



PARCHED ACRES—Wilbert Block (center) points to the parched, barren acres of farm near San Angelo, Tex., as Pres. Eisenhower looks on. At left is Secy. of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson who accompanied the chief executive on his tour of the southwest drought area.

Four Children Die In House Blaze

Wareham, Mass.—(U.P.)—Only Mrs. Mary Smith and the eldest of her five children escaped from her burning five-room, one and a half story home Thursday night. Her other four children burned to death.

Mrs. Smith, whose husband, Jack, has been hospitalized with a nervous breakdown for three weeks, told Fire Chief Clifton H. Keyes she attempted to save her eight-month-old baby, Annette, after she discovered the fire but "dropped her" inside the small kitchen as she fell through the kitchen doorway.

Keys said Mrs. Smith told him that when she and Beulah, 14, could not return to the blazing cottage, she ran to her father's nearby home for aid.

When firemen arrived, they found the home engulfed in flames and were unable to rescue Kenneth, 13, Phyllis, 10, Chester, 5, and Annette.

Japan Urged To Buy Atomic Power Reactor

Tokyo—(U.P.)—An official atomic energy survey group urged Japan today to buy an atomic reactor for electric power from Britain as the "first step" in getting its nuclear program going.

The committee said Japan should continue to pay "full attention" to developments in the atomic field in the United States.

But it said that technological and economically, Japan's first step should be to import an atomic-powered generator from Britain, which, unlike the United States, already is producing electricity by A-power.

Roselle, N.J.—(U.P.)—Barber Rinaldo Romano specializes in close shaves. Romano, 19, a survivor of the Andrea Doria sinking last August, was inspecting minor damage to his car after a collision Thursday when he was narrowly missed by a fire engine which was racing to a fire in his apartment.

Thousands of Persecuted People Flee Communism in Past Year

Frankfurt, Germany—(U.P.)—Thousands of persecuted people fled from Communism last year only to see the door slammed behind them before they could reach their shining goal—the United States.

The complicated quota system of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act shut off the pipeline for escapees in September.

Did Not Apply

The special move under which 15,000 of 21,500 Hungarian refugees entered the United States as "parolees" after the Oct. 23 revolution did not apply to such as the seven Hungarians who seized an airliner in flight over Hungary last spring. They are still sitting in a dreary refugee camp in Bavaria.

Even the 165,000 persons who have fled the Red terror in Hungary are a total which pales in comparison to Europe's greatest continuing migration—the flight of East Germans to West Germany. Last year 279,189 jumped the Iron Curtain, a 10 per cent increase over 1955, they brought the total since 1949 to 1,722,721.

Since the end of World War II, more than 10 million persons have poured out of East Germany and the former German-occupied zones of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Easily Integrated

The West German government, despite the housing shortage, takes care of East Germans. They are easily integrated.

Other refugees pass to international agencies, many of them such voluntary groups as the American Friends of Russian Freedom, and eventually come under the umbrella of the U. S. escapee program, the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (IGEM) and the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees.

Some slip across borders, ask no help, get faked papers and ease into the life of the country. Perhaps they fear reprisals at home. Perhaps they join intelligence agencies. Perhaps they stop in a concealed camp, giving information and advice. Usually they emerge later as "official" refugees.

International agencies report that 1956 brought these totals: Hungarians before the Oct. 23 rebellion; 1,100, Albanians 430, Bulgarians 420, Czechs 235, Greeks trapped in the satellites 120, Poles 92, Romanians 40, Russians 20, Balts one.

Yugoslavs Unlisted

The U. S. escapee program, for political reasons, does not reveal the number of Yugoslavs fleeing, but Italy gets 200 to 300 Yugoslavs a month and Austria as many as 1,000. An estimated 6,000 Yugoslavs came west last year.

Nearly half the escapees from Communism are either skilled laborers or professional men. Twenty per cent are boys and girls under 20. Last year saw a record 11,789 escapees resettled in 32 countries, 7,681 in the United States.

Landlord Probably Shivered in Boots

Detroit—(U.P.)—The temperature in Detroit dipped to three below zero Thursday and Murphy Tanner, 38, complained to his landlord, John Watkins, 50, that his room wasn't warm enough.

When Tanner failed to convince Watkins verbally, he pulled out a pistol, placed it against Watkins' head and pulled the trigger five times. The gun misfired each time and Tanner left the house.

Tanner was picked up by police and arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Soviet Tanker Lands Oil Cargo in Britain

Liverpool, England—(U.P.)—Britain had a load of Mideast oil delivered by a Russian tanker today.

The tanker Grodno unloaded a cargo of crude oil here Thursday. Shipping sources said the 8-229-ton vessel was the first Soviet tanker to land a cargo in Britain since before World War II. The Grodno had been chartered by the Shell Oil Company.

Sheets Reappointed Civil Defense Head

Salem—(U.P.)—Reappointment of Col. Arthur M. Sheets as director of Oregon's civil defense agency was announced late yesterday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Col. Sheets, director of the agency since Aug. 1, 1953, had submitted a courtesy resignation to the governor.

"Civil defense has had imaginative and efficient leadership

TAKEOFF ON AN EXPERT

Washington—(U.P.)—James T. Pyle, one of the nation's top pilots, was grounded Thursday. Pyle, who is head of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and has 4,000 flying hours, was baffled by the controls of an automatic elevator until a mechanic showed him how to get it off the ground.

under Col. Sheets," Gov. Holmes said. "And I am pleased he expressed a willingness and desire to stay on to prepare the state for any possible disaster."

Medford High School Students Active in Polio Fund Campaign

"Teens Against Polio," the youth segment of the March of Dimes, has a number of activities planned to raise money to combat polio, according to Nancy Adams, county TAP chairman.

The Medford high school student council is sponsoring a queen contest for which a candidate has been selected from each class. Linda Hannsburger represents the sophomores, Suzan Hubbard the juniors and Lois Elkins the seniors. The candidate who collects the most money for the March of Dimes will be crowned queen at a TAP dance, to be held at the end of the month.

The Junior class members will wash cars Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Union Service station at East Main and Tripp sts. The charge will be \$1 a car, "plus any contributions," with all receipts going to the March of Dimes.

A seniors vs. faculty basketball game was to be played at the high school this afternoon as another benefit program.

Delta Omega Tri-Hi-Y girls will sell "lick polio" suckers on downtown streets Saturday and also will operate shoeshine stands on street corners.

Request Program

A TAP request program is sponsored by radio station KBOY. For each 10 cents enclosed with a request, the donor may make a guess as to the amount the request program will earn for the March of Dimes. The radio station will give 50 records to the person making the closest guess.

The Medford high school class turning in the most money will receive the Harry Chipman award while the school in the county with the largest returns on a per capita basis will win the Solar Lumber company trophy.

16 Servicemen Die In Military Crashes

By UNITED PRESS

At least 16 servicemen have been killed in military air disasters, 12 of them in a fiery crash of an Air Force weather plane in Alaska.

There were no survivors in the wreck of the storm charting weather plane. It was carrying about 10,000 gallons of gasoline when it crashed and exploded Thursday shortly after taking off from Fairbanks, Alaska.

Hours later, a \$1.2 million Air Force B57 bomber crashed into a Biggs Air Force base motor pool, killing its two crewmen and igniting thousands of gallons of gasoline and jet fuel.

Two Marines were killed Thursday near Camp Pendleton, Calif., when they parachuted from "Flying Boxcars" into 35-mile-per-hour winds as part of the Navy-Marine "Operation Ski Jump" training exercises.

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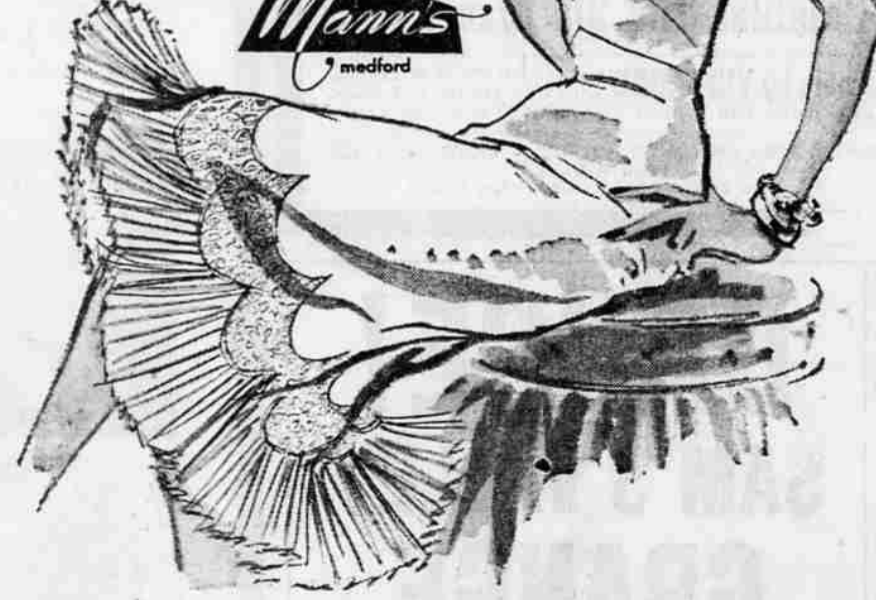
WHY THE ENGINE PURRED

Detroit—(U.P.)—When Carroll S. Blair heard strange noises in his car Thursday, he had a service station attendant thoroughly check his engine. The attendant could discover nothing wrong and started checking the rest of the car. A cat was finally discovered perched on the axle.



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