

Speed Tape From Ill-Fated Train Impounded



GETTING THE NEEDLE—Mrs. Jack Lewis watches as her daughter, Roxy, receives an injection of anti-polio vaccine from Nurse Gossett. In the foreground, waiting their turn, are Mrs. Lewis' other children, Dusty and Scott. In the background, also waiting his turn with the needle, is Jimmy Meesis while Bobby Gregory has a look of anxiety as he sits on the table. Mrs. Lewis is Medford chairman of the Mothers' March, a March of Dimes fund-raising event to be held between 7 and 8 p.m. on Jan. 31. —(Brainard photo)

Nehru To Stick With Plan To Redistrict Several India States

New Delhi, India—(U.P.)—The government of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru decided today to stick to its decision redistricting Indian states despite a week of rioting in which 71 persons were killed and 550 injured. The government has refused to be intimidated by the violence and threats of further terrorism in deciding to keep Bombay as a centrally administered city and redistricting several states.

Return to Normal
Police reported "all quiet everywhere" in Bombay. Stores reopened, schools and colleges resumed classes and factories reported workers showing up on the job.

The Working Committee of the Indian National Congress, the highest executive of the ruling party, passed a resolution today declaring that "no changes will be made in the decisions already arrived at or that might be taken later in regard to the reorganization of the states."

Before this decision was announced, violent new anti-government rioting broke out in the Eastern Indian state of Orissa. The new violence was as bitter as that directed against Britain in the 1930s, causing orders to be issued to the Army sending troops to the scene.

Officials Busted
Mobs surged through the streets of the cities of Cuttack and Puri some 200 miles southwest of Calcutta, burned railway stations, attacked the government-owned radio station in Cuttack, and beat government and police officials.

The new rioting—which started a week ago today in Bombay—came as Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's ruling Congress Party prepared to set out an iron-fisted policy to meet the government crisis.

Most of the attacks in Orissa state today were directed at

Policeman Freed After Making Deal

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—A police officer said today he was held at gunpoint by two men but was freed after he made a deal with them. The men were held in custody here.

The officer, Kenneth Going, 23, said he went to a tavern last night to check a disturbance. He attempted to arrest James Carleton Schulke, 22, and Walter Eugene Johnson, 25, both of Walla Walla, Wash. But when he tried to put them in his patrol car, one of them showed a .45-caliber automatic in his stomach and forced him into their automobile.

Going said they drove him to the east side where they intended to handcuff him to a tree. However, he said he made a deal whereby he agreed to let one man go free if the other would accompany him to the police station. Johnson took off and Schulke went back to the station with Going.

Going broadcast a description of Johnson's car and Corvallis police arrested him at 4:28 a.m. today after he made a phone call from a pay booth to Albany police to find out what had happened to his companion.

San Joe, Calif.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Portland, Ore., woman acquitted of the car-bombing murder of her husband, Kermit, went into court today to try to win back her three-year-old daughter now in the custody of the slain man's sister.

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Unknown Amount Stolen In Talent Burglary
An undetermined amount of cash was stolen last night from the Talent club, Talent, and a safe and pinball machines were damaged, according to John R. Burdell, club owner, and Joe Walsh, sheriff's deputy.

Entrance to the club was made through a front window, officers said. A canister and box containing March of Dimes money, \$25 from a cash register, and money taken from pin ball machines and a shuffle board was stolen. The safe was badly damaged but officers had not been able to open it at the time the report was made.

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Porter Announces Congress Candidacy
Eugene—Charles O. Porter today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress from the fourth district of Oregon.

The young attorney was defeated for the same office in 1954 by incumbent Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg Republican. The district includes Linn, Lane, Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties.

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Cool Weather Ends New Flood Threat
Heavy rains over the week end, totaling more than an inch in Medford and more elsewhere, again threatened high water along the creeks and rivers of the Rogue valley. But colder weather and a decrease in the rainfall eased the threat Sunday.

The Rogue river crested just below flood stage, creating some local high water problems, but reports indicated no families needed assistance.

Civil defense workers watched the river's rise carefully Saturday night, staying on duty until midnight in the Shady Cove area and until 3 a.m., Sunday in the Rogue River area.

City Planners Approve Eastside Fire Station
The Medford planning commission Friday endorsed the city council's authorization of the planned east side fire station.

Preparation of plans and specifications for the station, to be located on Highland dr., near South Siskiyou Blvd., were approved Tuesday night by the council, subject to the recommendation of the planning commission. City Manager Robert Duff said that \$28,504.92 is available for construction.

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Some Relief Seen For Soaked Oregon
By UNITED PRESS
The weather bureau had a hopeful word today for rain-weary Oregonians. It said that California was in a position to receive the brunt of oncoming Pacific storms with only "fringe" effects expected in Oregon for the next five days except near the southern border.

At the same time, temperature will be cooler. But an end to rain was not expected. As the weather bureau put it, showery conditions in Oregon "may be enthusiastic" in the northwest part of the state. There also will be periods of sunshine, forecasts said.

During the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. today, Roseburg had 1.15 inches of rain, Brookings 1.2, North Bend 1.09, Astoria .50, Medford .89, Salem .42, Eugene .76, Portland .13, Baker .14, The Dalles .13 and Redmond .20.

The main stem of the Willamette river from Harrisburg to Oregon City was expected to rise slightly but tributary streams were falling.

Weather
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness; through Tuesday with occasional shallow patches of morning fog. Snow above 3500 feet. Low tonight 32-35. High Friday 48-50.

Highest yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this morning	39
To 4:30 a.m. today	39

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DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 462.35, off 2.05; 20 railroads 153.97, off 0.55; 15 utilities 63.03, off 0.04; and 65 stocks 164.29, off 0.61. Sales today were about 2,720,000 shares, compared with 2,430,000 Friday.

Arizona Case Puts New Twist on Use Of Wiretapping
Immigration Laws Declared Violated
Washington—(U.P.)—The Supreme court agreed today to decide whether listening in on a two-way radio channel falls in the same legal category as tapping a telephone wire.

The court accepted for review an Arizona case that puts a new twist on the established legal doctrine that evidence obtained by wire-tapping cannot be used in federal trials.

The case involves charges that Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. H. Suggs of Yuma, Ariz., violated the U.S. immigration laws by employing Mexican wetback laborers who had crossed the border illegally.

A radio monitor of the Federal Communications Commission testified before the Grand Jury which indicted them. He said he overheard the Suggens using a two-way radio to flash warnings to their distant cotton fields to hide the wetbacks when federal immigration inspectors approached.

No Federal License
A U.S. District court in Arizona dismissed the charges on the basis of the old rule barring wiretap evidence. But the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court. It held that the wiretap rule didn't apply in this case since the Suggens didn't have a federal license for their radio. Now the Supreme court will decide which finding is right.

In other actions on a relatively light decision day, the high court:

1. Agreed to review a lower court decision which cleared the way for thousands of the government's wartime "blue-collar" workers at shipyards and arsenals to file claims for extra pay for holiday work. On the basis of the test case now up for review, more than 70,000 workers already have filed back pay claims. The government has more than 700,000 "blue-collar" workers who are paid by the day like industrial employees.
2. Rejected a plea by California interests for reconsideration of a Dec. 12 decision in which the court refused to include Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming as parties to the dispute between Arizona and California over Colorado river water rights.
3. Denied a hearing to James Arena of Oakland, Calif., convicted in 1953 of lying to a Federal Grand Jury investigating the tax affairs of California liquor lobbyist Arthur H. Samish. Arena drew a three-year prison term for the perjury conviction.

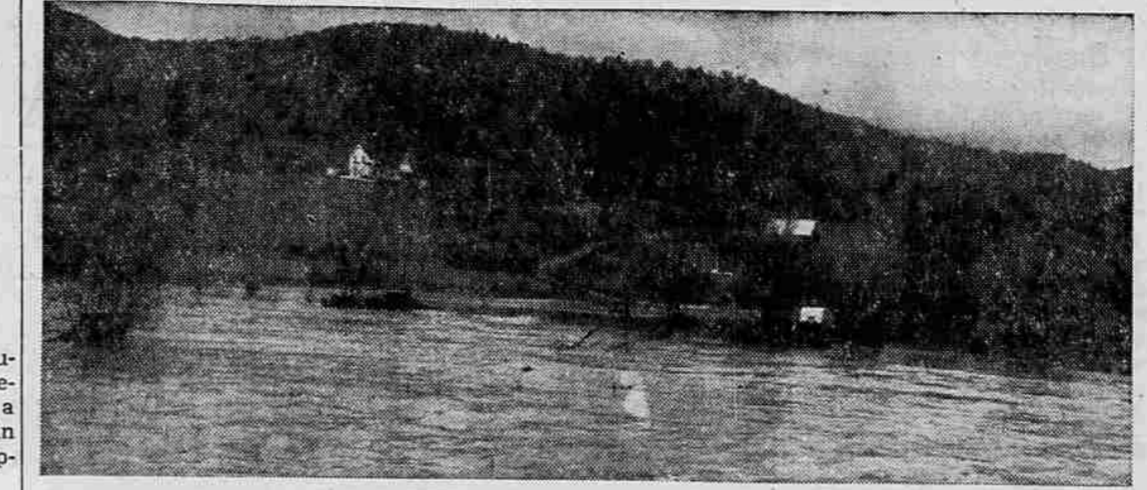
The court did not act today on pending segregation and national security cases.

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower meets with Sen. Walter F. George late today in an effort to patch up a bipartisan foreign policy split.

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HIGH WATER ON CAMP SITE—Camp Lowe, long a landmark on the Klamath river where Highway 99 and the river come together, was virtually wiped out during the Christmas week floods. The picture above, taken during the second period of high water last week, shows the site of the former camp again inundated. The bridge across the river, which was damaged during the first flood, is just out of the picture at right. A house trailer and the lone remaining building of the camp can be seen just to the right of the center of the picture and only a foot or two above the water level.

Five Injured In Auto Accident at Crater Lake Park

Five persons were injured at 3:30 p.m. Sunday when a car, driven by Huber J. Sitton, Klamath Falls, received injuries and was taken to Klamath Valley hospital by a park ambulance and an ambulance from Klamath Falls.

All passengers in the car, driven by Huber J. Sitton, Klamath Falls, received injuries and were taken to Klamath Valley hospital by a park ambulance and an ambulance from Klamath Falls.

Passengers were Sheryle Sitton, 21, who suffered a broken leg; and Joan Sitton, 22, John Classen and Dianne Classen, 24, all of Klamath Falls, who had cuts, bruises and possible chest injuries. Park rangers administered first aid.

The operator of the snow plow, Ben Pool, Crater Lake National park, was not injured. Damage to both vehicles was heavy, Williams said.

A one car accident one half mile south of Bellview cafe on Highway 99, at 5:50 p.m., Sunday, resulted in the injury of Evelyn Jean MacKay, 19, of 171 B st., Ashland, state police reported. She was taken to Ashland general hospital where she was treated for head injuries and was reported in good condition today.

The car, driven by Dean Everett Wilcox, 26, of 77 Highway st., Ashland, left the road and rolled down a 15 foot embankment, according to police. Wilcox told officers that the accident occurred when he dropped a cigarette and was trying to recover it.

Rogue Flood Control Meet Set for Tonight

A meeting on flood control in the Rogue River basin will be held at the Faye I. Bristol residence near Rogue River at 8 p.m. today.

Members of a citizen's all-river committee for flood control will discuss further flood control possibilities and steps needed to speed action with representatives of the U. S. Army corps of engineers and the bureau of reclamation.

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Stassen Accused Of 'Reprehensible' Conduct by Probers

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators today accused Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's assistant for disarmament, of "reprehensible" conduct.

The Senate Investigating Subcommittee, in a report filed in the Senate today, said Stassen was "most uncooperative" and "attempted to hinder and impede" an inquiry last April.

The inquiry concerned a proposed contract between the Foreign Operations Administration which Stassen then headed, and a Los Angeles firm to erect grain storage elevators in Pakistan.

The subcommittee said Stassen "exercised poor judgment and used bad business practice" when he, insisted on pressing ahead with the contract with a firm which, the report said, was the apparent high bidder.

But the subcommittee saved its strongest language for Stassen's suggestion that there might be some unethical activity between an official of the low bidding firm and an FOA employee. The FOA itself reported seven months later it could find nothing to substantiate this.

"Mr. Stassen's irresponsible and unsubstantiated implications in open hearing... were reprehensible for a high government official," the report said.

Bender Refuses to Sign
Sen. George H. Bender (R-O.), refused to sign the report and in a dissenting statement called it "inaccurate and unfair."

The subcommittee said it found "strong evidence of collusion" between officials of the Agricultural Construction Co. of Los Angeles and Robert Pinner, engineer employed for FOA to handle the grain elevator project in Pakistan. It said this collusion led to a recommendation that the contract be awarded to the Agricultural Construction Co.

Train Wreck Victims Listed

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The list of identified dead in the Santa Fe train wreck last night:

Dorothy Lester, 36, San Deigo; Sgt. John E. Williams, 26, USMC, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Patrick H. O'Neil, 20, USN, Gardena, Calif.; Stanley H. Levitt, 30, San Diego; John Henry Breen, 40, El Monte, Calif.; Mrs. Marcelle C. Meyer, 60, Garden Grove, Calif.; Albert Warren Fenn, 50, Lakeside, Calif.; Mrs. May Goldberg, 48, San Diego; Kenneth L. Wallace, 60, San Diego; Mrs. Eleanor Hopkins, 60, Pacific Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Marjoe E. Ahmann, 28, Sioux Falls, S.D.; William Koga, 25, San Diego; Sam Benn Sironat, 43, San Diego; Lt. (jg) Donald Lund, 40, USN, Culver City, Calif. (attached to USS Rochester). Mrs. Thelma Buzzelle, 36, San Diego; Mrs. Eva Lipton, 70, El Cajon, Calif.; Mrs. Annette C. Frazier, 17, Houston, Tex.; Ray Branvall, 12, address unknown; Thomas Ferguson, 33, San Diego; Mrs. Eva Lipton, 30, his wife, San Diego; Mrs. Marcy Fenn, 37, San Diego; Audrey Foster, 25, San Diego; Charles Foster Jr., 23 months, her son, San Diego; Jeffrey Levitt, 7, son of Stanley N. Levitt, San Diego; Wilson A. Larowe, 38, San Diego, sailor; Helen M. McNear, 29, Coronado, Calif.; Jeanette Grove, 36, Solana Beach, Calif.; Jane Doe; G. G. Harvey, 18, San Diego, sailor.

Two Men Jailed on Driving Charges

Vista Burnsed, 40, Klamath Falls, was fined \$255 in district court today, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

He also received a 30-day suspended jail sentence and a 90-day suspension of his operator's license. Burnsed is in county jail in lieu of payment of the fine.

A second driver, Robert Edward Findlay, 37, route 1, is confined in city jail under \$200 bail after he was arrested yesterday on a similar charge. Findlay pleaded innocent in city court this morning and hearing was set for Jan. 31. He was fined \$5 for no operator's license.

Engineer Tells Of 'Blacking Out' Prior To Wreck

Full Investigation Of Tragedy Ordered
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Police impounded the speed tape today of the ill-fated commuter train that hit a curve too fast during its engineer's "black out" and plunged off the track killing 29 persons in California's worst rail tragedy.

The crack San Diegan, loaded with servicemen and week-enders homebound for San Diego, slammed into the curve "with undue speed" last night, the Santa Fe railroad announced officially.

District Attorney Ernest Roll called for a "full and complete" investigation of the disaster, in which 142 persons were injured.

About 45 remained hospitalized today, many in serious or critical condition with amputations and bodies crushed when the diesel-powered train whipped off the curve and upset near downtown Los Angeles, grinding some bodies to shreds.

71 Miles Per Hour
Charles Nerpel, a United Press photographer, on the scene today taking daylight shots of last night's horror, heard train officials say that the tape, which keeps a continuous record of the train's speed and is required equipment, registered 71 miles per hour at the 10-degree curve where a 35-mile per hour limit is imposed.

Police Chief William H. Parker ordered the tape impounded, to be turned over to the Interstate Commerce commission.

Roll said a full report will be made to the Grand Jury. An inquest will be held next week.

ICC Safety Inspector Horace E. Gilbert, Los Angeles, said investigators from the Washington office probably will be assigned to an investigation "which will take about two to three weeks to complete."

Bodies Unidentified
Meanwhile, eight of the 29 bodies in the county morgue still remained unidentified. Three boys, 14 women and 12 men were instantly killed in the wreck and the mangled conditions of the bodies made identification extremely difficult.

Santa Fe President Fred Gurnley blamed the crash on "excessive speed on a curve."

"We are unable to understand how the accident occurred," he said. "There was a seasoned man at the controls and it is an incomprehensible thing."

Separate Power Plans
The two-car, self-propelled diesel units, with power plants under each coach, were just minutes into their 125-mile, two and one-quarter hour run to the south.

Both the engineer and his fireman, Homer Smith, were in the front control car of the Budd Co. cars, which are 80-foot long, 53-ton stainless steel carriers which have been in use for the last three years on the run.

The jammed passenger cars shrouded a curve at what the railroad officially termed "excessive speed." The train swayed and pitched—then crashed over on its side.

Engineer Frank Parrish, 61, of San Bernardino, Calif., said he "just blacked out."

"I remember passing the 35-mile-per-hour clock signal in the yard and then I blacked out. I came to as the train was flipping on its side," he said.

Scene of Terror
A scene of terror followed as the surviving passengers tried to claw their way out of windows that were high and small.

Servicemen aboard the train kept the panic from getting out of hand, survivors reported. The sailors, soldiers and marines called for quiet and with the discipline of a military operation they broke out flashlights, found windows they could open and began lifting out the injured.

Police, meanwhile, flashed an alert terming the accident a major disaster and calling for all available ambulances and doctors.

A temporary morgue was set up in a vacant lot a short distance from the overturned train. The bodies, some torn to pieces, were taken to the field to be tallied by Coroner E. A. Winstanley and his deputies.

The scene of carnage was unparalleled in Los Angeles history. The train had slid about 150 feet on its side before coming to a stop and was a mishapen mass.

Mrs. Frank Parrish, wife of the engineer, was a passenger on the train and suffered minor injuries. She was on her way to San Diego to visit relatives. (See Story on Page 5)