

BOMBING OF AIRLINER CONFESSED



FLASHING FAMOUS SMILE, President Eisenhower leaves car at Denver's Lowry Air Force Base to board plane for trip to Washington. He walked to plane unassisted. (International)

President Arrives at Gettysburg; Greeted By Cheering Throng

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, "feeling fine" and looking it, came to his country home today and got a warm and jubilant welcome from his neighbors.

The home folks — some 8000 of them — packed Lincoln Square in the heart of this famed Civil War community and roared a happy "Welcome Ike!"

Mr. Eisenhower responded with a brief speech expressing his "very deepest thanks."

To Stay Indefinitely

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower drove 80 miles from Washington for an indefinite stay on their farm on the outskirts of town where Mr. Eisenhower will recuperate from his heart attack and carry on his presidential duties.

The President, with Mrs. Eisenhower on his arm, walked out of the White House back door smiling and happy. Good naturedly, both posed for photographers for several minutes before stepping into the President's limousine.

Gets Dulles Report

The President spent more than an hour in his White House office, working mostly on routine matters. He received, among other things, a report from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Geneva talks.

The President was nattily turned out today in brown suit, with vest, and a brown hat which he carried in his left hand as he and Mamie stepped from the White House. His face showed some of the color which he ap-

parently picked up Saturday and Sunday during some mild practice work on the White House putting green.

Mamie's Birthday

Mamie wore a navy blue cloth coat, with a stone marten neckpiece, and a mauve hat trimmed with pink. She responded gaily with a "thank you" when assembled reporters and photographers wished her a happy birthday. She is 59 today.

The Chief Executive — after a week end of rest and mild exercise at the White House — was ready to step up his schedule a little today.

Tuesday he will go to the tiny office in the Gettysburg post office from which he and his aides will conduct business of the nation and the free world. To Keep In Touch

Although the time actually spent in the 12 by 24-foot office may be limited, the President will be in finger-tip touch with the government's far-flung operations at all times through a massive communications system set up in his farmhouse study.

Wall, Floor Damaged In Fire Here Today

Fire in a davenport burned through a wall and floor at the home of Harper Hamilton Jr., 2254 Aloha st., late this morning causing soot damage throughout the house, firemen reported.

Two trucks were sent to the scene about 11:20 a.m. Firemen indicated that exact cause of the fire was not determined.

Thornton Modifies Decision on Blind Workers; Now Under Compensation Law

Salem — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton reversed his previous finding and held today that blind workers in the Oregon Industries for the Blind workshop in Portland occupy a limited employment status sufficient to permit them to come under the state workmen's compensation law.

Workshop Closed

The earlier ruling last week resulted in officials of the workshop closing down operations for a short time until temporary insurance was arranged. Thornton said "on Oct. 25 this office ruled that workers in the Oregon Industries for the Blind are not eligible for membership in the public employees retirement system for old age and survivors insurance as 'state em-

ployees."

"The Oct. 25 opinion included comments to the effect that the State Industrial Accident Commission could not consider these blind workers as workmen under the workmen's compensation law. After further study this portion of the opinion is modified for the following reasons:

"Make Work" Projects

"During the depression in the 1930s many public agencies resorted to 'make work' projects to care for the unemployed and destitute. The great majority of cases involving injuries to those so employed denied compensation on the theory that payments were for relief and not wages under a contract for hire.

"In analyzing these cases I find that there is a class of 'make work' projects which is generally recognized for purposes of compensation. These are cases of where the income of the worker from the public source is dependent upon and in proportion to his labor. There appears to be no doubt but that the compensation of these blind workers depends upon their work. Under this accepted test they may therefore be considered employees for purposes of workmen's compensation."

Thornton concluded, however, that under the present wording of the laws the blind workers cannot be considered "state employees" within the terms of the Oregon public employees retirement act or federal social security.

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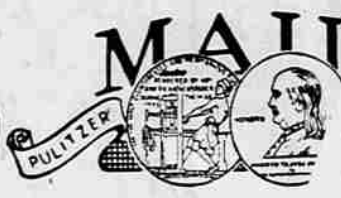
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Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with brief clearing periods. Mostly cloudy Tuesday with occasional light snow. Continued cold. Low tonight 26. High Tuesday near 40.

Highest yesterday 35
Lowest this morning 22
To 4:30 a.m. today 23

Insurance Plot Involving Mother Claimed Admitted

Denver Man Held; Faces Murder Charge

Denver — (U.P.) — The government claimed today a faithless son had confessed to insuring his mother for \$27,500 and then planting a dynamite bomb aboard a United Air Lines DC-6B airliner that crashed in a flaming explosion Nov. 1, killing her and 43 other persons.

The suspect, a once-convicted forger, was identified by the FBI as John Gilbert Graham, 23, who worked with his mother, Mrs. Daisy King, in operating a drive-in restaurant here. He is married and the father of two small children.

Defense Utility

Graham faces a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Harold S. Oakes on a technical charge of violating a section of the federal code which makes it an offense to sabotage a national defense material establishment or utility. A commercial aircraft is defined as a defense utility, the FBI said.

But it appeared that if Graham's connection with the bomb plot crash of the big airliner, which fell in a flaming explosion in a sugar beet field near Longmont, Colo., less than two weeks ago, could be proven, he could be charged in state courts with the murder of any or all of the 44 victims.

Possibility Considered

Two Colorado district attorneys said they were considering such a possibility.

Denver District Attorney Bert M. Keating said he planned to confer with federal authorities on the state's possible role in the sabotage case. The plane took off from the Denver Municipal Airport and crashed some eight minutes later.

District Attorney Marc Smith of Greeley, Colo., who has jurisdiction over the territory where the plane crashed, said he would await the advice of federal authorities before taking any steps in the case. Smith said he was certain if there were sufficient evidence to warrant filing of murder charges, Graham would be turned over to the state's custody.

The penalty for sabotage of a national defense utility is a \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison or both, but if Graham were convicted of murder in a state court, he would face the maximum penalty of death in the gas chamber.

Still Being Questioned

Graham, a husky, six-footer, with black, crew-cut hair, was still being questioned by the FBI's offices at the new Custom House building here.

At the time of his arrest, Graham had been making monthly payments as restitution after being convicted in November, 1951, of forging \$4200 in bad checks. His five-year sentence was suspended on condition that the money be repaid.

Mrs. King repaid \$2500 of the amount and \$105 remained to be paid when Graham was arrested today.

William A. Young Dies At Home Here

William A. (Billy) Young, well-known Medford resident, died at his home, 815 Bennett st., Sunday evening. Mr. Young retired recently after operating a garage on North Front st. for several years.

He was active in the Medford Gun club.

Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

More Snow Cold on Way; 22 Degrees Recorded Here

Damage Expected To Nut, Produce Crops in Oregon

'Excellent' Chance For Snow To Fall

Portland — (U.P.) — It was cold anywhere you went in Oregon today and there wasn't much improvement in sight. Bend reported nine below zero. Portland had a record low of 17 above for this early in November.

The weather man predicted more cold with snow said to be on the way.

Walnut growers said from 25 to 30 per cent of Oregon's 1955 crop may have been lost to freezing. Other crops such as cauliflower, cabbage and celery also were hit.

Western Oregonians shivered for the fourth consecutive day. The highest temperature forecast west of the Cascades today was 38. East of the mountains, cold-hardened residents put a few extra logs on fires themselves as below-zero readings were reported at some locations and Burns and Pendleton had early-season record lows.

Snow Expected Tonight

The forecast said there was an "excellent" chance of general snow flurries over Oregon and Washington tonight as another storm headed south from Alaska. There was little general snowfall in Oregon Sunday and early today, although Timberline lodge reported snow, strong wind and a reading of eight below this morning.

Pendleton, where the mercury went down to six above, reported snow depth of four inches. Burns, where it was five above, had three inches of snow.

Most of eastern Oregon was covered with white, while Medford had three inches and Portland-Salem retained a trace of Friday and Saturday's snowfall.

Nut Check Suggested

John Trunk, manager of the Northwest Nut Growers Association, suggested that growers check a sample of their crop before going to the expense of picking. He said a similar freeze in 1936 destroyed unharvested walnuts and that 25 to 30 per cent of the crop still was on the trees.

Other temperature readings in Oregon early today were five below at Redmond, three below at Burns, 12 at Klamath Falls, 16 at The Dalles, 17 at Astoria, 30 at Brookings, 23 at Medford, 17 at Roseburg, 20 at Eugene, 18 at Salem, 29 at North Bend, and 26 at Newport.

The cloud cover expected late today probably will keep temperatures from falling so far early tomorrow but below-freezing was expected throughout the state.

Motorists were advised to have chains handy.

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Arab States, Israel Prepare For Battle On Refugee Problem

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Arab states and Israel were expected to open a knock-down drag-out propaganda fight today in the United Nations special political committee on the Palestine refugees problem.

The ad hoc, or special, political committee's annual debate on the Palestine refugees gives the Arabs and Israelis a chance to air publicly their grievances and issue propaganda blasts before a U.N. body.

Each year they take full advantage of the debate to issue charges and counter-charges and this year's debate is expected to bring longer and louder attacks because of the new tense situation in the Holy Land and the Soviet sale of arms to Egypt.

The Arab states outnumber the Israelis six to one since only two of the eight-nation Arab League are not members of the United Nations. But, the Israelis are expected to hold their own on the subject, considered one of the sorest points between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Ousted Brazilian President's Action Eases War Threat

Rio De Janeiro — (U.P.) — A threat of civil war eased today with the pledge of ousted President Carlos Luz to accept the new government of Brazil "to avoid bloodshed."

Luz said he would offer no resistance to the military coup that overthrew him and installation of Nereu Ramos in his place.

Tension Builds Up

Tension began building up when Luz returned to Rio harbor aboard the cruiser Tamandare aboard which he had fled the capital with a number of supporters at the outset of the bloodless revolt.

He remained aboard ship part of the day and then was brought ashore and held in the naval arsenal. Brazilian marines armed with tommyguns stood guard.

He was released Sunday night and went to his apartment. There he gave United Press an exclusive interview in which he renounced any claim to the presidency.

Fearful Change of Mind

Although he had said earlier he would not resist the new government, it had been feared he might change his mind when he returned to Rio and urge his supporters in the military to fight.

But he acknowledged, instead, that "the presidency has passed to Hereu."

"I plan to resign the presidency of the chamber of deputies, probably in the next meeting, so as to avoid any judicial situation," he said.

Copco Not Merging With Other Firms

The California Oregon Power company is not interested in merging with any other power company, Albert S. Cummins, president of Copco, said today.

Cummins said rumors have been circulating that the company might be considering merging with Pacific Power and Light company. He said there is no basis to the rumors.

"Copco is not now and never has been interested in merging with anyone; has never discussed such a possibility with any company or individual, and its plans and purposes over the years have been to remain independent," he stated.

Planning Commission To Consider Rezoning

The Medford Planning commission will consider two requests for zone changes at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

Requests for zone changes are on North Central ave. from commercial to light industrial, and for a zone change at the corner of McAndrews and Clark sts. Also on the agenda is a continued hearing on a setback change at Eighth and Laurel sts. requested by J. H. Clabby.



RULING evidence was insufficient, New York judge dismisses the disorderly conduct charges, preferred by detective, against Dr. Clark Kuebler (above), provost at U. of California at Santa Barbara. He claims frameup. (International)

County Officials Attend Conferences

Members of the county court left today for Portland where they will attend meetings this week.

County Judge Rodney Keating and county commissioners Chester Wendt and L. G. (Shy) Northland will attend a meeting of the association of Oregon and California Land Grant counties in Portland tomorrow.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, court members will attend an Association of Oregon Counties meeting.

Saturday, court members will attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of O and C counties.

County Engineer, Paul Rynning, will leave for Portland tomorrow to attend a meeting of the County Engineers association, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. He will remain in Portland Saturday to attend the second day of a two day meeting of the Oregon Professional Engineers association.

South Bend, Wash. — (U.P.) — A spruce log measuring 18 feet in diameter was taken from Pacific county woods last week by the H. Brix Logging company.

Texas Man Dies Of Gas Fumes In Trailer Home

Bedford Forrest Unger, 55, Longview, Tex., was found dead in his trailer home at 611 South Riverside ave., at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Cause of death was listed as gas asphyxia by sheriff's deputies and a deputy coroner.

Unger registered at the court Nov. 11 as Kurt Von Ungren. He told the manager he intended to remain about a week.

Time of death was established at some time Friday night, by Carlos Morris, coroner.

Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

New York — (U.P.) — Navy ships today towed a fire-blackened radar sentry vessel, the USS Seacher, toward a ship yard here where experts will search for the cause of a fire in which three seamen died and two others were injured.

Cold Accompanies 4.7 Inch Snowfall In Medford Sunday

Chains Advised For Mountain Highways

The Medford station of the weather bureau reported a record November snowfall Sunday when a white mantle blanketed the Rogue river valley.

A total fall of 4.7 inches was recorded at the airport weather station. Depth of snow on the ground was three inches at 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

Heaviest previous November snowfall recorded here was in 1911. Two inches fell Nov. 10, the first year weather data was kept here. Medford had a one-inch total Nov. 12, 1918.

With and following Sunday's snow storm also came the coldest temperatures of the season.

The official thermometer at the weather station registered 30 degrees yesterday morning and this morning fell to a seasonal low of 22. Lowest previous temperature this fall was 32 degrees.

The snowfall yesterday followed traces of snow at the airport Friday and Saturday.

Continued cold with occasional light snow and a minimum temperature of 20 degrees is the forecast for Tuesday. Considerable cloudiness with brief clearing periods is foreseen for tonight.

Four inches of new snow was reported at Crater Lake National park in the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today, bringing the total of snow on the ground to 16 inches.

Chains or snow tread tires were advised for both the south and west entrances and the rim road, which was closed temporarily early today.

Temperatures at Crater Lake ranged from a maximum of 20 yesterday to 3 above early today. At 8 a.m. today, the temperature was 8 above.

The west Diamond Lake road was closed at 10 p.m. yesterday, according to state police. The east Diamond Lake road from Klamath Falls remained open.

State police said chains or snow tires were recommended on Oregon mountain, the Green Springs and the Siskiyou. Traffic was moving without chains at Prospect, they said.

Other Amounts

Prospect reported two inches of new snow with a total of nine inches on the ground, while three inches in the Siskiyou and two in the Green Springs left totals of nine inches in both areas.

Packed snow and ice was reported on Highway 66 over the Green Springs and Highway 99 over the Siskiyou, but state highway department crews were sanding both highways.

Supreme Court Sidesteps Interracial Marriage Rule

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme court sidestepped today a ruling on the constitutionality of state laws forbidding interracial marriage.

The high court, in a brief opinion, threw out a Virginia Supreme court ruling upholding the state's statute prohibiting marriage between whites and non-whites.

But the court made clear that it did not mean, by this action, to strike down all such laws as unconstitutional.

The court said the "inadequacy of the record" before it "prevents the constitutional issue of the validity of the Virginia statute on miscegenation tendered here from being considered in 'clean cut and concrete form.'"

In another action bearing on racial relations, the court left standing a lower court's decision forbidding Oklahoma officials to place the word "Negro" after the name of a Negro candidate for office in a state election.

Stock Option Plan

The court also:

1. Agreed to rule whether employees of a company must pay extra taxes when they buy stock at a cut rate under a stock option plan such as many corporations now have in force.

2. Agreed to rule whether the states have the right to tax privately-operated housing projects in military bases.

3. Refused for the second time to review the income tax evasion conviction of Arthur H. Samish, California liquor lobbyist.