

Mendes-France Wins Important Support

Flames Raze Six California Factories, Warehouses

Homes Threatened As High Winds Fan \$2,500,000 Blaze

Four Firemen Injured; Glow Seen for 35 Miles

Fullerton, Calif. — (U.P.) — Fire, fanned by high winds, swept through six factories and warehouses in a two-block area early today and caused an estimated \$2,500,000 damage.

Four firemen were injured fighting the flames. In addition to the six business structures destroyed, a half dozen private homes were threatened by the fire which broke out only a block from the main Fullerton shopping area.

Glow Seen 35 Miles Away
Firemen from eight neighboring communities helped battle the fire. Its glow was visible for 35 miles.

The fire broke out shortly before dawn at the American Fruit Growers' packing plant. Winds spread the flames quickly. They jumped to a garment factory, from there to a soft water company and then to the Edgington Citrus Co., which packs "Minute Maid" and "Real Gold" orange juice concentrates. Also hit by the fire was a cold storage company warehouse.

Area Roped Off
Authorities roped off an eight block area, which was endangered by falling debris from the razed buildings.

The injured firemen were Dave Smith, assistant fire chief of Fullerton; C. E. Heard, Santa Ana; Charles Day, Fullerton, and James Farrell, state Division of Forestry.

Temperature Drops To Two-Year Low

The Medford vicinity this morning experienced its coldest temperature in more than two years but a warmer trend was foreseen for tomorrow.

The reading at the weather station at the Medford airport was 16 degrees above zero. That was the coldest since a 15 degree temperature on Nov. 28, 1952.

Today's low was reached around sunrise at a little after 7:30 a.m. Temperature dropped to 17 between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., rose to 20 around 5:30 a.m. then dropped again, the weather bureau reported.

Slightly warmer temperatures are foreseen for tonight and Thursday with a low reading of 22 to 25 predicted. Considerable high cloudiness forecast for tonight is expected to thicken and lower tomorrow.

Eisenhower's Former Math Teacher Dies

Norristown, Pa. — (U.P.) — Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mrs. Elinor Seymour Perry, 80, a former teacher who taught mathematics to President Eisenhower in summer school at Abilene, Kan.

Mrs. Perry, a native of Chicago, died at her home in Perkinville Saturday.

Boy Admits Burglary While On Leave From State School

State and city police were checking today on a Medford burglary and a larceny on Highway 99 south that occurred over the week end.

A 15-year-old Medford boy admitted to city police yesterday that he burglarized a residence at 815 Pine st. of clothing items Saturday evening.

He said he entered the residence of Ida M. Bryant and took a small suitcase which he filled with seven dresses, five blouses and one small doll, all valued at not over \$25.

Earlier, the youth, accompanied by his mother, appeared at the police station and admitted an illegal entry in the residence at 330 Edwards st., from which nothing was reported missing. The mother reported that the boy was on vacation from MacLaren Training school for Boys at Woodburn.

State police arrested two men yesterday and booked them in the county jail on a charge of larceny. The charge involved theft of candy from machines and tools from the Kogal Lumber company early Sunday. The men, described as transients, were Luther Clayton Baker, 57, formerly of Shelby, Mont., and Frederick Joseph Nettekoven, 48, no address. A specific charge will be filed against them in district court later, state police said.

Plans Investigation
In other criminal matters, District Attorney Walter Nunley

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McCarthy Presses Two-Prong Attack On China Policy

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R - Wis.) pressed a two-pronged attack today against the administration's policy toward Red China.

In his first public statement since breaking with the administration Dec. 7, McCarthy:

1. Renewed his demand that U. S. aid to nations which trade with Red China be cut off and said he will do a "lot of public speaking" to win support on this point.

2. Called on the administration to give Chiang Kai-shek a free hand in attacking the "soft underbelly" of the China mainland.

Nationalists Need Action

McCarthy said Chiang's Nationalist forces will "wither on the vine" if they are not allowed to see action in assaulting the mainland. He said such an attack would have good chance of success without American manpower.

"I thought it was wrong under the Truman administration and I think it's still wrong," he said. "I don't think the change in administration has changed the morals of the situation."

Referring to the 11 U.S. airmen jailed by Red China on spy charges McCarthy said, "The question is whether we have the same duty to our uniformed men as they owe to their country. If so, we should not be supplying the economic sinews of war to their captors."

Britain 'Chief Offenders'

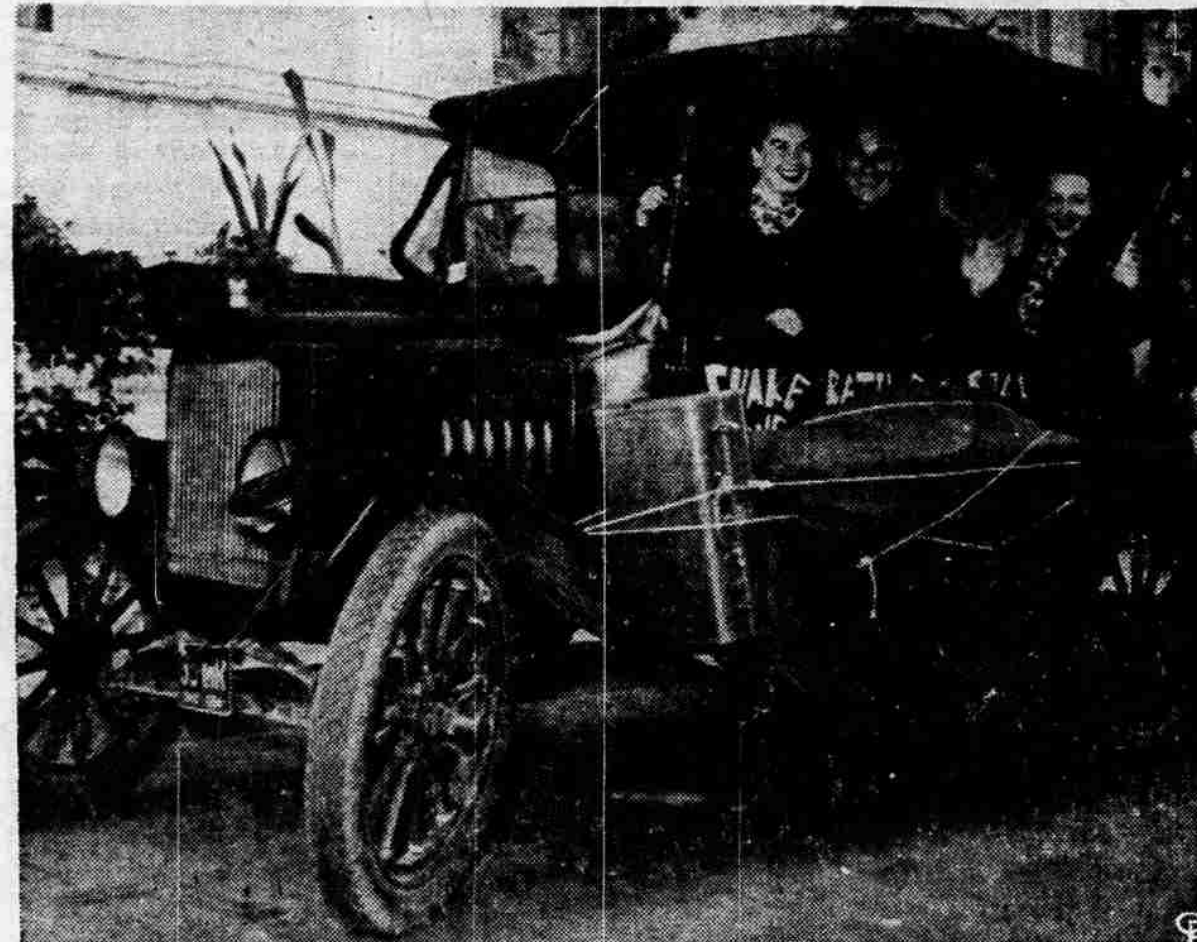
McCarthy said that while he had no statistics at hand, Britain is the "chief offender" in trading with Red China. He added, however, that there also were other "major offenders." He did not identify them.

McCarthy attributed the alleged recent increase in shipments to Red China to an agreement reached with Britain and France last summer by Foreign Operations Administrator Harold E. Stassen. It provided for the removal of certain goods from the strategic list.

Effect Being Felt

McCarthy said that while the agreement had been in operation for some months, the "real effect is being felt now. Naturally, I feel very strongly about it."

He said the Battle Act, intended to penalize countries which ship behind the Iron Curtain, is being administered "very, very badly." The act provides for a cut-off of U.S. aid to such nations unless the President deems a continuation of aid in the national interest.



LITTLE THE WORSE FOR WEAR, these Ohio State fans arrive in Pasadena for Rose Bowl game after "covered wagon" trip from Columbus in 35-year-old Model T Ford. Driver is C. Malcolm Riggie, who sits with wife. Passengers are J. Alfred Shuman and Mrs. Shuman. (International)

Formal Opening of New First National Building Jan. 10

Formal opening of the new building for the Medford Branch of the First National Bank of Portland has been set for Monday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., it was announced today.

The new \$500,000 building, now nearing completion, is located on Main st. at Front st., a half block west of the old bank building. The new structure is more than three times the size of the present branch bank quarters in Medford, and incorporates modern banking features.

Features Listed

These features include two drive-in banking windows, a large parking lot at the rear of the building, additional teller windows, more safe deposit boxes in a larger vault and modern rift oak fixtures throughout.

Plans for the all-day open house include flowers for women visitors, and refreshments for all guests. Organ music will be played from the lobby of the bank by Mark A. Green, organist at Rogue Valley Country club.

The new building is of reinforced concrete construction, finished in Roman brick veneer and dark granite. It was constructed by Reimers and Jolliffe, Portland contractors, and plans were prepared by Church, Newberry, and Roehr.

President Sets Date To Submit Budget

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower decided today to submit his new budget to Congress Jan. 17.

He will send his report on the national economy to the House and Senate Jan. 20.

At these decisions were made the President kept close touch with the voting today in the French Chamber of Deputies. He talked by telephone with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The chief executive spent most of the morning in conference with Dr. Gabriel Hauge, his personal economic adviser, and Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Tiny Lipari Islands Shaken by Earthquake

Messina, Sicily — (U.P.) — A sustained and violent earthquake rocked the tiny Lipari Islands off the north coast of Sicily today, collapsing houses and spreading panic among the poverty ridden inhabitants.

First reports said at least 20 islanders were injured and scores of houses partially destroyed.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 393.88 off 3.27; 20 railroads 143.84 off 0.92; 15 utilities 61.37 off 0.14, and 65 stocks 147.03 off .98. Sales today were about 2,970,000 shares compared with 3,310,000 shares Thursday.

Week End Accidents Claim Seven Lives On Oregon Highways

By UNITED PRESS

At least seven persons were killed in Oregon in highway accidents during the Christmas holiday week end and one died in a traffic mishap in southeastern Washington.

Icy pavements were blamed for six of the Oregon fatalities, including four persons who died when their automobile plunged down a 800-foot canyon in the Hart mountain wildlife refuge in Lake county.

The victims in Oregon's worst single holiday tragedy were identified by Lake county Coroner Leverett Osterman as Jerry Barry Sr., 59, a Plush rancher; Mrs. Charlotte Reichert, 48, Lakeview; Mrs. Gene Miller, French Glen, and Mrs. Miriam Colford, 42, Burns.

Bodies Found Sunday

The party had left Barry's ranch Christmas morning for a drive which ended when their car skidded on the ice-glazed road and plunged down the canyon about 55 miles from Lakeview. The bodies and the demolished automobile were not found until Sunday afternoon by Norman Minnick, an employee of the refuge.

Howard Lionel Magnus, 24, Newberg, died about 3 a.m. Sunday when his car skidded into a power pole on Highway 99-W about a half mile west of Six Corners. The pole was severed and service to some customers in the area was interrupted for a time.

Mrs. Grace Evans, 45, Tienan, was drowned Christmas morning when her automobile skidded off the road and plunged into the Siuslaw river about 11 miles east of Florence. Her body was recovered Sunday.

Clarence A. Eakin, 59, of Bridgeport, Wash., was drowned and his wife injured when their car skidded off the Pacific highway down a 100-foot bank and into a drainage ditch in north Kelso. Mrs. Eakin was taken to Cowlitz General hospital in Longview where attendants said she suffered from shock and a broken arm. The Eakins formerly lived in Salem.

Cold Weather Delays Annex Concrete Work

Freezing weather was delaying pouring of concrete for the floors of the new courthouse annex today, according to the building inspector.

The floor slabs, which are relatively thin compared to other concrete work, cannot be poured in freezing weather because of cracking danger.

Steel workers were busy today completing stud wall work.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable high cloudiness tonight, thickening and lowering Tuesday. Slightly warmer. Low tonight 22-25. High Tuesday 42.

Highest yesterday	42
Lowest this morning	16

370 Dead Counted In Traffic Mishaps On Nation's Roads

Death Toll Matches Pre-Holiday Estimate

By UNITED PRESS
Traffic accidents during the Christmas week and brought death to 370 persons, exceeding the prediction of safety experts and hitting a new record high for a two-day Christmas period, a final count showed today.

By UNITED PRESS
The number of dead in Christmas week and traffic accidents hit 370 today, exactly matching the pre-holiday estimate of safety experts.

With reports of deaths still coming in, a United Press tabulation showed that 370 persons died in highway crashes during the period from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Fires Claim 51

Fifty-one others died in fires, two in airplane mishaps and 44 in miscellaneous types of accidents to give the nation an overall total of 467 accidental deaths.

California reported 35 fatalities in traffic, Texas 31, Illinois and Pennsylvania 22 apiece, Ohio 20, Michigan and New York 19, and Florida and North Carolina 15 apiece.

Safety Council President Ned H. Dearborn said his organization "got a Christmas present it didn't want when the nation's drivers and pedestrians proved the council's pre-holiday estimate of 370 traffic deaths so tragically accurate."

Bloody Celebration

"This is a bloody way to celebrate a holiday dedicated to peace on earth, good will toward men," he said.

"We can only hope that the shock of this toll will result in greater care, courtesy and common sense in traffic over the New Year's holiday."

The traffic toll recorded today was the worst on record for a two-day Christmas week end since the council began keeping records after World War II.

More Automobiles

However, a council spokesman pointed out that the previous mark of 286 was set in 1948 when the post-war automobile shortage resulted in comparatively fewer cars on highways and streets.

Few parts of the nation had a white Christmas, and the generally mild weather helped crowd the highways with holiday travelers.

Temperatures Frigid East of Cascades

Portland — (U.P.) — It was cold in western Oregon last night, but it was frigid in eastern Oregon.

Coldest temperatures of the season so far were recorded east of the Cascades with Baker leading the iceberg parade with 12 degrees below zero. It was one below at Burns, 4 above at Klamath Falls, 5 at Bend and 7 at Redmond and Ontario.

Lows of 10 below zero were forecast for tonight in some high valleys.

In western Oregon the thermometer dropped to 18 above at Medford, 27 at Eugene and 28 at Salem. It was 32 in downtown Portland.

Forecasters said the weather would moderate in western Oregon as a new Pacific storm moves toward the state.

Six-Year-Old Gets No. 1 Bike License

Six-year-old Ralph T. Fuget, 914 Losier lane, was the "lucky winner" today when he drew the No. 1 Medford bicycle license for 1955.

The annual drawing for the first 100 bicycle license numbers was held this morning with youngsters hoping for the prized numbers of one, 50 or 100, police reported.

Carole Jane Norwood, 1620 East Jackson st., drew No. 50 and No. 100 was drawn this morning but not picked up yet by the small boy. Only about half of the first 100 numbers were drawn by 10:30 a.m., officials added.

Police expect at least as many licenses to be issued in 1955 as last year's 2,108.

Frank J. Newman Dies; Was Former District Attorney

Frank J. Newman, 80, of Meridian rd., who was Jackson county district attorney from 1936 through 1940 and a Medford resident for 46 years, died yesterday at a local hospital. Mr. Newman had been in ill health for about two years.

Masonic funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Perl Funeral home, with the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment, which will be private, will be at Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Newman was born Sept. 1, 1874, in Vernon county, Wis. He attended Fargo State college, Fargo, N. D., and was graduated from the University of Minnesota school of law in 1902.

A veteran of the Spanish American war, Mr. Newman served in the Philippine islands.

On Oct. 11, 1902, in Breckenridge, Minn., Mr. Newman was married to Alta A. Beeson, who preceded him in death three years ago.

Mr. Newman was a 32nd degree Mason, a past potentate of Hillside Temple of the Shrine, a charter member and past president of Medford Rotary club; past commander of the Medford Order of Spanish American War Veterans, and a member of the state bar associations in Oregon, Minnesota, and North Dakota, and the American Bar association.

Survivors include four children, Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, Millbrae, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Reichstein, Medford; Mrs. Marion Alexander, Springfield, Ore.; and D. B. Newman, Grants Pass; a sister, Mrs. Reed Terdick, Roseburg; a brother, Ed Newman, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Neuberger Leaves For National Capitol

Portland — (U.P.) — United States Senator-elect Richard L. Neuberger left Portland yesterday on the City of Portland streamliner for the first leg of his trip to the national capital.

Following his 42nd birthday celebration Sunday, Neuberger went to the station where relatives, friends and supporters saw him off.

Neuberger said most of his all-Oregon staff had already departed for Washington. He will be sworn in as Oregon's new junior senator January 5.

Many Millions Realized From Submerged Oil Land Leases, Secretary McKay Says

Salem — (U.P.) — The federal government already has realized many millions of dollars from the lease of submerged oil lands and it stands to realize billions as it collects royalties and rentals from the private companies doing the drilling, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said today.

He told the Salem Chamber of Commerce that the first block of tracts for drilling off the coast of Louisiana last October attracted bids from most of the major oil companies and from several federal government more than \$121,000,000. A public sale in November for a limited number of tracts off Texas netted another \$23,000,000.

Drilling Rights
McKay stressed that \$144,000,000 was paid for drilling rights only. Under the law, the leaseholders will also pay into the federal treasury annual rentals and royalties for any oil or gas which they take from the tracts.

The areas leased, McKay said, comprise only three per cent of the area mapped as potentially oil bearing, "so for drilling rights alone the federal government will likely receive more than a billion dollars."

The law provides for a royalty

of one-sixth the value of all oil produced.

"The Geological Survey estimates that oil in the submerged lands amounts to 11,500,000,000 barrels," McKay said. At today's prices, that means a return of at least \$5,000,000,000. The \$6,000,000,000 which will eventually find its way into the federal treasury is only a fraction of the financial benefits that will accrue from these lands. "He mentioned millions in wages and new machinery among the benefits."

Alaska Railroad in Black

McKay said the Alaska railroad, in the red when the Eisenhower administration took over, is now working in the black. He borrowed Frank E. Balbaugh from the Southern Pacific. Balbaugh went to Alaska in the spring of 1953. In 12 months he made changes "which brought the line into the black and it operated at a profit of \$750,000 in that period," McKay said.

McKay said the Bureau of Indian Affairs has undertaken a program to bring the opportunity for education to all Indian children, including the Navajos.

"When the Eisenhower administration took office," McKay said, "I found that \$14,000 out

National Assembly In Final Hours of West Europe Debate

Outcome Hinges on Votes of Confidence

Paris — (U.P.) — The French National Assembly began voting on whether to admit West Germany into NATO at 1:30 p.m. (PST). It was also a test vote of confidence in the government of Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France won important new support today in his all-or-nothing fight for approval of German rearmament.

The National Assembly plunged into the final hours of its agonizing debate over West European Unity and German rearmament with the outcome hanging on three votes of confidence in the Mendes-France government.

Mendes-France asked for a half-hour recess to prepare a speech answering his opponents. When he returned, Mendes-France told the crowded, dead-silent chamber:

"You can still approve the ratification, the aim of which is to consolidate the Atlantic alliance, to prepare for the Europe of tomorrow and to affirm the peace."

"If I had believed that final negotiations with the Russians were possible before the ratification, I would have first tried to persuade the English and the Americans, who think the contrary, to hold a Big Four conference."

"To hold a four-power conference, it is first necessary that the three others are agreed to meet."

Mendes-France made the vote on German entry into NATO the decisive test of the whole question of German rearmament.

He told the deputies that they could not admit Germany to NATO without later reversing their objection of the Western European Union.

The powerful independent bloc of deputies, with some 145 votes, announced it was urging its members to vote for the Premier, or at least to abstain from voting against him.

Gen. Pierre de Nouville, a follower of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, announced that he was switching his vote from abstention to approval.

He said, however, it would not mean "confidence in the overall policy of the government."

It appeared that the tide was swinging in favor of the fighting "Mr. France."

Loss of any of the confidence tests would mean his downfall, amid the wreckage of chances for West European unity and the hope for a united front against Communist aggression.

Briefly, the questions on which the confidence tests were to be decided were:

1. German entry into NATO, and a proviso that full details of the Franco-German agreement on the Saar would be spelled out in a simultaneous exchange between Paris and Bonn.

2. Mendes-France's demand for rejection of two amendments that would put off approval of German rearmament for at least a year in the hope for new and successful negotiations with Soviet Russia.

3. A reversal of last Friday's decision rejecting WEU, the organization of unity and control which is the heart of the whole defense plan.

28,000 children of school age on the Navajo reservation had never attended school because school facilities were lacking and the teaching staffs were inadequate.

Schools, trailer schools and dormitories were introduced both on and off the reservation and:

"Of the 14,000 children of school age who had never gone to schools before 1954, we now have 8276 of them in school. Another 500 will be placed in a school next month and the balance over the next year. At the end of 1955 every child of school age on the Navajo reservation will have a chance to go to school."

Affirmative Response
McKay said the partnership program is meeting with "affirmative response." He said the Pacific Northwest is the proving ground for "this valuable program."

"In my judgment, power development here cannot be successfully carried forward exclusively by the federal government," the secretary said. "The power policy encourages local interest to playing an active and proper part in the development of the region's water resources."