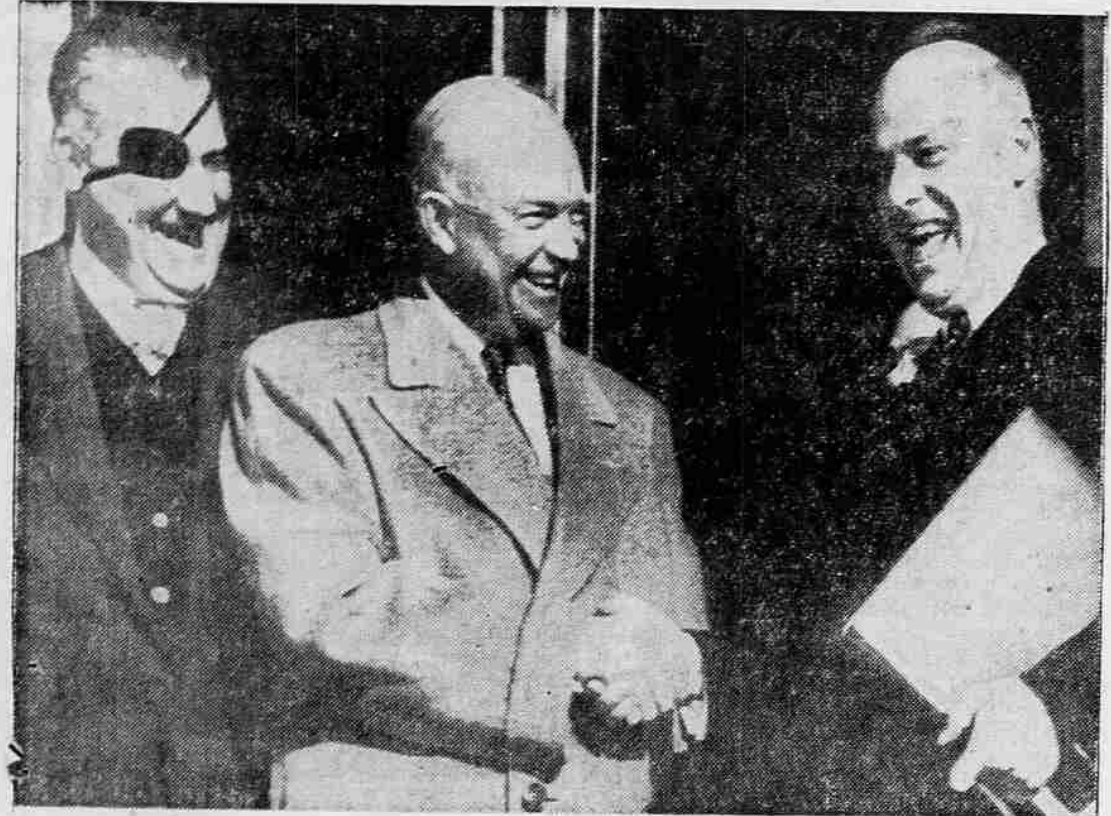


Thaw Leaves Mess in Western Oregon



LOOKS LIKE IKE OF OLD—President Eisenhower flashes his famous smile as he is greeted at the steps of his temporary office in Gettysburg, Pa., by Secy. of Commerce Sinclair Weeks (right) and Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes (left).

Morse Says GOP Misleading Public In Power Picture

Heppner, Ore. — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today accused top officials of the Republican administration of an attempt to mislead the public with a distorted picture of power developments in the United States during the past 50 years.

Not Republican Invention
In a speech prepared for delivery before the annual meeting of the Columbia Electric Co-op, Morse challenged the statements of Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and Undersecretary Davis that 27 partnership power projects had been built during the past 50 years, mostly by Democratic administrations, and that partnership was not a Republican invention.

Morse said that most of the projects referred to in the Republican statements had been "pigmy" projects that altogether generated not more than 287,000 kilowatts in the 50-year period.

Morse said "over half of them were regular reclamation projects with the partners, so-called, the water users."

Morse also replied to the Republican claim that only in federal power areas such as the Tennessee valley and the Pacific Northwest were there threats of power shortage.

The Eugene Democrat said "let me tell you that the power shortage is not created by federal programs, but by the stranglehold of federal programs here in the Northwest by the Republican brass hats and their allies, the private power companies."

SP Places Large Freight Car Order

Portland — (U.P.) — Southern Pacific railroad officials announced here today that the line had placed an order for 10,700 more freight cars at an estimated cost of \$90,000,000.

D. J. Russell, president of the line, said the order was the largest ever placed by SP and brought the total of new freight cars acquired or on order in 1955 to 14,725.

Russell said deliveries of the cars was expected to start next year. The SP will build most of the cars in its own shops at Sacramento and at Houston, Tex.

Russell called the new order "part of our continuing plan to match industry and agriculture stride for stride."

Three Egyptian-Arab Border Clashes Told

Tel Aviv, Israel — (U.P.) — Israeli officials today reported three border clashes with Egyptian and Jordan Arabs.

Authorities said a patrol yesterday afternoon killed two Egyptian scouts in a chase along the border of the Gaza Strip.

Infantrymen from Jordan tried to blow up a house on the outskirts of the Bet Kama settlement near the border. A military spokesman said, and tracks of four men were found leading back to Jordan.

Maj. Dan Gov said another Egyptian force attacked the Be'er air base in the Negev Desert but was driven off. Only casualties reported were in the Gaza Strip skirmish.

New York — (U.P.) — Great Northern Paper Co. has announced it will raise its newspaper prices \$5 a ton effective Feb. 1.

Prosecution Witness Sticks To Damaging Story in Abbott Case

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Defense attorneys tried unsuccessfully today to shake the story of a balding ex-typewriter repairman who has presented the most damaging testimony yet in the kidnap-murder trial of Burton W. Abbott.

The witness, William Russell, repeated emphatically and positively that he saw Abbott in a doughnut shop near the spot in Berkeley where the slain Stephanie Bryan was last seen alive. Russell also insisted he was certain he saw Abbott in the shop on April 28, the day 14-year-old Stephanie disappeared.

Russell refused to retract any part of his story despite intensive cross-examination by defense attorney Harold Hove.

Sticks To Testimony
"Do you recall that you told newsmen you were not sure of the date you saw Abbott," Hove said.

"That is not true," Russell replied. Hove then tried to establish that Russell was being so positive in his testimony against Abbott because Russell allegedly thought he might be under suspicion himself.

"Do you deny that you said you were under suspicion yourself and had put a noose around your neck because you came home early from work that day?" Hove asked.

"I said no such thing," Russell answered. "Do you deny you told us that your own mother had accused you of the crime?" Hove said.

Russell's face flushed, he leaned forward in the witness chair and shouted, "I certainly do deny that."

Under questioning by Asst. Dist. Atty. Folger Emerson Russell charged that Hove had told him he had better be "sure" about his testimony. "Otherwise he (Hove) said he could make it tough on me," Russell said.

The testimony by Russell, a former typewriter repairman for the Berkeley Public School system, appeared to be the most severe setback the defense has yet received.

E. R. Young Found Guilty of Charge
Elbert Ray Young, 59, of 512 Pennsylvania ave., was found guilty in district court at noon today on a charge of failure to yield right of way.

Young was the driver of an Evergreen bus involved in an accident Sept. 15 which resulted in the death of one person and the injury of 16 others.

Donald Lee Knoebel, 19, Eagle Point, was killed when the car he was driving was involved in a head-on collision with the bus as it was turning into the Camp White entrance.

The trial began yesterday morning, witnesses who testified at the trial included the driver of a school bus and a state police officer who witnessed the accident.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES BY UNITED PRESS
Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 482.91 off 2.35; 20 railroads 160.05 off 0.99; 15 utilities 64.89 off 0.11; and 65 stocks 171.01 off 0.81. Sales today were about 2,320,000 shares compared with 2,310,000 yesterday.

Goodwin said the Oregon Legislature made it illegal not only for women to wrestle but also to act as referees, managers or seconds. He said he knew of no other state where women were forbidden from engaging in wrestling exhibitions.

District Judge Howard Blanning took the case under advisement and said he would give an opinion the first of the week.

School, Road Funds To Get Forest Money
Division of \$191,510.16 of forest preserve rental funds, received recently by the county was announced today by County Treasurer Karl Janouch.

The funds were divided according to law with 25 per cent, at \$47,632.62, allocated to the county schools, and 75 per cent, amounting to \$143,877.54, allocated to the general road funds.

The forest preserve rental funds are derived from 25 per cent of the receipts from the Rogue River National forest, which is distributed among five counties according to the forest acreage contained within county boundaries.

Weather
FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers in valleys and snow showers in mountains tonight and Saturday. Slowly rising temperatures. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 48-50. Temp. Highest Yesterday 36. Lowest this Morning 33. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .14

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OPERA DIVA CLASHES WITH PROCESS SERVERS

Chicago — (U.P.) — Famed operatic soprano Callas, her eyes flashing and her "no flying, played the starring role last night in a row with eight process servers. The process servers tried to summon her after she had taken her final appearance for the Opera House.

Madame Callas shouted a resonant protest of tenors, baritones, and opera lovers mowed down the process servers. When the smoke cleared, the summonses were lying on the floor

outside the soprano's dressing room while she held forth in full voice and several languages inside. "Chicago will hear about this horrible thing they have done to me tonight!" she cried. "I think this is the worst insult to Chicago and Chicago opera lovers that has ever happened!"

The law officers emerged from the fray claiming a moral victory. The summonses had touched the hem of Madame Callas' garment, they said, and she was therefore legally served.

Both summonses concerned suits brought by a New York attorney, E. Richard Bargar, who claims he discovered the New York born singer and signed her to a contract guaranteeing him 10 per cent of her substantial earnings.

TH PROCESS SERVERS

Portland — (U.P.) — The big freeze in western Oregon was followed today by the big time which left much of the area in a big mess.

But young man winter, who made his appearance more than a month early, left his calling card with a storm yesterday afternoon which dumped 2.5 inches of snow on Portland and brought freezing rain, snow and just plain rain to other areas.

The temperature in western Oregon moderated during the night with the low at Eugene 38 and Roseburg 42. Salem had had a below-freezing mark of 31 and Portland got down to 24. The temperature in parts of the Rose City went above freezing this morning for the first time since a week ago although the 8:30 a.m. reading at the airport was 31.

Worst Said Over
But the worst was over, the weatherman said. The five-day outlook called for occasional showers and seasonal temperatures in western Oregon with some snow and cool, but not frigid, readings in eastern Oregon.

Yesterday afternoon's snowstorm brought three inches to Pendleton, four to Seattle, five to Toledo, Wash., three to Hoquiam and five to Spokane. Traffic in Portland was snarled badly and motorists without chains or snow tires were stranded in many cases. Police said, however, there were remarkably few accidents.

The snow brought tragedy to one Portland family. Seven-year-old Jimmy Farris drowned while playing in the snow when he slipped into Johnson creek.

Power Cut Off
As the frozen ground thawed out and snow melted, the ground turned into quagmires of mud and slush in many areas.

A big power outage, possibly resulting from the storm, occurred in much of western Oregon yesterday afternoon. Power was out from a few seconds to minutes over a large area, causing numerous inconveniences, such as stalled elevators, fouled up traffic signals and stopped clocks. BPA officials were investigating the cause.

Coldest official temperature in Oregon early today was 12 above at Burns.

The weather bureau said east winds in the Columbia gorge still persisted early today but were expected to moderate when warm air reached The Dalles.

Two Small Boys Die In St. Helens Fire
St. Helens, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two small boys burned to death here last night and a brother of the victims was in critical condition with third degree burns.

The victims were Michael Beeson, 9, and his brother, Victor, 7. Hospitalized in Portland was Nicholas, a twin brother of Victor.

Also hospitalized in St. Helens were parents of the boys, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Beeson. Four other children of the Beeson family also were hospitalized here.

The flames, which gutted the family's five-room house, were discovered by neighbors, who came home about 10:30 p.m. and saw the fire burning inside.

The two young victims and Nicholas were trapped in a tiny rear bedroom of the house. Firemen managed to reach Nicholas but were unable to get the others because of the heat. Their bodies were removed after the flames subsided.

Mrs. Beeson also was suffering from shock and exposure.

Ike Will Continue Seeking World Peace
Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will keep "plugging and plugging" for a peaceful solution of world problems despite Russia's blocking tactics at Geneva, a high official in a position to know Mr. Eisenhower's views said today.

The official is familiar with conclusions reached by the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in their discussion Thursday of the Geneva conference.

Mr. Eisenhower acknowledged privately that the foreign ministers conference was disappointing in its failure to produce agreements between Russia and the West on major differences, the official said. But the President is determined to continue his quest for a durable peace and feels there must be further efforts to work out a solution to world problems with Russia.

Two Airplanes Crash; AEC Men Among Dead

Chartered Craft Crashes Into House In South Seattle

27 Bodies in Morgue; 47 Survivors Listed

Seattle — (U.P.) — A DC4 airplane chartered by soldiers returning home from the Orient crashed into a house and burned on the southern outskirts of Seattle today in a snowstorm early today and 27 of the 74 persons aboard were killed.

Coroner John P. Brill Jr. said there were 27 bodies in the morgue. Forty seven survivors were accounted for. The Army said 25 of the dead had been identified as soldiers. Two other bodies were unidentified.

One of the unidentified dead was believed to be Earl McGrath, a pilot who was "dead-heading" a ride with his wife and three children.

Possibility of Sabotage
Several survivors said an explosion occurred in the plane before the crash. Others said one of the craft's four engines came loose and crashed into the fuselage. The crash occurred shortly after the non-scheduled plane had taken off from Boeing field, an airport inside the Seattle city limits.

The possibility of sabotage was being investigated. The soldiers arrived here yesterday aboard a Navy transport vessel from Japan where they had been duty.

Most of them were planning joyous Thanksgiving reunions with their families.

Crashed After Takeoff
The plane sheared off the tops of several towering fir trees before it smashed into the dwelling occupied by Mrs. Colin Dearing and her five children. The house burned but Mrs. Dearing and her children escaped. Her husband was not home at the scene.

The crash scene was close to a heavily populated shopping center. Wreckage and bodies were strewn over a path 400 yards long.

More Active Salvage Programs Urged in Douglas Fir Region

Eugene — (U.P.) — Congressmen taking testimony on federal timber policies moved to Eugene today for the fifth in their series of hearings in the Northwest.

The joint congressional committee on interior and insular affairs concluded its Roseburg hearings yesterday afternoon after hearing at least two lumbermen declare that there is enough salvage timber still in the forests to stabilize the economy of the Douglas fir region.

Paulus McKee, general manager of the Trico Timber Corp. and allied firms at Roseburg, and Norman Pfeiffer, Yoncalla, Ore., both urged more active salvage programs. They were among 16 witnesses heard yesterday at Roseburg.

Access Roads Hit
Pfeiffer said he operated solely on logs left behind by other operators. He said he believed slash should be put up for bid after it had had its initial logging by original timber purchasers on federal land.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) representing the Senate side at the hearings, said the most significant testimony presented so far was that given by Donald Wimple, representing the chamber of commerce at Powers, Ore.

Wimple told the committee that business in his town was slack, that trade was dull and work slow. He asserted that loggers were leaving Powers for other areas because vast amounts of timber could not be reached with present access roads and that vast amounts of timber were controlled by large companies.

Walsh Speaks Out
Neuberger said the principal problem was to save other communities from such a slump.

William E. Walsh, Coos Bay attorney representing the port cities of Bandon, Umpqua and Coos Bay, urged the committee to maintain present marketing area restrictions to permit local areas to cut their own timber. He said that since a large amount of money has been poured into port facilities and since marketing areas already exist they should be maintained.

Walsh called for sound forestry practices, more access roads and a reappraisal of the allowable cut.

Two Freed Americans Due In Hong Kong Saturday
Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Two of the three American civilians Communist China promised to release are scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow, diplomatic sources reported today.

The two are the Revs. Martin Vincent Garvey, Union City, N.Y., and Marcellus White, Waltham, Mass. Both have been imprisoned since 1952.

Steady Increase in Medford School-Age Population Means Classroom 'Surplus' Will Disappear by 1957

Leonard Mayfield, Medford school district superintendent, spoke this morning at the first of a series of tax study meetings being conducted by the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The meetings are being held to survey the entire field of local taxation, and later sessions will have as speakers city and county officers having to do with budgets and taxes.

6,338 in Six Years
Mayfield pointed out that the principal problem faced by the Medford school district is the increasing number of students, and as an example compared the 288 seniors who left Medford High school last June with the 528 first graders who entered the system in September. There are at present 4,744 students registered in Medford schools, he said, but by 1961, six years away, this will have grown to 6,338 on the basis of school census figures, not counting any youngsters who may move to the area.

As a result of recent school construction, the system now has a capacity for 436 more students than are registered, he said, but

this "surplus" capacity will vanish by 1957, when there will be 44 more students than capacity. In 1958, he stated, the deficit will be some 337 students, and by 1961, if no new classrooms are built, the system will have 1,158 more students than it can handle according to state standards. This represents the equivalent of 38½ classrooms, he said.

Must Plan Ahead
To meet this influx of students, it is necessary to plan two or three years ahead, Mayfield explained, for the voting on bond issues and the actual construction of facilities takes about that long.

He pointed out that while a large portion of local property taxes go for school purposes, the position of school taxation in all taxes paid, local, state and federal of all types, is far down the list in Oregon, representing approximately \$64,750,000 out of a total of \$896,500,000.

He added that Medford taxes, including those for city, county and school district, are among the lowest in the state for cities of comparable size. Medford residents are paying about 7 mills for school construction on

a continuing basis, for the Medford school district's bonded debt is now about \$2,269,000, of which \$189,000 is being retired this year. The district has only reached about 41 per cent of its bonding capacity, he said. He also pointed out that school building costs in Oregon are among the lowest in the nation, and that in Medford are among the lowest in the state.

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Personnel On Way To Atomic Testing Site Die in Nevada

Air Force Plane Rams Mt. Charleston

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — An Air Force bomber reported "no sign of life" today around the charred wreckage of an Air Force transport which crashed near the top of snowy Mt. Charleston with 14 persons aboard.

The bomber flew over the 11,910-foot mountain as a ground party set out about after their radio-equipped truck was stopped by snow.

En Route To Test Site
The big four-motored C54 carrying Air Force and Atomic Energy Commission personnel slammed into the mountain yesterday during a snowstorm. It was en route to the AEC nuclear weapons test site north of here. When it was reported more than seven hours overdue, a search was launched.

Maj. J. E. Manch, pilot of the B25 bomber which flew over the site this morning, said he saw "no sign of life." The plane was "fairly well" intact, only one motor being sheared from its wings. It was charred badly, he said.

Hits Near Peak
Maunich said the plane apparently swept through the snow and at a last split second tried to climb over a ridge when the mountain loomed in front of it. It hit a ridge about 500 yards below the peak on the southeast side. Maunich said it apparently slid about 50 feet before bursting into flames.

The ground rescue party of seven Army men was reported four miles below the wreckage in a steep ravine. Huge boulders and deep snow in the pockets were making the going rough. The Air Force said it appeared it would take at least 10 to 15 hours to reach the site because of the terrain.

No list of victims was released pending notification of next of kin but the Air Force said in a preliminary report none of the AEC men was a top ranked scientist.

William Floyd Long Gets Five-Year Term
William Floyd Long, 18, of 1902½ Hazel st., was sentenced to five years in Oregon state penitentiary this morning in circuit court on a charge of grand larceny.

Young was charged with having stolen a 1948 automobile from Leever Motors, Inc., 315 East Fifth st., on June 26.

Road Conditions
Highway 99 north to Portland — Pavement bare, some rain.

Prospect — Slush and snow pack starting to break up. No new snow.

Oregon Mountain, Highway 199 — Pavement bare.

Siskiyou — Highway icy in spots. Four inches of new snow.

Greensprings — Ground fog. Pack starting to break up. Two inches of new snow.

Klamath Falls — Pack starting to break up. Four inches of new snow.

Highway 99 in California — Chains mandatory from Mt. Shasta to Dunsmuir as of 7:50 a.m. today.