



CRITICAL COMMENTS ARE RIFE in Russia's newspapers these days over lavishness of new Leningrad subway. Glamorous lamps are among objectionable features architects are defending from charges of extravagance hurled by advocates of economy. (International)

15 Believed Dead as Plane Falls Into Apartment House

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Faure May Invoke Old French Law To Force Early Voting

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Edgar Faure decided tentatively today to dissolve the French National assembly — a move that would provoke France's worst political crisis since 1877.

The assembly voted no confidence in Faure Tuesday by a vote of 318 to 218. But instead of resigning automatically the stubborn premier dummfounded Parliament by announcing he would send it home instead and call for new elections.

Constitutional Clause
He can do this under a seldom-invoked clause in the constitution providing new elections if two governments are voted out of office within 18 months. Faure took office only last February.

The final decision was expected sometime today when Faure meets with his cabinet and president Rene Coty. Coty was reported dead-set against dissolving the assembly. But in a stormy cabinet session early today the government decided to go ahead and "fire" parliament.

The vote was 19 to five with two abstentions. Postal Minister Edouard Bonnefous stalked out of the meeting in protest against dissolution.

Assembly Outfoxes Itself
The capricious National Assembly, which has voted 21 premiers out of office since World War II outfoxed itself in Tuesday's vote. Ironically it was ousting Faure because he wanted early elections. The vote was so overwhelming that it enabled him to invoke the dissolution clause, and that means elections must be held within 20 to 30 days.

Faure was not out of the wood. If he dissolves Parliament he would remain as premier. But Parliament could first pass a vote of censure against him and he, too, would be out. In that case Pierre Schmitter, the president of the assembly, would become acting premier.

President Appeals For Safe Driving

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today appealed to all Americans to drive safely, especially tomorrow, which has been designated Safe Driving Day.

"The need is obvious and urgent," Mr. Eisenhower said in a statement.

Last year, he said, "an American man, woman or child was killed in traffic every 15 minutes. Someone was injured every 25 seconds. And, this year, the record is worse: More people are dying; more are injured and crippled."

The president said Safe Driving Day is "a great national effort to save lives."
"The immediate objective of S-D Day is to have 24 hours without a single traffic accident. The long range, and more important objective is to impress upon all of us the necessity of safe driving and safe walking every day of the year."

Christmas Parade Will Open Holiday Season

The annual Christmas parade will officially open the holiday season at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Floats and marching units will form on South Ivy st. at West Main st. and travel east on Main st. to Bartlett st., turn north on Bartlett st. to Sixth st., and west on Sixth st. to North Fir st.

Santa Claus' first visit to Medford will be a main feature of the parade. A cash prize will be awarded the winning float.

Downtown stores will remain open until 9 p.m. following the parade.

Five Are Injured In Three Accidents In Jackson County

Five persons were injured in traffic accidents in Jackson county yesterday and today.

Frank L. Lengele, Medford policeman, suffered a knee injury and the patrol car he was operating was demolished early this morning in a collision at Main and Front sts. with a Los Angeles and Seattle Motor Express company truck.

Driver of the truck, Robert G. Whitestone, and a passenger, Clyde M. Black, both of Seattle, were treated for minor cuts at Community hospital. Whitestone was later released.

Responding to Call
Police said Lengele, who was responding to a call for assistance from another officer, was traveling west on Main st., with his siren and red light on, when he collided with the truck which was going south on Front st.

Roy Lee Braley, 55, San Bernardino, Calif., suffered severe facial lacerations when the car in which he was riding crashed into the rear of a log truck on Highway 99 near Kogap Lumber company about 12:30 p.m. yesterday. He was in good condition today at Community hospital, where he was taken by Medford ambulance.

The driver of the car, Curtis Lesley Hammons, 43, of 447 North Fir st., Medford, who was not injured, was lodged in Jackson county jail. He will be charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Skids Into Truck
State police said the Hammons vehicle, which apparently was traveling at a high rate of speed, skidded into the rear of a log truck driven by Arthur Frederick Hotho, 30, Eagle Point.

Doris Herbison, 38, of 355 B st., Ashland, received minor cuts and bruises, was treated at Ashland General hospital and released late yesterday following an accident on Billings hill near Ashland.

State police said she was a passenger in a vehicle operated by Elmer Erwin Newton, 64, of 1375 Iowa st., Ashland. He was not injured. The Newton vehicle and one operated by Jay B. Cochran, 30, of 494 Fairview st., Ashland, collided as Cochran's pickup truck was being moved onto the highway.

Cochran received a broken leg and forehead cuts. He was taken to Ashland General hospital.

Two Prisoners Escape From Washington Prison

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Two prisoners escaped from the Washington State Prison here early today by scaling a 22-foot wall with two short ladders they had wired together, Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr., reported.

Delmore identified the escapees as John Russell, 25, who was serving a five-year sentence for forgery, and Edward Lincoln Burkholder, 23, who had 20 more months to serve for a grand larceny conviction from King county.

Furnaces Fired Up At Riddle Nickel Plant

Riddle, Ore. — (U.P.) — Furnaces were fired up for the first time in five days late yesterday at the labor-troubled Hanna Nickel company as union and management announced settlement of a wildcat strike.

Terms of the agreement, reached after an all-day meeting, provide that 50 Hanna mine and smelter workers and more than 200 workers of Bechtel construction company will return to work immediately on their regular shifts.

Neuberger Sees Little Change in Foreign Policy Senator Differs With Truman View

Seattle — (U.P.) — The man who gave Democrats control of the United States Senate last year differed today with former President Harry Truman that President Eisenhower had changed foreign policy much from what it was under Mr. Truman.

Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) whose election last year gave the Democrats their margin of control in the Senate, told a news conference:

"President Eisenhower's policy on foreign affairs hasn't changed much from the days of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman."
Sees Little Change
"If Adlai Stevenson is elected president," he said, "I don't think foreign policy will change much from what it is now."

Former President Truman, during a week-end visit here, had accused President Eisenhower of throwing foreign policy into the political arena — deserting the bi-partisan theory under President Franklin Roosevelt and himself.

Neuberger said also he believed in "moderation" in the "spousal of the Democratic campaign program in next year's election." Thus he came to the defense of Adlai Stevenson, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination. Stevenson caused a ruckus in Democratic ranks with a speech in Chicago recently advocating "moderation" in next year's campaign.

No Such Word
Mr. Truman has said he thought the best way to go at the Republicans was "hammer and tongs."

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, a potential Democratic candidate for president too, said "there is no such word as moderation in the Democratic party," and Gov. Mennen Williams of Michigan, another presidential possibility, said, "Democrats would be guilty of craven cowardice if they allow the 1956 presidential campaign to degenerate into a spineless self-defeating formality."

Neuberger said he would like to see Stevenson the Democratic nominee and Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) his running mate.

"In Oregon, we've got to reelect Sen. Wayne Morse," he added.

Neuberger said power and farm policy would be key campaign issues in this area next year, and he said he thought those would be the primary issues Morse campaigns on.

Bloodmobile Slates December 8 Visit

The Bloodmobile will make its regular visit to Medford between 1 and 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. It will be at the Elks club, 202 North Central ave.

Blood bank officials urged residents to make appointments by calling Medford 3-3813 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. anytime after Thursday, Dec. 1. The quota this time will be 240 pints of blood.

Officials pointed out that about 250 pints of blood have been used locally since the last Bloodmobile visit about two months ago, when only 122 pints were collected. They noted they were borrowing from the blood bank instead of adding to it.

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain showers tonight. A few showers Thursday with periods of partial clearing. Low tonight 49. High Thursday 45.
Temp. 51
Lowest This Morning 44
Precip. 11
To 10 a.m. Today 11

Campaign Against Phony Mine Claims Mapped With Precision

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(Second of two articles)

Washington — A 10-year mopping up operation which the Forest Service is launching against phony mining claim holders is being mapped with all the precision of a military campaign.

With an estimated 200,000 mining claims — some valid, some invalid — to examine, the Forest Service has been given a \$300,000 fund to start its campaign. This is only a portion of the cost to the taxpayers of the disruptive practice of private individuals in recent years abusing the mining laws by staking out private sanctuaries in national forests for their own enjoyment or profit.

Could File 'New' Claim
Under the old mining law, the Forest Service could challenge a mining claimant if it thought the claim was invalid. But even if it won its case in the courts or in an administrative government hearing, the claimant could go out the same day and file a "new" claim on substantially the same area by moving the boundary markers slightly.

Forest Service officials recall one celebrated case in which they won a ruling against a claimant 17 times, only to watch him go out each time and switch the corners of the claims and, for all practical purposes, preserve his rights to exclusive use of the government's forestland.

Now, if the Forest Service wins a case against a claimant, he can still use the old tactic of switching corners and filing another claim—but it wouldn't do him much good, for his new claim would come under the new mining law passed by Congress this year which gives the Forest Service the right to manage the forests on the claim. This would open the claim to cutting, road building, grazing or recreational use. And, as the Forest Service views it, that would be the end of another outpost of resistance to good forestry management.

To start the mopping up operation, all regional offices of the Forest Service are mapping the areas containing existing claims. From this plan of action is to be drawn. Each claim will then be described according to its location.

To Seek Evidence
Foresters will then move in to examine the area for evidence of persons in actual possession or engaged in working the claim. They are to note any kind of buildings, campsites or other evidence of occupancy; any assessment and development work, pits, shafts, drifts, surface diggings or other workings; any road construction, timber clearing, machinery in place or other evidence of mining work. They will seek names and addresses of claimants from neighbors, local merchants, town or county officials, if the claimant is not occupying the claim.

With this data in hand, the Forest Service will ask the Bureau of Land Management for a determination of surface rights on the claim, and this request will be publicized in the local area. The claimant is given 150 days to file verified statements in defense of the validity of his claim.

The Forest Service expects at this point that many legitimate miners who are working claims will simply waive their surface rights rather than become involved in a hearing in which they would have to prove that they have a valid mineral claim. A waiver would save the government and the miner the cost and time of a hearing, give the Forest Service the right to manage the timberland, while not taking away from the miner the right to use what timber he needs directly in his mining development. The miner would also retain the right to use timber beyond the bounds of his claim if there was insufficient timber on his claim due to Forest Service cutting.

If the claimant doesn't want to waive his surface rights and defends his claim successfully, he would continue to have exclusive rights to the use of the surface, including the right to post "No Trespassing" signs and keep everyone, including federal foresters, off his claim.

If the claimant defaults in filing verified statements, or if he loses his case in a Bureau of Land Management hearing, the claim would be declared invalid and the Forest Service would gain the right to use the area in accord with good forestry practices. This is what the new law is intended to accomplish.

City Judge Wins Courtesy Driver
James Main, 543 Hayden st., Medford city judge, identified the "Courtesy Driver of the Day" license number published yesterday in Medford Safety council's partner in safety program. Judge Main received \$10 prize because the previous day's number was not identified.

A \$5 award will be given for identifying today's "Courtesy Driver of the Day." The license number is: 692-533

More Federal School Aid Should Be Given, Conference Informed

Washington — (U.P.) — The president of the Los Angeles Board of Education today assailed the idea of federal aid for the nation's schools.

The official, Ruth C. Cole, said in a statement that "neither Los Angeles nor California need or will they receive one cent in federal aid."

Washington — (U.P.) — An educator said today that the federal government should quit "marking time" and give substantial aid to schools.

Dr. John K. Norton, head of the Education Administration department at Columbia university's teachers college, told reporters the government "has been discriminating against education" by giving federal aid to "practically every kind of public service except it."

Time Said Marked
Norton, a delegate to the White House conference on education, said that while states and local communities have increased their school funds in recent years, the national government has marked time.

Norton gave his views at a 1,800 conference delegates prepared to consider the tough federal aid question this afternoon. Another thorny item on today's agenda was how to overcome the pressing shortage of school teachers.

It appeared that the administration may be ready to recommend more money for school construction than its current aid bill provides.

President Eisenhower summoned Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education and welfare, and Budget Director Rowland Hughes for a conference at his Gettysburg, Pa., headquarters Thursday. One of Folsom's aides said, in response to questions, it would be "only natural" for them to discuss the health, education and welfare budget, including federal aid for school construction.

Upward Revision Seen
A department official said it would be a "reasonable assumption" that the administration will revise upward its proposal for school construction grants. The three-year aid program recommended by the administration last spring called for \$200,000,000 in grants to needy school districts, plus loans to others to help them build schools. The program was criticized in Congress for not providing enough outright federal funds.

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Ike's Activities Still Must Be Restricted
Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's doctors said today he is coming along fine but that his activities still must be "restricted."

The president underwent his regular weekly examination at his farm home here.

Elections Will Be Held In 12 Districts Dec. 5

Residents of eight Jackson county water districts, three rural fire districts and one sanitary district will elect directors and commissioners at elections Monday, Dec. 5.

Voters will be asked to decide bond issues in two districts. A bond issue not to exceed \$27,000 for additional water distribution and installation of fire hydrants will be on the ballot in Grand View water district.

Residents of the South Bear Creek sanitary district will be asked to vote on a \$40,000 bond issue for additional funds for construction of trunk and lateral sewer lines.

Annexation Proposal
Members of Medford Rural fire district will vote on a proposal to annex property between Griffin Creek rd. and Griffin Creek, which includes Griffin Creek Grange and school.

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Authorities Wait Brief Daylight To Probe Ruins To Probe Ruins

Jet Slices Building At Alaska Air Base

Eielson AFB, Alaska — (U.P.) — Authorities awaited the brief period of Arctic daylight to resume their search today for bodies of persons killed yesterday when an eight-family apartment was sliced by a crashing F84F Thunderjet. Authorities feared that the final death toll might climb as high as 15.

Ten bodies were taken from the ice-coated, charred ruins of the dwelling which eight enlisted airmen and their families occupied, and three other tenants of the buildings were unaccounted for.

The dead were believed to include triplets born last year, Maj. John Orr, public information officer at Eielson AFB, said. Their parents were believed to be Sgt. and Mrs. William Fimple, who survived the accident. Two other Fimple children, Timmie and Dutchie, also survived.

Lucky Escape

Lt. R. E. Marshall, who escaped with his family from one of the flaming buildings struck by the plane, was found wandering about several hours later.

"I was just coming up from the basement when it happened," Marshall said. "Our baby was on the bed next to the wall and it was knocked onto the floor. The baby wasn't hurt. My wife was knocked over. We are the luckiest people in the world to be alive."

Orr said "the death toll could go as high as 15."

Six of the seven persons injured in Tuesday's tragedy were in critical condition.

A terrified young woman, Pamela Harris, 21, sobbed as she described the force of the plane's impact.

"I saw one woman with her arm torn off," Miss Harris, daughter of an enlisted couple, said. "It was horrible."

The only identified victim of the tragedy was the pilot of the jet plane, Lt. Alfred E. Pounders, 28, of Monticello, Miss. His body was recovered.

Giant Bowling Ball
Eyewitnesses said Pounders' plane, which had just taken off from Eielson AFB, skidded over base headquarters and struck the housing project like a giant bowling ball. It ripped the apartment building from one end to the other before exploding and bursting into flames.

The plane, after cutting through the enlisted men's quarters, stopped only four inches from an officers' dwelling, as though conscious of rank.

"The plane came over very low, right over the headquarters building where I was working," one enlisted man said. "We knew it was in trouble. You could tell by the way it sounded."

"We saw a big puff of smoke and flame. Then the whole headquarters building shook, following a tremendous explosion. Flames and smoke poured out of the windows and doors of the buildings. Wreckage was scattered all around."

Human Incidents
The crash occurred when children were home from school shortly before 1 p.m. (AST). Firemen turned into human icicles as water from their hoses drenched them and froze. Air Force men and Army troops relieved regular firefighters who became encased in a coating of ice.

Fred A. Sorri, a civilian plumber, had just finished an installation in one of the buildings shattered by the plane.

"It bounced off the roofs of two buildings, setting them afire and then plunked right through the dwelling," he said.

Orr said the pilot apparently had control failure.

"He tried to avoid hitting the houses, but he couldn't get much altitude," Orr said.

Orr said no official statement on the final death toll would be released for 48 hours and names of the victims would not be released until then.

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