

### State Department Preparing Paper On Bad Treatment

Washington — (U.P.) — The State Department is preparing a white paper on the "cruel and inhuman" treatment of American prisoners by the Chinese Communists, it was learned Saturday.

American officials made the disclosure after the two countries traded bitter statements on exchange of prisoner negotiations at Geneva. They said this country will continue with the negotiations despite the dispute.

### Russians Support Afghan Demands

Kabul, Afghanistan — (U.P.) — Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin has come out directly in support of Afghanistan's demand that Pakistan give up its strategically important northwest frontier provinces, diplomatic informants said Saturday.

Bulganin was quoted as saying that the 7,000,000 "freedom loving" people of the area should be permitted the right of self-determination.

This would mean the formation of an "independent" state which Pakistan holds would really be under Afghan domination.

Visit Kabul  
The Soviet Premier, visiting Kabul with Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Russian Communist party leader, made his statement at a banquet Friday night.

Western newsmen were excluded from the dinner on the ground that they were "not needed."

(The Moscow radio, broadcasting Bulganin's speech Saturday, toned it down, as it has done other inflammatory speeches made by him and Khrushchev on their tour of Southern Asia.)

(Moscow radio, heard in London, quoted Bulganin as saying: "We sympathize with Afghanistan's policy on the question of Pushtoonistan (the area in question). The Soviet Union stands for an equitable solution of the problem, which can not be settled correctly without taking into account the vital interests of the people inhabiting Pushtoonistan.")

### BOILER EXPLODES

Frankfurt, Germany — (U.P.) — A boiler used for heating the U. S. State Department housing project here exploded Friday, killing one German worker and injuring five others seriously.

Windsor Castle Staff Holds Annual Ball  
Windsor, England — (U.P.) — Queen Elizabeth II danced with a footman and the Duke of Edinburgh with a housemaid at the annual Christmas ball of the staff of Windsor Castle Friday night.

Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret also attended the festivities in the Waterloo Chamber of the castle.

### Average District Lost 20 Per Cent Of School Teachers

Portland — The average school district lost 20.04 per cent of its certificated school personnel over the last year, according to a teacher turnover study by the research bureau of the Oregon Education Association.

The study shows that of 14,038 certificated persons in Oregon elementary and secondary schools, 2,813 were dropped from the personnel lists of individual school districts between last fall and this fall.

Of the 243 certificated personnel in second and third class school districts in Jackson county in 1954-55, 50 teachers, or 20.6 per cent, did not return, the report stated.

However, 61 new personnel are expected in those schools next year, which is 11 over the previous year's new personnel.

Medford district had 174 personnel this year, of which 20 did not return.

In Ashland 78 personnel are listed, of which 18 did not return. Central Point lists 77, with 16 not returning.

New personnel, however, filled vacancies, it was stated. Medford had 48 new teachers, Ashland 19, and Central Point, 22.

### Grange Will Fight Income Tax Cuts

Washington — (U.P.) — The National Grange will fight any proposed federal income tax cuts in 1956 "with all the tools at its command."

Grange Master Herschel W. Newsom said Friday a tax cut now would hurt farmers because "it would stimulate inflation, which in turn would widen the farmer's cost-price gap."

The grange is the nation's second largest farm organization, ranking behind the American Farm Bureau Federation.

### Norway King Leaves Hospital for Holiday

Oslo, Norway — (U.P.) — King Haakon VII left the hospital Friday to spend Christmas at the royal palace.

The 83-year-old monarch has been hospitalized since he broke his thigh last June 28. Crown Prince Olav has performed the constitutional duties of the King.

### Pride Of British Aviation Goes Through Paces For 56 Guests In Vancouver, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C. — (U.P.) — The pride of British aviation, the DeHavilland Comet III jet airliner, went through its paces Saturday for 56 guests in a demonstration flight here.

The sleek silver and blue jet made a one-hour-20-minute trip more than 200 miles northwest up the British Columbia coast, then south to Victoria, B. C., and back east to Vancouver. The jet whooshed over this city at about 10,000 feet, but dipped

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### Lonardi Arrives For Health Check

New York — (U.P.) — Maj. Gen. Eduardo Lonardi, who ruled Argentina for 50 days after the overthrow of Dictator Juan Peron, arrived here Saturday aboard the Argentine state liner Rio Tunuyan en route to Washington for a month's health checkup at Georgetown Hospital.

Lonardi's aides said he is suffering from high blood pressure. He was accompanied by his wife, his daughter Mercedes, and her husband, Ricardo Quesada.

Lonardi, 59, was named provisional president of Argentina after the overthrow of Peron Sept. 10. Lonardi's government, which was criticized by liberal elements for not cracking down on Peronistas, was overthrown Nov. 13 by a bloodless coup led by Maj. Gen. Pedro Aramburu, army chief of staff.

For a time after his ouster, Lonardi was held under house arrest at his Buenos Aires home.

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They had reached the point that a natural gas supply by Aug. 1 of next year.

Work has also started on the Canadian end of the international pipeline, thus increasing the volume of gas to be delivered to northwest markets.

For the first year of operation, the system will deliver 298,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Within two and one-half years that will be increased to 645,000,000 cubic feet per day, the officials said. Overall cost of the combined pipeline project was estimated at \$333,000,000.

### 1 Killed, 2 Injured In Gap Ranch Crash

Burns — (U.P.) — One woman was killed and two others badly injured in an automobile accident at Gap Ranch, about 45 miles west of Burns on the Bend highway Friday.

The victim was Mrs. Marjorie van Cleef, Hines. Taken to a Burns hospital in serious condition were Mrs. Johnny Woods and a Mrs. Twinman, both of Hines.

A Trailways bus discovered the wrecked car about 2 p.m. Friday. It took about an hour for one of the women to be freed from the vehicle.

The occupants of the car apparently were returning home from a shopping trip to Portland. The car hit a slick patch of ice while traveling down the steep east side of a hill, skidded off the road and rolled over the bank.

### Two Men Burned To Death; Three Injured

Mashpee, Mass. — (U.P.) — Two men were burned to death and three guests were injured Saturday morning when fire raged through historic, 24-room Hotel Attaquin in the center of this Cape Cod town.

The fire started in a kitchen and cut a power line to the town siren. Fire Chief Ellsworth Peters finally called firemen from neighboring towns and Otis Air Force base by radio.

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### MYSTERIOUS BUNDLE

Mainz, Germany — (U.P.) — German police rushed to a local parking lot early Friday when the attendant reported he had found a "mysterious bundle."

Police identified the "bundle" as a tightly-zipped American Army sleeping bag, containing a soldier and a German girl.

### Smooth Trip

The trip was smooth in mostly sunny weather with some clouds and haze. Among the guests were two retired Royal Canadian Air Force Air Vice-Marshals and a former president of the Canadian National railway: Leigh Stevenson, A. T. Cowley and W. N. Neal respectively.

Several government representatives were invited but were unable to make the trip. The rest of the guests were from business firms and the press.

The comet jet, which broke three speed records in its round-the-world shake-down cruise, arrived here Friday from Honolulu, and is due to leave for Toronto, Ont., Sunday at 7:30 a.m. (PST). The trip east will take about four hours.

An official of the DeHavilland Co. on the world flight confided that the crew would be glad to get back to England Dec. 22. The exhaustive tests on the plane and the endless details of arranging the trip have cut into sleep and tired both the officials and the technicians.

Well Satisfied  
DeHavilland experts said they were well satisfied with the plane's performance so far. The Comet III is a development proto-type of the Comet IV, which will go into service in 1959 under the banner of British Overseas Airways Corp. It is expected to be the first jet airliner in service, except for the Comet I, which was grounded in 1954 after two disastrous crashes.

The chief impression on the passengers was the remarkable lack of vibration and noise. The only sound in the cabin was the air conditioning, which changes the air every 40 seconds, and vibration was virtually non-existent.

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