

Families Ordered To Flee California Fire

Women, Children Evacuated From Path of Flames

Valuable Property Goes Up in Smoke

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Malibu, Calif. — All women and children were ordered evacuated from the danger area today as a 500-acre fire roared uncontrolled across 6,600 acres of the Santa Monica mountains bordering a famed movie colony beach front. At least 50 homes have been destroyed.

The inferno took the life of one man who saw the flames and ordered his wife and year-old child to flee while he remained in an attempt to save his home. His charred body was found later in an automobile in which he apparently tried to escape. He was identified by sheriff's officers as Frank L. Dickover, Zuma Beach.

More than 50 structures, some valued at more than \$100,000, were destroyed as nearly 1,000 men fought the fire.

Fire officials ordered all women and children removed from the area between Latigo and Ramero canyons. Men were permitted to remain near their homes "if they have a clearing around the house and can be of any help."

Calls for additional help were sent out by units on the scene which included Los Angeles and Ventura county and city crews, Forest Service personnel and Navy units from Port Hueneque and Port Lugo. The plea for help went out to every Southern California county and those areas were responding with all available equipment and manpower.

The \$30,000 beach home of radio-TV star Ralph Edwards was reported destroyed and the \$24,000 home of Harvey Knox, father of controversial football star Ronnie Knox was burned to the ground.

The \$75,000 estate of Metro-Goldwin-Mayer film producer Arthur Freed, and his \$150,000 orchid collection, went up in flames.

Flames were visible from Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley as they billowed 100 feet into the sky, spreading in every direction and in one instance leaping across the Pacific Coast Highway.

Evacuation of residents in Newton, Ramera, Latigo and Trancas canyons began at dawn. Sheriff's deputies of Los Angeles and Ventura counties were aided by the Highway Patrol.

The fire burned southwest of Malibu Lake and due north of Point Dume and Zuma Beach. The Pacific Coast Highway was shut to north and southbound traffic because of smoke and emergency traffic.

Gusty morning winds whipped the flames in the tinder-dry area and the Weather Bureau predicted the winds would continue, coupled with low humidity. The season's total rainfall in this area has been less than one-half inch.

Weather
FORECAST: Valley fog and Thursday morning, clearing partially Thursday afternoon. Low in west 3-8 p.m. change low tonight 3-8 High Thursday 45.

Highest Yesterday 48
Lowest This Morning 21

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:39 a.m.
Sunset 4:15 p.m.
Moonrise 3:35 a.m.
New Moon Dec. 31

PROMINENT STARS
Altair, low in west 7:31 p.m.
Procyon, low in east 7:30 p.m.
Venus, high in south 8:30 p.m.
Jupiter, low in east 12:18 a.m.
Venus and Saturn, rise 10:00 a.m.

Suez Ordered Closed

Israel Informs UN Forces Will Be Withdrawn

Clearance Due To Be Expedited

London — (UP) — Orders have been given to start clearing the Suez Canal, an official source in Cairo said today.

The source did not say whether the clearing would start immediately. But he did say Israel had informed the United Nations its forces would be withdrawn from Egyptian territory by Jan. 7, 1957.

The State Department in Washington said the United States has received word that work on the clearance of the canal "will go forward expeditiously."

Assurance From UN

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said "information" on clearance of the canal had been received by the U. S. government "from New York." He would not elaborate, but it was known that assurances came from UN officials.

Anglo-French forces already have been withdrawn from Egypt. But work on clearing the canal and restoring the flow of Mideast oil still had been held up pending the evacuation of Israeli troops.

In Damascus an official Syrian government communique said today that Syria will not permit repair of damaged oil pipelines running across its territory until Israeli forces have been withdrawn from Sinai Desert and Gaza Strip.

In Cairo, the acting secretary general of the Arab League, Raif Bellama, said that "unless Israel withdraws behind the 1949 truce demarcation line in compliance with the UN resolution, the Arabs will not allow resumption of the flow of oil or clearance of the Suez Canal."

Agreement Reached

The sources said the instructions were given to UN and Egyptian officials on the scene on the basis of an agreement reached between UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and the Egyptian government.

The source said orders for clearing the canal have been given to retired U. S. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, placed in charge of salvage operations by the United Nations and to Col. Mahmoud Younis, general manager of the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority.

The source said Egypt would "never enter any direct talks" with Britain or France on the Canal. He said any future discussions would be "only through the United Nations."

Train, Section Crew Car Crash Kills One

Klamath Falls — (UP) — One man was reported killed and five others were injured today following a collision between a north-bound Southern Pacific train and a section crew car at Bray, Calif., about 45 miles south of here.

The accident occurred at 11:08 a.m. T. J. McAry, district freight and passenger agent here for the railroad, said the coroner at Yreka, Calif., had been called. The five injured men were being brought here aboard the train, the northbound Klamath, for hospital examination.

Smith To Appoint Tooze Successor

Salem — (UP) — Gov. Elmo Smith said today he would appoint a successor to Supreme Court Justice Walter Tooze soon — probably before Saturday.

The governor said a large number of good candidates had been considered and that the list had been narrowed to three chief candidates.

Justice Tooze, 69, died here last Friday.

The governor said the names of several Circuit Court judges were among the candidates originally suggested to him.

He said he would not name the three chief candidates at this time out of fairness to those who might not get the appointment.

Pendleton Burglars Show Lack of Fear

Pendleton — (UP) — A burglar or burglars took more than \$20 from a cash register at a shoe shine shop directly across from the Pendleton police station last night.



GET SALK SHOTS — Members of the Medford High School basketball team got anti-polio shots Monday as part of a program initiated by the Jackson County Medical Society to vaccinate every resident in Jackson County under the age of 20. The program will get underway Jan. 14. Dr. Edwin Durno administered

the vaccine before a Tornado practice session at Hedrick Junior High school. Getting his shot, above, is Frank Albert, while Mike Stearns, Dick Copple and Dick Puhl, in the front row, and Bilbee Lane, Don Peek, Dick McLaughlin, Neil Plumley and Larry Slessler in the back row, look on.

County Medical Society Plans Free Polio Vaccine Campaign

A gigantic program designed to immunize every child in the county with Salk anti-polio vaccine has been announced by the Jackson County Medical Society.

The inoculations will start on Monday, Jan. 14, at polio vaccine stations to be strategically situated throughout the county. First and second shots of the three-shot series will be given without charge by the doctors and the third shot, the so-called booster shot, to be given from seven months to a year later, will probably be obtained privately by the child's family.

Every child in the county under age 20 will be eligible for the free vaccine.

Physicians Alarmed

Dr. Florian Shasky, spokesman for the Medical Society, said the physicians had become alarmed by the apathy of parents toward the vaccine, not only in Jackson County but elsewhere in many sections of the nation. Dr. Shasky said the members of the

Eisenhower Hears Nixon's Report on Hungary Refugees

Washington — (UP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon today gave President Eisenhower a "full report" on the Hungarian refugees, Nixon said after a White House conference he is "confident the United States will continue to do its full share" in aiding them.

The President met with Nixon and other government leaders for more than an hour. Nixon said they explored "various suggestions" for helping the homeless freedom fighters fleeing Hungary, including an increase in the present quota of 21,500 to be admitted to the United States.

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He said he "reported fully on the magnitude of the problem," as he saw it first hand in his pre-Christmas visit to Austria.

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He listed three possible steps which this country might take: Increasing the quota above the present 21,500 limit.

Establishing an "open end" quota with no definite ceiling.

Agreement to take a certain percentage of all refugees leaving Hungary.

Oregon Highway Toll Reaches Four

By UNITED PRESS

A man was killed near Pendleton and woman died in Klamath Falls last night to raise Oregon's highway death toll for the holiday Christmas week end to four.

Considering the high national toll and the hazardous driving conditions as the result of fog and ice, Oregon emerged with one of the safest driving week ends. Last year seven persons died in Oregon accidents during a three-day Christmas week end.

The latest fatality reported was eight miles south of Pendleton on Highway 395 where Alf Leland Anderson, 32-year-old Pilot Rock school teacher, was killed in a head-on collision.

Police said Alice M. Eddy, 81, Tulelake, Calif., died last night in Klamath Valley hospital of injuries suffered in an accident Sunday afternoon, one mile south of Malin, Ore. Police said the car in which she was riding failed to negotiate a curve and went into a ditch.

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Pendleton — (UP) — Lowell Steen of Pendleton has submitted his resignation as state senator from Ematilla county.

Fog Blankets West Oregon; Planes, Ships at Standstill

By UNITED PRESS

A Christmas hangover fog "locked in" most Oregon airports today and paralyzed shipping in the Columbia river. Twenty ships were forced to drop anchor between Portland and Astoria to wait for the fog to lift.

Fog 1100 Feet Thick

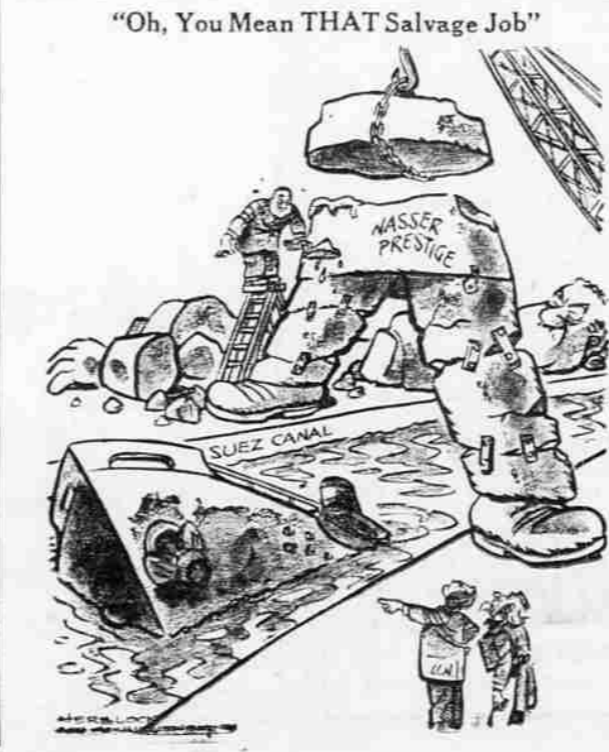
A fog bank 1100 feet thick settled over much of western Oregon late Christmas day and greeted motorists returning to their homes this morning. Several planes landed at Portland International Airport before dawn but the ceiling soon lowered to zero and visibility was less than minimum for operations. Three

inbound planes by-passed the city and went to Seattle and a Northwest Airlines plane landed at Troutdale.

West Coast Airlines said there was dense fog at Yakima, Spokane and North Bend on its routes.

Freezing Temperatures
The fog was accompanied by freezing temperatures during the night and driving conditions were doubly hazardous. Baker had a nighttime low of 9 degrees, Burns 15, Klamath Falls 19, Portland 30, Salem 32, and Astoria 28.

No chains were needed on Oregon highways although low temperatures made many of them icy in spots.



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California Leads With 73 Victims; Fires Claim 48

Road Toll Far Above Estimate by Council

By UNITED PRESS

The nation today counted more than 700 fatalities in its most deadly holiday week end on the highways.

The number was far above the National Safety Council's estimate of 660 for the Christmas holiday period. The previous holiday high was 609 set during last year's three-day Christmas week end.

Council officials sought to determine the cause of the high death count, but for the present ascribed it primarily to the fact that motorists were out in overwhelming numbers. They estimated 7 billion miles were driven by motorists in the United States during the week end.

A United Press count at 9:30 a.m. (PST) showed 707 dead in traffic from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Christmas. Another 48 died in fires, 9 in plane crashes, and 139 in miscellaneous mishaps for an over all total of 894.

California led with 73 highway deaths. Illinois came second with 55, five of them in a single collision Tuesday. Texas had 41, Ohio 40, and New York and Michigan 36 each.

The Safety Council has estimated that the traffic tolls in a similar non-holiday period of four days at this time of the year would be about 420 lives.

Only Maine, North Dakota and Wyoming failed to record a single traffic death during the holiday. Even before Christmas, however, North Dakota already had set a new state record for highway fatalities in a single year, with 166.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Safety Council, said "one ray of hope emerges" from the highway "horror," that the "shock" of the toll will result in a low New Year's holiday death count.

Dearborn said law enforcement agencies had waged a "strenuous" fight to keep down the Christmas toll.

"But in the final analysis, it's up to the drivers," he said.

No Christmas Babies Born in Area Yesterday
No babies were born in Medford or Ashland on Christmas day, according to hospital officials in the three Medford hospitals and the Ashland General hospital.

Three babies, two boys and a girl, were born on Christmas day a year ago, all of them at Sacred Heart hospital.

Washington — (UP) — The Agriculture Department has announced a national allocation of \$750,000 for participants in the 1957 soil bank program.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WINNER—A. M. (Dutch) Farfan of 723 South Newtown st., Medford, is shown above as he receives his prize, a dishwasher, for winning the residential Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. Greg Orr, left, and Jay Pierce, cochairmen of the contest, made the award. Farfan's display included a Nativity scene and giant candy canes that lined sidewalk to his home.

Nativity Scene Wins Decoration Contest

A Nativity scene and giant candy canes along the sidewalk at the home of A. M. Farfan, 723 South Newtown st., Medford, was judged winner in the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas decoration lighting contest.

Four judges considered artistic merit, originality, lighting techniques and ingenuity in judging more than 40 entries Sunday and Monday. Judges were Charles Jones, Hal Gardner, Jay Pierce and Greg Orr. Pierce and Orr were cochairmen of the project.

A display at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Williams, 1216 Murray st., Medford, won second place, and decorations at the home of Dr. O. A. Welsh, 1300 East Main st., won third prize.

Five runner-up prizes were awarded Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Gillispie, route 1, box 369A; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kenneth Johnson, 1899 East Jackson st.; Gerald Darland, 922 Park st.; Bruce Moffatt, 2174 Spring st.; and W. E. Hercher, 1608 Stratford ave.

Farfan's decorations will be entered in the General Electric nationwide Christmas Lighting contest. Prizes for winners in the national contest total \$5,000. First prize for the local contest.

Volunteer Fireman Breaks Leg in Fall

Jacksonville — Lloyd Hackworth, 28, of the Jacksonville volunteer fire department, suffered a broken leg about 2:30 a.m. today when he fell off a roof of a Jacksonville residence while fighting a flue fire.

He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service. He underwent surgery immediately, according to hospital attendants, who said his condition this morning was fair.

Hackworth fell while cutting a hole in the roof at the residence owned by Lois Fritwell.

One room in the residence was damaged considerably, firemen said. Two pumps of the Jacksonville volunteer fire department were used in extinguishing the blaze, they reported.

Fraser, Colo., Said Coldest Spot in Nation

New York — (UP) — The Weather Bureau reported that Fraser, Colo., was the coldest location in the nation this morning, minus 23. The warmest temperature recorded Tuesday was 84, at Long Beach, Calif.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UP) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 496.74, up 2.36; 20 railroads 152.74, off 0.96; 15 utilities 67.93 up 0.93, and 65 stocks 173.01, up 0.26. Sales today were about 2,440,000 compared with 2,238,000 shares last Friday.

Moscow Names New Group To Attain Industrial Goal

Moscow — (UP) — A new seven-man "brain trust" began mapping today an economic program aimed at eliminating admitted mistakes and speeding the Soviet Union to its avowed goal of industrial superiority over the United States.

The government, in a major shakeup of the top economic planners, Tuesday fired First Deputy Premier Maxim Z. Saburov as chairman of the State Economic Commission. Saburov, who had held the post since 1953, retained his high cabinet rank.

Troubleshooter Named
To replace him, the presidium (cabinet) named 52-year-old Mikhail G. Pervukhin, an industrial troubleshooter who has held a number of important posts in state industry, government and

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the Communist Party. Mike Saburov, Pervukhin is a member of the presidium and a first deputy premier.

Saburov came under heavy criticism during the recently-concluded meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party for the failure of industry to meet quotas of the current five-year-plan.

More Criticism
The State Economic Commission is charged with short-range planning. The State Planning Commission maps long-range plans. The latter commission also came in for criticism.

The reshuffle followed disclosure that while overall production was increased 11 percent, quotas in such vital industries as metal, cement, timber and coal were "unfulfilled."