

# Repeal of State Anti-Picketing Law Discussed at Hearing

## TRAGEDY BRINGS DEMAND FOR AIR TEST REGULATION

Pacoima, Calif. — (U.P.) — Irrate parents and congressmen demanded today an end to test flights over congested areas because a collision in air sent a luxury transport ripping through a school playground, killing five children and two boys were playing kickball Thursday when DC7B ploughed through the playground after colliding nearly 25,000 feet above with a F89D Scorpion jet interceptor. One Killed Instantly

## Hearing Scheduled On Abolishing O&C Area Restrictions

A public hearing on proposals to abolish marketing area restrictions on the sale and processing of timber from revested O and C lands in western Oregon will be held in Portland, March 1. Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton has announced. The hearing, which will start at 9 a. m. in the Interior building auditorium, Portland, will be conducted by James F. Boyle, bureau of land management area administrator. Hearing Requested

The hearing was called by BLM director, Edward Woolzey. In response to several recommendations from the lumber industry, communities and county governments in the 18 O and C counties. Twelve marketing areas were established in 1946 and 1947 with regulations restricting the primary manufacture of all O and C timber to the area of origin. More complete utilization of forest products within each of the 12 areas was the primary purpose, BLM officials said.

## Rescue Operations Nearing Completion

Chama, N.M. — (U.P.) — Weasels and a helicopter moved out today to complete the hazardous task of rescuing 49 train crewmen from atop 10,022-foot Cumbers Pass where they have been snowbound for almost a week. Two of the Weasels, wide-tracked snow vehicles, broke down Thursday after six of 39 trainmen had been brought here from Coxo Station two miles from the top of the pass. Rescue conditions were described as "excellent" today by R. B. Norwood, assistant superintendent for the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. He said he expected all the men to be brought down by tonight. The helicopter flew five of the 21 train crewmen, stranded atop the pass in a section house since Saturday, to Alamosa, Colo. One of the five, Earl Gilbert, was reported to have symptoms of pneumonia.

## Saud Always To Stand by America in What is Right, He Pledges at Dinner

Washington — (U.P.) — U. S. officials took heart today from King Saud's statement that he always will stand with America "in what is right and just for the common good of humanity as a whole." The visiting king of oil-rich Saudi Arabia made the pledge at a state dinner given in his honor Saturday night by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Confirmed Earlier

and others were attended to at the scene for minor cuts and shock and released to their parents. Others of the injured were taken care of by personal physicians, including a six-year-old boy who was struck by flying debris while playing in front of his house, and a man who suffered minor injuries at a church which was hit by a piece of one of the falling planes.

**One Crew Member Survives**  
A radarman in the jet plane managed to bail out shortly before the twin-engined \$990,000 interceptor crashed into a hillside six miles away from the school.

The big transport began falling apart after the collision as it streaked directly toward the Pacoima Junior high school and the adjacent Terra Bella Elementary school. The crippled plane struck the playground as terrified children attempted to flee to safety.

James Mitchell, 13, said, "I saw the plane flying over. Then I saw the plane heading toward the school. I ran into someone and fell and just kept rolling. Pieces of plane were flying everywhere. There was a lot of screaming. I got hit in the legs." When asked how he managed to get his clothes off after the crash, Richard Berger, 12, said, "I didn't take them off. They were burned off."

**Sick To Stomach**  
"I saw kids lying on the ground, crying and screaming," said Patrolman Harry T. Kowalski, who sped to the scene. "It made me sick to my stomach." Both planes were on test flights. The transport was undergoing a final test prior to delivery to a major airline and the jet crew was testing the plane's radar equipment for Northrop Aircraft.

## Three More Arrested For Entering Cabin

Three more Shady Cove boys, two 15 years old and one 14, have been arrested in connection with a break and entry last fall at a cabin on Indian creek in Shady Cove. Sheriff Howard Gault reported today. The cabin is owned by John J. Leaden who has been a patient at the veterans' hospital in Vancouver, Wash., for several months.

Four other teenage Shady Cove boys were arrested earlier in connection with the break and entry. Six of the youths have been charged with malicious destruction of property and the seventh was charged with trespassing. According to the sheriff, the cabin was thoroughly ransacked and contents of drawers scattered over the rooms. Pictures and other household items were damaged and the youths admitted taking several items from the building.

## House Resolution Calls For John Day Dam Funds

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution today calling on Congress to appropriate funds for the construction of John Day dam on the main stem of the Columbia river.

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At Time of Crisis  
The secretary said Saud came to America "at a time of crisis" when "turbulent waves" had been beat first upon one part of the world and then another "would seem to beat upon the Arab lands."

## Cabinet Members' Wives Disagree Hubbies Want To Quit

Washington — (U.P.) — The wives of two Cabinet members disagreed today with an opinion of Mrs. Charles E. Wilson that many Cabinet heads want to go home. Mrs. Wilson defended her husband, the secretary of defense, against President Eisenhower Thursday when she said Mr. Eisenhower's statement on Wilson's remark about the National Guard was "uncalled for."

of defense made "a very unwise statement" in saying that the National Guard had been a haven for draft dodgers during the Korean war. "I know I shouldn't say anything," Mrs. Wilson said. "I'll just get him in more hot water. I think you need a little pat on the back once in a while, Mr. Wilson has been trying to do a good job and I think he has done a good job," she said.

"I think the President should have stood back of Mr. Wilson instead of spending his time commenting on how wonderful Foster Dulles has been. I think Foster Dulles is a good man, too, but I don't think he has done any better than a lot of other men."

Mrs. Wilson also said she thinks her husband "has earned the right to take it easy now" although she said she had not asked him to resign. "As good many of the Cabinet feel the same way," she said. "They think the time has come to turn things over to others now."

Mrs. Ezra T. Benson, wife of the secretary of agriculture, told the United Press that "as long as the President wants my husband to remain in Washington and can be of service to the country I will be happy to stay here and help him in every way I can."

## New Conciliation Service Would Be Established

Labor Committee Discusses Proposal

Salem — (U.P.) — Labor bills providing for repeal of the state's "anti-picketing" or "right to work" bill and establishing a new state conciliation service were discussed at a hearing of the House Committee on Labor and Industry yesterday.

No action was taken on either of the bills which are sponsored by Rep. Don Willner, Portland Democrat, and others.

Chief proponent of the labor package was Don Richardson, an attorney for the Oregon Labor Council. He said the 1953 "anti-picketing" law forbids organizational picketing except when authorized by a majority of employees of an employer.

Richardson said the law had added to state labor strife and that it was expensive, unnecessary and restrictive.

**Section Ruled Void**  
The Oregon Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional and void section 17 of the law which prohibited picketing by persons unless they were certified by the state labor examiner, the National Labor Relations Board or the employer.

Richardson said that section 16 of the law which provides that it shall be unlawful to compel a person to join a union also is restrictive.

He said his organization favored returning to the Norris-LaGuardia act which was in effect before the 1953 picketing legislation and which prohibits injunctions being issued in cases of peaceful picketing. He said court decisions under the Norris-LaGuardia act would allow injunctions in cases of unlawful or monopolistic picketing.

"The conciliation law would also be a forward step," Richardson said.

**Bill Called 'Incomplete'**  
Opponents of the bill repealing the anti-picketing law were led by Pat Blair of the Oregon Sand and Gravel Association. He argued that whether picketing was unconstitutional or not depended on whether it was designed just to publicize conditions or to coerce employers or employees into joining a union.

He maintained that workers in small operations not covered by federal laws should have a "free choice" as to whether they would join a union.

Blair said he thought the proposed bill for a new conciliation service was "incomplete." He said provisions for a conciliation service should be written into the old law or a committee appointed by the labor commissioner to draft a new law.

Committee Chairman Robert Klemens, St. Helens Democrat, said further hearings would be held on the subject.

## Cold Front Carries Moisture Over State

By UNITED PRESS

A new cold front, this one carrying moisture, bore down on Oregon from the north today bringing forecasts of snow, mixed with rain.

The weather bureau said it didn't expect the cold to last long or come near that of the past two weeks and added that heavy precipitation wasn't likely. But much of the region's one-day grace from freezing temperatures appeared to be over temporarily.

Winds shifted from west to east once again in the icebox known as the Columbia gorge. Lows down to zero in north-east Oregon and from 26 to 34 in western Oregon were expected tonight. Snow was expected east of the mountains and rain and snow west of the Cascades, with some clearing Saturday.

Baker was the cold spot in Oregon last night with 12 above.

## Mansfield Takes Issue With Ike on Mid-East Doctrine

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Democratic whip Mike Mansfield today took issue with President Eisenhower's statement that Democratic critics of John Foster Dulles have offered no specific proposals of their own for keeping peace in the Middle East.

The Montana Democrat, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said "I don't want to get in an argument with the President, but I can't accept that suggestion."

Mr. Eisenhower said at his press conference Wednesday that the Democrats have not offered "constructive alternatives" when they criticized the secretary of state and the administration on foreign policy.

**Specific Suggestions**  
Mansfield said his own proposed substitute for Mr. Eisenhower's Middle East "doctrine" resolution makes "specific suggestions."

The combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee recalled Dulles to a closed meeting today for a sixth day of questioning on the President's resolution.

The resolution already has passed the House, but key Democrats said they did not think the Senate committee would finish hearings on it before some time next week and that it probably will not be sent to the full Senate until the middle of the month, despite the President's urgings for haste.

## Committee Slashes Drought Aid Request

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Appropriations Committee today slashed \$26 million from the administration's proposed \$76 million emergency aid program for farmers and ranchers in the drought-ridden Great Plains states.

The congressmen said in an official report that \$20 million of the amount they cut is not needed now. They said President Eisenhower can get it later if it is still needed.

The President's \$76 million program, based on findings during his recent tour of the drought region, called for immediate soil conservation programs and for rushing feed grains to the stricken area.

## Mothers Collect \$4,357 For March of Dimes

The Mothers' March phase of the March of Dimes campaign collected \$4,367.61 in Jackson county last night, according to Mrs. Lew Miles, county coordinator.

Medford led county collections with \$3,383.68. Ashland was next with \$553. Others were Eagle Point \$156.23, Central Point \$143, Jacksonville \$48.70, Phoenix \$44 and Butte Falls \$27.

## Relative Responsibility Repeal Up Before House

Salem — (U.P.) — Sen. R. F. Chapman of Coos Bay introduced a bill yesterday which would repeal the law requiring relatives to contribute to the support of indigent receiving state public welfare funds. The measure would leave intact a prior claim law which gives the state prior claim to the estate of a deceased welfare fund recipient.

## Tugboat, Barge Men Strike in New York

New York — (U.P.) — A strike of tugboat and barge crewmen today crippled the bulk of traffic in New York harbor and threatened to create a serious shortage of oil, coal and other vital materials within a week. A union spokesman said the strike had spread to other major U. S. ports, but a check failed to bear out his claim.

## Dow-Jones Averages

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 477.22, off 1.94; 20 railroads 148.47, off 0.32; 15 utilities 71.31, up 0.38, and 65 stocks 179.61, off 0.30. Sales today were about 1,680,000 shares compared with 1,920,000 shares Thursday.

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## Virginia Third State Declared As Disaster Area

By UNITED PRESS

President Eisenhower today declared a flood disaster in a third state—Virginia. Four other states were suffering from ravages of the mid-winter floods.

Parts of Kentucky and West Virginia were designated a disaster area Thursday.

The President declared an emergency in six southwestern Virginia counties that are part of a broad seven-state area where the floods have spread death, misery and destruction.

**Deaths Reach 13**  
The death toll in the floodlands rose to 13 and the homeless numbered high in the thousands.

The toll stood at seven dead in Kentucky, four in West Virginia, one in Virginia, and one in Tennessee.

A eighth state, South Carolina, received a warning of "moderate" flooding upstream on the Saluda, Broad and Catawba rivers.

The broadening flood belt reached the Tennessee metropolis of Chattanooga this morning, forcing some evacuations. In western North Carolina, evacuation alerts were cancelled at mid-morning for lowlying towns when streams that had gushed out of their banks during the night began falling.

**Tennessee Overflows**  
The Tennessee river, key stream of the vast Tennessee Valley Authority, sloshed over into lowland areas at Chattanooga and rescue workers began preparing for duty there.

A city relief crew evacuated a family of nine from low ground near Chattanooga. The National guard sent three amphibious trucks and 200 liters from Nashville. The Red Cross and some 100 volunteer national guardsmen stood by in anticipation of a possible flood crisis.

**Families Evacuated**  
Water tumbling down mountain streams of the Great Smokies forced the evacuation of 300 families from their homes at Sevierville, on the edge of the Smoky Mountain National Park. Businesses were forced to close and, for a while Thursday night, the community was isolated.

**Four Bandits Hold Up Credit Union Office**  
Toledo, Ohio — (U.P.) — Four bandits today robbed the Liberty-Owens-Ford Co. Credit Union of \$50,000.

Police Capt. Marion Davey said all the robbers were armed. He said they escaped in a two-tone green Chevrolet.

Davey said it was believed police located the car four blocks from the plant shortly after the robbery.

## Ashland Men Fined, Sentenced in Court

Two Ashland men were fined and given jail sentences in district court this morning after pleading guilty to charges of assault and battery growing out of an altercation at the Valley View Inn north of Ashland Wednesday afternoon.

Philip Tecumseh Stewart, 58, Ashland, was fined \$205 and received a 30-day jail sentence, and Wilbert Michael Shiltz, 46, Ashland, was fined \$100 and received a 15-day jail sentence.

They were charged with beating Harold Samuel Bixler, 47, route 1, box 55, Ashland, the complainant in the case.

## Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with showers tonight. Decreasing cloudiness and showers Saturday with precipitation occasionally rain and snow mixed Saturday. Low tonight 32-34. High Saturday 35-40.

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:28 a.m.  
Moonset 3:27 p.m.  
First Quarter Feb. 7  
MORNING STARS  
Saturn, low in southeast 4:57 a.m.  
Venus and Mercury, low in southeast at sunrise. (These two will return as evening stars in the Spring; Mercury in April and Venus late in May)

## Past Presidents of Chamber Recognized

Bronze plaques were presented to past presidents of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at its annual round-up buffet last night.

Plaques were presented to Karl Janouch, who was president in 1943 and 1945; C. A. Hubbard, president in 1950 and 1951; Jennings Pierce, president in 1953; and John Pietsch, 1955 president.

Wives who received plaques for their husbands who were unable to attend were Mrs. Jorgen Jorgensen, Mrs. Walter Garner and Mrs. Otto Ewaldsen. Jorgensen was president in 1952, Garner in 1954, and Ewaldsen in 1956. Wives received a bouquet of roses in recognition for their assistance to their husbands while serving as president.

**Unable To Attend**  
Arrangements are being made to present plaques to four other past presidents or their survivors, since 1941 who were unable to attend last night's buffet. They are Glenn Jackson, president from 1941 through 1949; Tom Gray, president in 1944; Herb Grey, president in 1946; and the late William H. Fluhrer, president in 1947.

Dwight Houghton, who served under all the presidents since 1941, presented the recognition plaques, briefly outlining projects started or continued by the presidents during their tenure of office.

Principal speaker at the buffet was Dr. Frank O. McIntyre, director of public relations for the California Teachers association. His talk, "How To Build a Better Mousetrap," centered on the theme of maintaining morale in a community through pride for progressive action by the Chamber and residents of the city.

## Pendleton-La Grande Road Blocked by Snow

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Traffic on Highway 30 between Pendleton and La Grande was disrupted today by a heavy snowfall and a stranded logging truck.

A highway department snowplow was clearing away some 18 inches of snow on Emigrant hill east of here and state police advised motorists to stay off the route. It was expected to be cleared by early afternoon.

The logging truck turned sideways in the highway at Glovers crossing about 14 miles west of La Grande at 11:30 p. m. yesterday.

## Ashland Man Being Held For Attempted Murder

San Francisco — Dale Nickerson, 27, of Ashland, Ore., and Harvey Olson, 39, of Sacramento, Calif., have been arrested here on charges of suspicion of attempted murder. Both were lodged in the San Francisco city jail.

Their arrest followed the shooting of John Van Horn, 31, San Francisco printer, early Wednesday. Van Horn was shot in the back, but not seriously hurt.

Available Jackson county directories do not list a Dale Nickerson.

## Road Crews Start Work On Concrete Bridges

County road crews have started work on five small concrete bridges to replace wood bridges over irrigation canals in the vicinity of South Stage rd., according to Paul Rynning, county engineer.

Rynning said the work started about a week ago. The project is expected to be finished in two or three weeks.

## Bill Proposed to Remove School Bond Complications

Jackson county's legislators have introduced a measure designed to remove any possible complication in the future bonding capacity of the Medford school district.

The bill is SB 6, by Sen. Philip Lowry and Reps. Robert Duncan and Al Littrell, and is entitled "A bill for an act relating to the validation of school district organization and consolidation, and acts and proceedings related thereto; and declaring an emergency."

The situation requiring the legislation arose last spring after the April 10 election at which voters in the Medford, Oak Grove and West Side schools approved consolidation. After the election, it was discovered that there was a minor technical flaw in the prescribed dates for the notice