

GEORGIA GAS BLAST FATAL TO 11

London Train Wreck Yields 70 Bodies

More Feared Dead; Rescuers Brave Teetering Train

More Than 170 Persons Require Hospitalization

London — New fog settled tonight on weary rescuers seeking the last victims of one of Britain's worst train disasters.

An official count showed 89 bodies had been recovered. Rescuers feared 10 to 20 more bodies still were trapped in two coaches.

London — Rescue workers braved the threat of sudden death from a train teetering overhead on a wrecked bridge today and brought out additional bodies from Britain's worst rail disaster in five years.

British Railways announced at 7:30 that 70 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage of two commuter trains which collided in a blanket-thick fog and wrecked a bridge just as a third train was moving onto it Wednesday night.

170 Injured Seriously
More than 170 persons were injured seriously enough to require hospitalization. Hundreds of others among the 2,000 persons aboard the three trains suffered minor injuries.

The death toll could rise above the 100 mark. A fire brigade of 100 men said between 12 and 30 bodies may still be trapped in a pancaked coach pinned under the fallen bridge. But railway and rescue authorities flatly refuse to estimate a final toll.

Fog Hampers Work
"We will report each body as it is recovered from the wreckage," a British Railways official said. "We will not make guesses."

Rescue work was suspended during the night because of a choking, sulphurous fog which shrouded the wreckage in impenetrable gloom. The fog began to lift this morning and a ghostly light led the daring rescue workers probe through the wreckage.

The crash occurred at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the height of London's rush hour when trains were jammed with commuters hurrying home and with early Christmas shoppers whose ripped parcels strewn toys among the wreckage.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages 30 industrial 449.53, up 0.68; 20 railroads 100.71, up 0.52; 15 utilities 67.96, up 0.20, and 65 stocks 149.37, up 0.09. Sales today were about 2,020,000 shares compared with 2,220,000 shares Wednesday.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Generally cloudy through Friday with occasional rain below and snow above 3,000 feet. Patchy valley fog tonight and Friday morning. Low tonight 32. High Friday 45.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 35
Lowest this Morning 31

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:25 a.m.
Sunset 4:35 p.m.
The nearly Full Moon rises 3:50 p.m. and sets Friday 5:41 a.m.
PROMINENT STAR Vega, low in northwest 9:35 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Mercury, low in south 6:37 p.m.
Mars, rises 5:47 a.m.
Jupiter, in the south-east 6:08 a.m.

Dedication Ceremonies Set At Britt Student Center

Ashland — Dedication ceremonies for two new Southern Oregon college buildings will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, according to college officials.

The Britt Student center will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. and the physical education and health building ceremonies will be at 8:30 p.m.

Some Businesses Report Increase In Retail Sales

Some downtown Medford retail business firms have reported increases in volume and others decreases during October and November, according to a survey of 20 stores made by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Don McNeil, manager, said that in both cases stores had expanded advertising budgets. McNeil noted that the survey highlighted the fact that while a better year had been anticipated, indications are that compared to other western Oregon cities, Medford retailers consider themselves fortunate.

The survey of the retail outlook was taken Wednesday, comparing retail volumes for similar periods in 1956 and 1957. Retail lines represented included men's wear, ladies ready-to-wear, department stores, gift shops, hardware stores, variety stores, jewelry stores, drug stores, appliance and furniture stores.

Boom Year in Area
McNeil pointed out that 1956 was a boom year for retailing in this area; and that 1957 comparisons are applied against a peak period rather than a norm or average of several years. He said retailers also face an increase in cost of doing business which is

Eastern Residents Dig From Under Heavy Snowstorm

By UNITED PRESS
An eastern storm that spewed "one of the worst snowstorms in recent years" moved out to sea today, trailing behind it a mass of cold air that plunged temperatures below freezing in Georgia and Alabama.

Vast digging-out programs extended from New England to Virginia where the driving snowstorm deposited more than a foot of snow in some spots Wednesday, crippling traffic along the Atlantic Seaboard, and causing at least 20 deaths in traffic wrecks blamed on the storm.

Blustering eastward from its spawning ground in the Midwest, the storm raked Philadelphia with 24-hour blinding flurries, then peeled off to the north and south where it heaped heavy deposits on New York and Washington, D. C.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said Maryland weathered one of its "worst snowstorms in recent years" with as much as 10 inches dumped on a Baltimore suburb.

New York's Public Transportation System groaned under the added weight of workers who crowded subways and buses; homebound workers in Philadelphia were stranded for more than an hour; a streetcar workers' strike in Pittsburgh added to that city's woes.

The cold influence of the storm was felt as far south as Florida, and temperatures dropped 23 degrees in Hatteras, N.C.

Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor, Oregon state system of higher education, will deliver the main address for the dedication program of the Britt student center Saturday afternoon. A tea and open house will directly follow the program.

Dr. Stevenson will give a welcome address and Herbert H. Colley will present a welcome from the students. Colley is president of the senior class.

substantially more than that of four to six years ago.

He said generally the morale of retail owners was high, and for the most part optimistic. Results for October 1957 over the same month last year indicate a downward trend, according to 80 per cent of the stores in the survey. This occurred in varying degrees according to specific retail lines, McNeil said.

Several in the survey claimed this was attributable to October news of lumber industries decline and mills closing. Others who experienced only a slight fall-off in October felt the lumber industry could not be blamed as the sole cause for the slack off.

Some said the October decline was experienced by stores which have been established for a longer period. McNeil pointed out that this group, having established a basic clientele would be more sensitive to current buying trends and thus reflect them with greater accuracy.

Newer stores established five or six years ago appear to show increases in October business, and a general increase, although slight in some cases, throughout other months of the year, McNeil said.

Sixty-five per cent of the businesses reported Friday, Saturday and Monday business volume the same or far better than in 1956, McNeil said. Some retailers believe volumes on the Friday, Saturday and Monday after Thanksgiving represent a good barometer forecasting December buying trends. One pointed out that this has been traced back as far as 10 years and proved to be a remarkably accurate barometer.

Proper Indicator
Others believe, however, the value of Friday, Saturday and Monday business after Thanksgiving as a proper indicator would vary according to the type of store, location and possibly individual promotion efforts.

November business volume was reported the same to much better by 30 per cent of the retailers, while 70 per cent reported it about 5 per cent off from last November, McNeil said.

"The general faith of Medford retailers in the local economy and the need for merchandise," McNeil said, "is indicated by the fact that 80 per cent of those surveyed continue to carry the same or slightly more inventory compared to that of a year ago."

Several reported new stock and some diversification in order to meet public requirements. This faith on the part of retailers is further indicated by the fact that 75 per cent of those surveyed reported their advertising budgets were the same or slightly more than last year, he said.

Twenty-five per cent reported a slight cut in advertising costs and only two of these indicated substantial cuts of 20 to 30 per cent.

The composite forecast shows that 70 per cent of the retailers anticipate only a moderate drop in retail volume of 1 to 10 per cent for the year 1957 below the boom year of 1956, McNeil said. One indicated the possibility of a 17 per cent drop, but this was explained by specific physical factors which entered into the picture.

Thirty-five per cent fully anticipate that the retail volume will equal or surpass that of 1956. Of this group, a high percentage, McNeil said, experienced excellent sales in October. Some explained that this probably was due to special store promotions during the month.

Bulletin
A man identified only as a Charles Warnock, tractor compressor operator on a road construction project, was reported killed when struck by a boulder in a slide on Steve creek in southeastern Josephine county about 10 a.m. today.

The road project was said to be an operation of Harding Construction company about seven miles from Copper. Details of the slide and fatality were not available by press time from state police and Josephine county authorities. Medford Ambulance service was called to the scene.

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Satellite Launching Rescheduled for Early on Friday

Leaking Fuel Valve Blamed for Failure

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The test of the Vanguard earth satellite missile, postponed Wednesday night, was rescheduled today for the daylight hours Friday.

The new firing time was announced by Herschel Schooley, Defense Department public information chief, after a conference lasting almost three hours among service officials and technical officers from nearby Cape Canaveral Missile Testing range.

The exact time when the seven-hour countdown for the missile launching was not announced immediately.

The weary Vanguard crew blamed a leaking fuel valve and wild winds, aground and aloft, for their failure to launch an earth satellite Wednesday night. The new program gave them a full day to iron out the kinks in their space machine and get some rest.

J. Paul Walsh, deputy director of the Vanguard Project, announced flatly early this morning that here would be no test during the day.

Walsh told exactly what had happened to throw the plans out of kilter.

No Major Difficulties
"Basically there were no major technical difficulties," he said, "but we were plagued by a series of minor things." "What really did it to us was a lox (liquid oxygen) disconnect valve which allows us to continue to put in lox almost to the takeoff time. This necessary because the lox continues to boil off."

"It is necessary just before to the takeoff time. This is necessary and this valve was giving us trouble. We attempted to replace it with a spare but had difficulty aligning the spare."

"Meanwhile we reworked the other valve. But it continued to leak because the part of the valve connected to the tip had become stiff or 'frozen' on contact with the lox. Liquid oxygen has a temperature of 270 below zero, Fahrenheit."

Water to be Turned Off in Pipeline

About 50 city water customers will be without water from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday when the department closes its number one pipeline to make repairs, according to Robert L. Lee, water department superintendent.

A 60-foot section of the pipeline will be replaced on Foot-hills rd., near 401 rd., he said. The 50 water users who will be without water during the day are between Antelope creek and the reservoir in Medford, he said.

All water users on the two number pipeline will not be affected by the shutoff, he said. Lee said the rest of the city and outlying areas would notice no difference in service during the day. The number two pipeline can provide ample water for city needs at this time of the year, Lee added.

He urged residents along the number one pipeline to make preparations for the water shutoff on Friday. He suggested for customers who will be without water to store what they will need on Thursday evening.

Police Check Leads on Safe Burglary Here
Medford police said today they are investigating several leads in connection with the \$380 theft from the City Sanitary Service company safe Tuesday evening.

Police said the job was performed by professionals who did a "very neat job". The locking device to the vault door was knocked off and the safe door was opened by a "punch" method, police said. Nothing but the safe and a cash drawer was disturbed, according to police.

Russia Launches First Atomic Surface Vessel

Time for Better Heads



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Indonesia Orders Expulsion of All Dutch Nationals

Jakarta, Indonesia — The Indonesian government today ordered the closure of all Dutch consulates and the expulsion of the 50,000 to 60,000 Dutch nationals in Indonesia.

The orders, climaxed a week-long anti-Dutch campaign touched off after Indonesia lost a battle in the United Nations for debate on possession of western New Guinea, now held by the Dutch.

In Paris, where Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr. Raden Subandrio arrived from New York, authoritative sources said Indonesia was seriously thinking of breaking off diplomatic relations with the Netherlands.

The expulsion order was announced by the Ministry of Justice.

To Be Three-Phase Plan
The Central Immigration service announced a "three phase plan" had been formulated for the expulsion or repatriation of Dutch citizens from Indonesia.

It said "jobless" Dutch would leave in the first phase, and

Two Men Fined in District Court Tuesday
Two men pleaded guilty to separate charges in district court Tuesday before Judge James M. Main.

William Lee Morgan, 2290 Cory rd., Medford, pleaded guilty to obtaining unemployment compensation under false pretenses and was fined \$100 plus \$5 court costs.

William Phillips Morgan, 58, Ashland, had his \$25 fine suspended after pleading guilty to a charge of petty larceny. He paid \$5 court costs.

Federal Government Check Received Here

County Treasurer Karl Janouch reported that the county has received a check for \$226,190.09 from the federal government representing the county's quarterly receipts from forest reserve rentals and timber sales from forest reserves.

Janouch said the money is designated by law for general road and county school funds. The general road fund receives \$169,654.05 of the amount, and the schools receive \$56,538.04.

Price 10 Cents

Icebreaker Lenin Put Into Water At Leningrad

Ship To Have Speed Of 32 Kilometers

Moscow — Russia today launched the world's first atomic surface vessel, the 16,000-ton icebreaker Lenin.

The ship was put into the water at Leningrad, the official Soviet News Agency Tass announced.

It said the ship would have a speed of 32 kilometers an hour (about 20 miles an hour) "in unobstructed waters."

Easier To Steer
"The ship will be easy to steer and will be capable of breaking ice two meters (six feet) thick," the announcement said.

Tass said "over 500 factories helped manufacture the ship's machinery. The power of the ship's engines is estimated at 44,000 horsepower."

"The trans-arctic atomic icebreaker will be able to remain at sea for several months," it said. "In 24 hours it will use only a few tenths of grams of its atomic fuel."

Nearly 1000 Bunks

The Lenin has nearly 1,000 bunks both above and below deck, the announcement said.

The Lenin is the first atomic-powered surface vessel. However, the United States has two nuclear powered submarines, the Nautilus and the Sea Wolf. The keel for the first U.S. atomic-powered surface vessel was laid last Monday at the Fore River shipyard of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., at Quincy, Mass. The vessel is not expected to be completed until 1961.

Three Fined for Theft of Turkey

A trio of Medford men paid for their turkey the hard way yesterday.

Each was fined \$100 plus \$5 costs in district court after pleading guilty to stealing a turkey from the Savage turkey farm near Central Point Tuesday night.

Jack Wayne Thornton, 23, of 960 Ellendale dr., Medford, and Robert Wendell Kezer, 21, of 538 Keene Way dr., each paid their fines and were released.

George Willis Imhausen, 39, of route 3, box 180, Medford, is being held in the Jackson county jail pending payment of his fine.

Richard J. Savage, farm owner, was outside talking to another man when he heard the car containing the three men stop by the farm, his wife said. Hopping in his car, Savage drove close enough to get the license number. Returning to the house, he called in the number to the state police, who halted them later on the Table Rock rd.

Also attending the FBI conference from Medford were two representatives from the Medford city police.

Oregon Economy Worsening With 50,600 Seeking Work

Salem — Oregon's highly seasonal economy showed more signs of strain as worsening weather conditions caused further layoffs in the construction and lumbering industry, the State Unemployment Compensation committee reported today.

50,600 Seeking Jobs
Administrator John A. Norton said the number of persons actively seeking jobs has increased from 39,400 to 50,600.

This is the highest number of unemployed for this time of year since the winter of 1949-50 when 55,300 persons were out of jobs.

A year ago 38,800 was the number and in 1955 the total was 37,700.

Brick and Mortar Believed To Hide Additional Dead

Cries for Help Flood Air Lanes

Villa Rica, Ga. — A shattering blast ripped through the business district of this town today, killing at least 11 persons.

Rescuers feared that more bodies would be taken from the tons of brick and mortar that collapsed into the hulls of five buildings ripped apart by the explosion of a gas main.

Windows Splintered
Windows in stores all along Main st. were splintered by the midmorning tragedy.

Five buildings were cracked apart during the height of the Christmas shopping season shortly after stores in the pleasant little town astride the Birmingham-Atlanta highway opened for business.

In the frantic moments that followed the ripping blast, orange flames billowed up from the rubble.

Roads Blocked to Curious
Cries for help soon were flooding the air lanes of police radio networks and the roads into the town became clogged with speeding ambulances and rescue vehicles. Roads were blocked to the curious who also tried to reach the stricken town.

The call went out for doctors and before long the response was so generous, it was announced that "we have things under control."

Several hours after the blast, civil defense reported the fires resulting from the explosion apparently were under control but that the town needed "all the doctors and ambulances they can get."

Bicycle Licenses Being Prepared

A new method of selling bicycle licenses will go into effect Friday when a special assembly is held at the Lincoln grade school, according to Medford police.

The police department, in cooperation with the Medford schools, has issued forms to students in Medford for application for a bicycle license. The student will complete the form and return it to the teacher with the 25 cents license fee. They are then returned to police and license forms are completed and a number assigned to each bicycle.

Licenses will be distributed to students at an assembly which features a safety talk, police said.

Purpose of the new method is to lessen the rush at the police station during the Christmas season. About 2,100 licenses have been sold during 1957, police added.

The license makes bicycles easier to trace if lost or stolen, police said. They added about half of the bicycles stolen during 1957 had no licenses.

They expect the bicycle licensing program to be complete in the schools by the time licenses go on sale to the general public Dec. 16. This year's license is yellow with black lettering.

Sheriff, Deputy Attend Convention in Portland

Jackson county Sheriff Howard Gault and Chief Sheriff's Deputy Joe Walsh, who are attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation conference in Portland, will remain there to attend the sheriff's convention Thursday and Friday, it was reported today.

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HELP FIGHT TB
16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
CHRISTMAS SEALS
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CREEKING