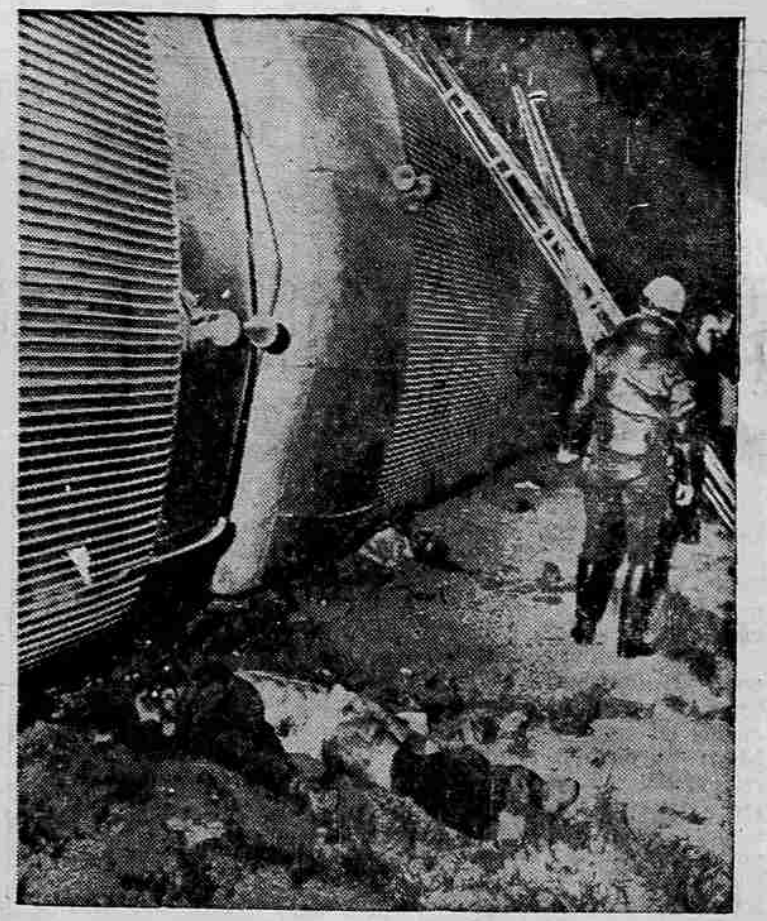




TRAIN WRECK KILLS 29 PERSONS—Scenes at California's worst train wreck, when the Santa Fe's San Diegan jumped the tracks in Los Angeles Sunday night leaving 29 dead and 147 in-



jured, are shown above. At left, a sailor comforts another passenger as they wait for first aid. Servicemen aboard the train were credited with preventing panic and gave much assistance in re-



moving the dead and injured. The center photo shows uninjured passengers attempting to comfort the less fortunate. The overturned cars are shown in the background. In the photo at right, police officers pass the body of a victim as they search the wreckage for injured passengers. —(See story on page 10)

Ike Predicts Continued Prosperity in 1956

Dulles Renews Plea Against Politics In Foreign Policy

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made an urgent new appeal to both parties today not to play politics with the nation's foreign policy.

Dulles told his weekly news conference that political wrangling over foreign policy will increase the risk of war if it raises doubts about America's intentions to live up to its international commitments.

Dulles warned there is a danger point which all patriotic citizens should recognize in an election year. This, he said, is to make sure that other nations do not lose their confidence in the solid, basic foreign policies of this country.

Prestige and Honor

Dulles said basic bipartisan positions on foreign policy developed during the last 10 years involve U.S. prestige and honor in other countries.

He said it would be a very sad day and increase the risk of war

Eden in Huddles Prior To Departure

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden called a hurried cabinet meeting today to prepare for a barrage of embarrassing questions by the Labor Party when Parliament reconvened this afternoon.

Eden leaves late this evening for Washington and talks with President Eisenhower aimed at aligning Anglo-American policy in Europe, the crisis-torn Middle East and the Far East.

Before he sails aboard the Queen Elizabeth he planned to talk with his refurbished cabinet, attend the opening session of the House of Commons after its New Year holiday and perhaps answer personally a set of hostile questions from the Laborites.

The Socialist questions centered chiefly on protests against in Europe, the crisis-torn Middle East policy, which also will be a key topic with Mr. Eisenhower.

Premier of Soviet Republic Resigns

London—(U.P.)—The Premier of the Soviet Union's biggest republic has resigned "to strengthen the leadership," Radio Moscow announced today.

The broadcast said A. M. Puzanov quit as Premier of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, the central area which includes Moscow and most of what was Czarist Russia.

Puzanov was the second Premier of a constituent republic of the USSR to die in a week. Last Thursday Medhislovas Gedvilas was removed as Premier of Lithuania. No reason was given.

Radio Moscow said Puzanov "has tendered his resignation in order to strengthen the leadership of the Russian Republic Council of Ministers."

"He is replaced by Ysnov," the broadcast said.

Western observers could not immediately identify the new Premier.

Salem—(U.P.)—Sherman Stanbury of Portland has filed his candidacy for delegate from the state at large to the Democratic national convention.

if there should be doubt about U. S. determination to stand by its commitments.

On the current Republican-Democratic squabble over foreign aid, Dulles said he believes the administration will get necessary authority from Congress to undertake some long term projects.

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) influential chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has voiced his strong opposition to any long term aid commitments. He continued to hold this view despite a personal conference with President Eisenhower yesterday.

Middle East Problem

Dulles also touched on these other international issues:

Middle East: The United States still opposes an uncontrolled arms race in the Middle East. In event of open conflict in the area the United States will seek to act through the United Nations, although it is questionable whether Russia would permit action since it has the veto power. The whole Middle East question will come up during talks between Mr. Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden next week.

Hydrogen bomb tests: The administration sees no possibility of an East-West agreement to control nuclear testing. This has been under discussion with Eden for two years and undoubtedly will come up again. The big trouble is how to define a permissible or a non-permissible nuclear test.

Peace With China

Red China: The United States believes some progress has been made at the Geneva talks toward getting Red China to renounce the use of force in the Formosa area. The United States will continue to be patient and persistent until it gets peace and security in that area. Dulles rejected Red China's latest charge that the United States during the Geneva talks was following a policy of "deliberate procrastination and obstruction."

Democrats and Republicans remained split over some foreign policy issues despite the President's effort to heal the breach in his meeting with George yesterday.

New Quarters House County District Court

First sessions of district court were held this morning in new quarters on the courthouse third floor. The juvenile department is housed in new offices adjoining the court.

Staff members of the county health department are moving into the old district court quarters on the first floor, and members of the personal department and appraisers of the assessor's office will move into offices vacated by the treasurer on the second floor.

220 Housing Units Authorized at Klamath

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department has authorized the construction of 220 family housing units at the New Klamath Falls, Ore., Air Force base.

The department said the units will be privately financed. But military quarters allowances will be used to pay off the mortgages and the units will then be owned by the government.



MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT Medford Speech Slated

Eleanor Roosevelt Accepts Invitation To Speak at Dinner

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the former president, will speak in Medford the evening of April 28, it was learned today.

She will be the guest speaker at the sixth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, held here each year as a testimonial to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She is the second member of the Roosevelt family to speak at the dinner. Her son James, now a California congressman, was here for the dinner three years ago.

The time and place of the dinner will be announced later, according to Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, a friend of the Roosevelt family, who received from Mrs. Roosevelt her acceptance of the invitation.

Other speakers at the memorial dinner beside James Roosevelt have been Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney active in Democratic politics in Oregon; Sen. Wayne Morse, and James Mitchell, former chairman of the Democratic National committee.

Lower Voting Age Ballot Title Drawn

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton today drew up a ballot title for the proposal of State Sens. Mark Hatfield, Salem Republican, and Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat to lower the voting age to 18 years for all elections except school district elections or elections where voters must be taxpayers.

The descriptive summary for the initiative measure reads: "This measure would amend the Oregon constitution to provide that all persons of the age of 18 years and upwards, and otherwise qualified, would have the right to vote at all elections except school district elections and elections where voters are required to be taxpayers. If approved this law will be operative on the day of the regular biennial general election in 1958 and prior thereto for the nomination of candidates and for initiating or referring measures to be voted upon at such election."

Abbott Jury Enters 6th Day of Deliberations

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Burton W. Abbott trial jury deliberated with painstaking calm into the sixth day today.

Veteran court observers said that the seven men and five women apparently still had yet to take their first ballot on the guilt or innocence of the accused kidnaper-slayer of teenage Stephanie Bryan.

US Surpassed in Nuclear Weapons, Russian Declares

Moscow—(U.P.)—Marshal Vasilii Chuikov told a Congress of the Ukrainian Community party today that "the Soviet Union has surpassed the United States in thermonuclear hydrogen bomb weapons."

In Washington, U.S. atomic officials said Soviet claims of H-bomb superiority are false.

Atomic Commissioner Thomas E. Murray recently described such claims as "Soviet propaganda." He said it would be unfortunate if the Russians themselves believed any false estimates they may have of our superiority.

Top Soldier

Marshal Chuikov is one of the Soviet Union's top soldiers, although he has not been in the public eye very much of late.

During World War II, he was best known as commander of the Russian 62nd Army, which stopped the Germans at Stalingrad.

Later, he accepted Berlin's surrender and remained in the Russian zone of Germany in various occupation posts until he assumed the top military command there in 1949.

He was relieved of his German command in June, 1953, and ordered home for a new assignment.

Subcommittee Checks Ike's Military Budget

Washington—(U.P.)—A House subcommittee today began checking whether President Eisenhower's \$35,000,000,000 military budget will keep the United States stronger than Russia.

The Military Appropriations Subcommittee called Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson for questioning about the budget.

Members expressed concern that Russia may already be ahead of the United States in the race for an intercontinental missile—the so-called "ultimate weapon."

Wilson's testimony behind closed doors signaled the start of the subcommittee's annual review of defense spending plans. During the hearings, expected to last three months, Democrats will plug for more emphasis on planes and guided missiles.

Shy Morthland Announces He Will Seek Reelection

L. G. (Shy) Morthland, county commissioner since 1949, announced today he will seek reelection. He is a Republican.

Morthland said he will file his candidacy for the GOP nomination sometime next week.

He has been a resident of Jackson county since 1928, and has been in several lines of business including catering and cooking for large groups. His residence is at 85 Windsor ave.

The commissioner said he has been urged to seek reelection by his friends and supporters. Committees on his behalf are now in process of being organized, he said.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 467.88 up 5.53; 20 rails 156.01 up 2.04; 15 utilities 63.60 up 0.57, and 65 stocks 166.24 up 1.95. Sales today were about 2,160,000 shares compared with 2,720,000 yesterday.

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Group Plans To Fight For Flood Control in Basin

A citizen's committee representing more than 200 people last night voted to form a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of fighting for flood control in the Rogue basin.

A nine-member committee which met at the home of Faye I. Bristol, three miles north of Rogue River, was appointed at a flood control meeting in Rogue River earlier this month. The Rogue Flood Control and Water Resources association was chosen as a name for the proposed corporation.

Points Out Need

Bristol pointed out the need for incorporation as a means of assuring continued action to obtain flood control. It was brought out that group members would have to act as lobbyists and meet with government and state officials perhaps over a period of months in order to gain freedom from floods as quickly as possible.

Henry Stewart, U.S. Army corps of engineers, Portland district, told the group funds were made available late last week for a complete survey of flood damage on the Rogue river.

Army engineers will send men to the area later this week, Stewart said, and the survey will begin immediately, and will cover all physical damage, including soil erosion and the estimated cost of rehabilitation.

Use Of Survey

The damage survey would be used to help determine if a dam on the Rogue is economically feasible, Stewart said. Flood damage on the Rogue would be computed on an annual basis and that figure would be added to benefits gained by a dam, such as irrigation, electrical power, and recreation. The total benefits, including flood control, would be allocated over the life of the project to determine whether or not it is economically feasible, Stewart said.

Both Stewart and Lee McAllister, bureau of reclamation area engineer, Salem, agreed that in order to be economically feasible a multiple-purpose dam or dams would be necessary. McAllister said a high dam on the Rogue at Lewis creek would be feasible, but stressed that the possibility of tributary dams had not been ruled out.

The bureau of reclamation has considered 60 or 70 dam sites on the Rogue, he said, and came up with Plan A which included a dam at Lewis creek. He pointed out that the Lewis creek dam would have controlled the December floods "with some room to spare."

The more recent floods in the valley have been flash floods with a high peak, but easier to control, he said. It was suggested that fresh logging operations leaving bare ground contribute to flash floods.

Both men said that in their opinion the damage estimates from the December flood would be surprising. They declined to guess as to the amount of damage, but McAllister said that if 1950 prices were applied to the 1861 flood, the damage from it would have been well in excess of \$8,000,000. The December flood was somewhat smaller than the flood of 1861.

"The white man hasn't been here long enough to know what

a flood could do," Stewart said. He pointed out that if conditions are right a worse flood than any recorded or known could happen.

"If you don't get a flood control you won't have much of a town at Grants Pass," McAllister said, "or development along the river. You can get flood control if you want it and keep after it."

It was generally agreed that fishing interests killed the bureau of reclamation's Plan A, which called for a dam at Lewis creek. McAllister said that the opposition was not so much from local groups as from places elsewhere in the nation.

Tennessee Petition

He stated that petitions from Tennessee opposing the project contained 10,000 signatures.

"More spawning beds are damaged by floods than a dam at Lewis creek would inundate," he said.

Members of the group agreed that the Rogue is now losing sports fishermen to the Sacramento river where there is a high dam. McAllister said that the bureau of reclamation, when constructing the Shasta dam, made an agreement with sportsmen that water in the river below the dam would be kept below 70 degrees.

As a result, he said, the colder water and steadier flow in summer created a new salmon and steelhead fishing stream. A dam would improve, rather than impair, fishing on the Rogue, he said. He mentioned that there was a good run of steelhead and salmon in the river this year but that many spawning beds were washed out by the flood.

Robert M. Sailor, Grants Pass, said he was sure fishing interests would do all possible to support a flood control program if they were sure it would not injure sports fishing. He suggested that a meeting be held, to which all sporting interests would be invited.

The group decided a meeting with sportsmen should be held, with a date tentatively set for Jan. 30, at 8 p.m., at the Rogue River VFW hall.

All sportsmen will be invited to the meeting, including private fishermen, representatives of the fish and wildlife service, state fish commission, state game commission, owners of sporting goods stores, Gold Beach fishing interests and the state president and local representatives of the Izaak Walton League.

A finance committee was appointed to raise funds to fight for flood control. Committee members are Sailor, chairman; Edward Strothers, Shady Cove; and Phil Engle, Rogue River mayor.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, north — Open; spots of ice in Roseburg area; intermittent rain north from Roseburg.

Highway 99, Siskiyou — Packed snow, traffic moving without chains.

Highway 66, Green Springs — Packed snow, carrying chains recommended.

Highway 97, north of Klamath Falls — Packed snow, sanded, traffic moving without chains.

California — Roads open in Siskiyou county; icy spots; road to Happy Camp open to Scott River.

Economic Message Carries Warning On Complacency

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today confidently predicted continued prosperity in 1956 with the nation's economy topping the \$400,000,000,000 mark.

But, in his annual economic message to Congress, he warned against complacency toward this "unprecedented prosperity." He said government, management and labor must be alert to possible threats of recession and inflation.

Mr. Eisenhower proudly reported the nation "reached the threshold of a \$400,000,000,000 economy" last year. He boasted of the "practical attainment... of the cherished goals" of full employment, rising incomes and a stable dollar.

Record Spending

Most economic activities reached new record peaks last year, he said. More Americans worked and made more money than ever before. They also spent a record amount on autos, televisions and other goods and services that make for better living.

The gross national product, the total of goods and services produced, rose from \$360,500,000,000 in 1954 to \$387,400,000,000 last year. It now is at an estimated annual rate of \$397,000,000,000, "if not higher."

Personal income jumped by \$15,500,000,000 to \$303,100,000,000. Corporate profits at \$43,200,000,000 showed a gain of \$9,200,000,000.

The average number of employed persons increased by about 2,000,000, totalling about 63,200,000 last year. Unemployment declined.

Average weekly earnings of industrial workers went up \$5.79 to \$79.90.

Higher Production

Industrial production climbed 11 per cent over 1954. Industrial plants "increased markedly" their expansion expenditures to meet increased consumer demand. Construction spending increased \$4,700,000,000 to a new high of \$42,200,000,000.

Falling income of farmers and high employment in economically depressed industrial spots were about the only matters for gloom in Mr. Eisenhower's report. He urged quick action by Congress on his new programs designed to ease their economic plight.

Opposes Tax Cut

The President again recommended that Congress put reduction of the public debt ahead of a tax cut. He also said more federal revenue will be needed to finance proposed school construction, aid to depressed areas and other new programs.

Under present conditions, he added, a tax cut is not justified and would be "irresponsible."

Mr. Eisenhower warned that increasing installment buying must not be permitted to get out of hand. He said that, on the whole it has been "highly beneficial to our economy." But he said unrestrained, excessive use of it might have serious effects on the economy.

For this reason, he asked Congress to consider restoring on a standby basis the Federal Reserve's authority to control consumer credit.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul Patterson has appointed Jess Bell of Oregon City as chairman for 1956 of the governor's committee for employment of the physically handicapped.

Weather

FORECAST: Thickening high cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with scattered showers in the valley and snow flurries in the mountains by Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 32-35; high Wednesday 45.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	47
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