Mendes-France's government riding on the outcome. And the ominous reaction in Washington and London made it plain the anti-Communist coalition as now constituted also was in the balance.

To continue his short but spectacular career as premier, Mendes-France must convince some of the deputies who deserted him or some of the 73 who abstained early Friday to change their votes on Monday. On that he was working like a Trojan.

On the other hand, the Communists kicked off a drive to block any reversal of the vote against rearmament and send it down to final defeat.

Ask Demonstrations

The French Reds mounted their campaign on all the fronts where they had shock troops. They called for nationwide demonstrations and for delegations to descend on the national assembly Monday.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labor, the largest union in the country, ordered its members to get out organizing "various actions" — anything, anywhere — against the Paris accords.

Most non-Communist newspapers urged the deputies to live up to their responsibilities and vote for rearmament on the second go round to save France from the isolation threatened by Anglo-American reaction to the negative ballot.

Mendes-France and his supporters were toiling behind the scenes to muster the necessary votes in an assembly where the elected representatives of the people have rejected German rearmament twice in four months.

Democrats Plan To Review Policies

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats in the new Congress plan to aim some of their biggest investigative guns at President Eisenhower's patronage and civil service policies.

This may mean an all-out review of the entire federal employee and security risk programs, party spokesmen said Saturday. And out of it may come moves to tighten the civil service laws.

The Democrats are determined to get the facts, if they can, on what many consider loose Republican charges during the recent election campaign about the number of "security risks" they removed from the federal payroll.

But a companion target will be GOP efforts to replace Democrats with Republicans in many jobs previously protected by civil service.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.), who is being mentioned as chairman of an investigating subcommittee on civil service, said he thinks the Senate Civil Service committee must find out if the "jobs for deserving Republicans" program "violates the letter as well as the spirit of the law."