

"Centennial Park" is in the making in the Camp White area. A desert will be converted to tree-shaded pasture land and a lake will be reserved for fishing by "children only." Plans for the development of this tourist attraction are related on Page 12 of today's Mail Tribune.



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Tibetan Tribes Reportedly Kill 50,000 Chinese

Accounts of Fighting From Several Sources

Tokyo - (UPI) - Tibetan tribesmen have revolted against Chinese Communist rule and have killed about 50,000 Chinese in several months of fighting, reports filtering out from the high Himalayan country said yesterday.

As many as 15,000 Tibetans, mostly fierce Khamba tribesmen, have been killed, the reports said. There were rumors that the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet, might seek asylum in neighboring India.

The reports of the fighting came from New Delhi, Calcutta, Bhutan, Katmandu, Darjeeling, and smaller Indian and Nepalese hill cities near the Tibetan frontier.

Commercial travelers and refugees said the biggest flare-up occurred between last August and October when the Khamba tribe in the eastern province of Kham revolted. "Autonomous"

The Chinese Communists, who invaded Tibet in 1950 and proclaimed it an "autonomous" republic under Peiping's control in 1951, tacitly admitted they were having trouble with the warlike Tibetans.

Introduction of their new "people's commune" system of abolishing family life has been postponed in Tibet. The Chinese Reds have cancelled a trip to Tibet scheduled by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru.

Although there has been no apparent large-scale fighting in the last two months, travelers reported numerous small-scale clashes. The revolt was reported to have spread from Kham across the rugged country where high mountains, narrow trails and the weather combine to give Tibetan guerrillas an advantage.

Reports reaching New Delhi said the main road leading out of Tibet was closed in October when the Khambas booby-trapped it with ditches lightly covered with earth. Red Chinese vehicles were stuck. Other Chinese trucks were destroyed and blocked the road when the tribesmen rolled huge boulders down on them.

The Tibetans, who have revolted in isolated areas on several occasions during the last three years, were reported angered by an influx of Chinese settlers into their country and the deportation of 5,000 young Tibetans to China "for higher training."

Apparently, the Khamba revolt came when the Chinese decided to divide the country in three administrative parts, the central area controlled by the Dalai Lama, the chief spiritual and temporal leader, the west under the spiritual Panchen Lama, and the Kham area in the east under the Chinese themselves.

California PUC Grants Rate Cut

San Francisco - (UPI) - The California Public Utilities commission has granted a 30 per cent reduction in railroad freight rates on carload shipments of lumber within the state.

The commission acted Friday following the Dec. 20 reduction in rates on interstate shipments. The interstate rate reduction gave Oregon shippers an advantage over Northern California lumber mills on shipments to most California points.

The PUC's permission to raise intrastate rates was temporary, with a decision to come later on whether it will be made permanent.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Brief sunny periods today with scattered showers during the morning. Cloudy Monday with a little light rain. High today 48. Low tonight 35. High Monday 55. Low Monday 38. Highest Saturday 45. Lowest Saturday 38. Prec. to 10 p.m. Yesterday .45

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:45 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a.m. Moonrise tonight 7:53 p.m. VENUS in the southwest just after sunset. Beginning a few month appearance in the evening sky. MERCURY in the southeast just before sunrise. Beginning one of its brief appearances as a morning star.



TRANSIT ACQUIRED - Miss Mary Hanley, curator of the Jacksonville museum is shown above inspecting the old surveying instrument recently acquired by the museum which was the property of Jesse Applegate, early-day settler in this area. Applegate and his three brothers blazed a trail to this country in the 1840s. The transit, along with an old Bible, an early-day French horn and other items were loaned to the museum by Mrs. Sadie Lewis, wife of the late Mark Applegate. Mark was the grandson of Jesse Applegate. The transit is a remarkably precise instrument, made of solid brass parts, and is still in excellent condition.

Newspaper Strike Settlement Hinges On Balloting Today

New York - (UPI) - Union officials presented the terms of a proposed new contract to striking newspaper deliverers yesterday, but there was no indication whether the men would vote to end their 18-day \$34,000,000 walkout against New York's nine major dailies.

The strikers were to vote in a secret ballot scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. today. They were prepared to return to work immediately after the ballots were counted, if a majority accepted the agreement.

Negotiators for the independent newspaper and mail deliverers union accepted a two-year agreement offered Friday night by the publishers association of New York at a meeting supervised by the federal mediation and conciliation service.

The agreement, which won the nearly unanimous support of the union's executive committee, would provide for a

Redwood Highway Crash Kills Woman

Grants Pass - (UPI) - Mrs. Elsie M. Monnin, 64, Crescent City, Calif., was killed and her husband, Dover, 56, was critically injured yesterday when their pickup truck plunged 275 feet down a hillside off U.S. 199 just south of the California border.

Monnin was taken to Josephine General hospital here. Rescuers worked for more than three hours to bring Monnin out of the canyon. Police said the accident apparently happened early yesterday but it was several hours before the wreckage was discovered.

Space Authority Reports Pioneer III Proves Man Could Orbit Earth Safely

Washington - (UPI) - Dr. James A. Van Allen, leading U.S. authority on space conditions, said yesterday the Army's Pioneer III moon rocket proved that man could orbit the earth at an altitude of 6,000 miles without danger from radiation.

He said that data recorded during the rocket's 63,000-mile high flight showed there are two hazardous "doughnuts" of radiation in space instead of the one which was known about before. But he said that an earth satellite launched in a polar direction could escape these bands and go into orbit in a safe zone between them.

Astronautical Society

The scientist, head of Iowa State University physics department, made his report to the American Astronautical Society at a meeting held in connection with the 1958 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement

Holiday Traffic Death Toll Pace Slows Saturday

Safety Council Urges Re-Doubling Efforts

United Press International The pace of traffic deaths for the Christmas holiday "definitely slowed" Saturday, and safety officials were hopeful that motorists would prevent the holiday from becoming the "Blackest Christmas" on record.

The National Safety Council, urging drivers to re-double their efforts, said the "homeward rush tomorrow will tell the story." But unless motorists further improved their highway record, council officials fear the traffic toll might approach, and even possibly exceed, the four-day "Black Christmas" holiday toll of 712 traffic deaths in 1956.

The United Press International counted at least 456 traffic deaths in the holiday period which began at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and ends midnight today. There also were 85 deaths by fires, 3 by plane crashes and 71 from miscellaneous causes for an overall holiday toll of 613.

Nine States High

Nine states accounted for 237, or more than half, of the traffic toll. California with 48 highway deaths, paced the nation's highway carnage, followed by Texas with 42 and New York 29. Illinois reported 22 traffic fatalities, Michigan 21, North Carolina and Ohio 20 each, Pennsylvania 19 and Florida 18.

Although the rate of highway carnage dropped somewhat Saturday, the Safety Council feared its advance prediction of 620 deaths would be exceeded.

No Let-Up

Law officers throughout the nation, cracking down hard on motorists during the holiday, promised no let-up as the nation moved into the final stretch. Good weather over most of the nation was expected to serve as a temptation to drivers anxious to make good time on the return home from the holidays to their jobs.

Minnesota reported only seven traffic deaths for the holiday, but a fatal accident near Mankato Saturday boosted the state's highway toll for 1958 to 686, a new all-time record.

Reid, Childs Both In 'Fair' Condition

Ray Edward Reid, victim of the shooting Dec. 18 at 90 and 9 Tavern, was reported slightly improved by Rogue Valley hospital officials Saturday evening.

Reid, 34, of 1850 Barnett rd., was still listed in fair condition. It was reported that he seemed in "better spirits" Saturday.

At Sacred Heart hospital George Washington Childs, 61, of 18 Portland ave., was reported to still be in fair condition. He was hit by a truck Dec. 22 at the intersection of East Main and Cottage sts. and is reported to be suffering from severe chest injuries.

Ten West European Nations Lift Currency Restrictions

'Small World' Hunt Over 'Green Hell' Jungle Is Canceled

Caracas, Venezuela - (UPI) - Venezuela authorities called off an aerial search for the balloon "Small World" last night because of growing doubts that it had landed in the jungles of eastern Venezuela as reported.

Communications Minister Oscar Malchado Zuloaga announced cancellation of the search over the "Green Hell" jungle. He said "at the moment it appears the radio message reporting the balloon's landing was a hoax."

Search planes criss-crossed

Martin Family Search Parties Stymied by Snow

Portland - (UPI) - Search for the missing Kenneth Martin family of Portland bogged down yesterday in heavy snow on Silver Star mountain in Skamania county in Washington.

Jep units of Multnomah county sheriff's deputies radioed headquarters here they were abandoning the search because of heavy snow drifts on the mountain roads.

The search had been directed in Skamania county because it was thought the family may have crossed the Columbia river at Cascade Locks to look for Christmas greenery.

The family of five has been missing since Dec. 7, when they told friends they were going to look for a Christmas tree.

Searchers have combed Clackamas county, Larch mountain and the Columbia gorge areas for the past three weeks without turning up a positive clue.

Only material lead that has turned up to date has been a gasoline credit card receipt which placed the family at Cascade Locks on the afternoon of Dec. 7.

Sports Bulletins

Medford crowded out a fast scrappy Corvallis team 57-55 Saturday night here.

It was a fast-breaking, all-offensive game from start to finish. Medford was hard put to stop the Spartans' one man team, Keith Morrow, 5-10 guard, who was hitting 'em from all angles. He was high point man for the game with 25 points.

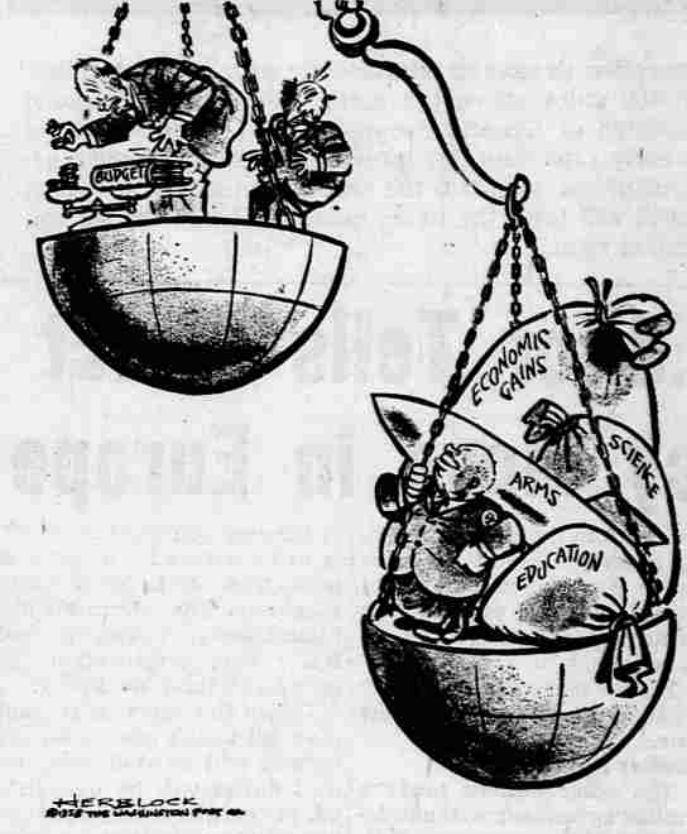
Morrow was closely followed point-wise by Jerry Anderson, 6-3 forward with 22 points - all of them made from field goals.

Corvallis - (UPI) - Jim Woodland's two-handed set shot with five seconds remaining in the game gave Oregon State college a 49-47 win over the Air Force academy Saturday night in the opening game of the Far West basketball classic here.

Until Woodland's last ditch shot Oregon State had held the ball for 2:48. The Beavers worked the ball out with 19 seconds remaining.

Oklahoma City 81, Xavier (Ohio) 54 (Semi-Finals) Auburn 104, Florence 52. Nebraska 55, Oklahoma 54. Purdue 74, Notre Dame 59. St. Louis 90, Georgia Tech 75. Dartmouth 88, Brigham Young 75. Colorado 63, Kansas 52. Tennessee 79, Virginia 59. Stanford 68, San Francisco 53. California 90, Arizona 46. Bradley 90, Gonzaga 73. Southern California 63, Santa Clara 49. Oregon State 49, Air Force 47.

'Got To Keep Things Balanced, You Know'



Violent Downdraft Injures 13 in Plane

New York - (UPI) - A British Overseas Airways corporation DC-7C plummeted 1,000 feet toward the Atlantic and then rocketed 1,700 feet straight up yesterday when it hit a downdraft just as the pilot had started to tell the 32 passengers to fasten their seatbelts. Thirteen persons were injured.

The passengers and some of the seven crew members were tossed about in the cabin. The only one of the injured who needed hospital treatment was the steward, who suffered a possible skull fracture.

The plane was enroute from Montego Bay, Jamaica, to New York when it ran into a cold front near Nassau, the Bahamas. Airline officials said downdrafts often accompany cold fronts.

John Thomas, 24, a sales representative of Toronto, and his bride, Eileen, were returning from a Jamaica honeymoon. He suffered a slight headcut when he was thrown into the aisle.

He told how the big four-engine plane went down and up as though it were a yo-yo on a string.

Valve Out of Order

"The pilot notified us on the public address system that one of the valves (tubes) on the radar apparatus was out of order and that while they were repairing it they could not plot the weather by radar," Thomas said.

He said the pilot reported that a storm might be ahead and told the passengers to fasten their seatbelts.

"But before he could finish his request, we just dropped," he said. "My head struck the ceiling and the next thing I knew, I was on the floor in the aisle between the seats."

"Many others were also thrown out of their seats, particularly in the rear of the plane behind where we were sitting."

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France Devalues Franc, Bringing Action by Others

Policy to be Effective With Bank's Opening

London - (UPI) - Western European nations, led by Britain swept away currency restrictions yesterday in the biggest swing back to monetary and trade freedom since World War II.

The United States hailed the move by the 10 nations to allow "external convertibility" of their currency, permitting foreigners to convert currency received in commercial transactions into the money of their own country.

The United States, which has pumped billions of dollars into Europe's economic bloodstream, called the currency adjustment a big step toward substantial improvement in international trade.

The easing of restrictions on European currencies from the British pound sterling to the Norwegian kroner resulted from devaluation of the French franc. France devalued its inflated unit of currency 17.55 per cent effective Monday, making it worth 493.70 to the dollar against the old rate of 420 to the dollar. This put the French currency on a more competitive basis for the start of the European common market Jan. 1.

'External Convertibility'

France went along with Britain, West Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Benelux States in announcing "external convertibility" of currencies effective with bank openings Monday.

The decisions means foreigners holding currencies of these nations in commercial dealings will be able to convert them to the money out of their own country.

Convertibility of the pound sterling in Britain means an American "businessman with an account in London payable in pounds will be able to convert them to dollars at the official rate of \$2.80 to the pound.

France did not immediately announce how far it would go in its convertibility program with the newly-devalued franc. But it was believed it would go as far as its allies in making it externally convertible.

'External Accounts'

The British treasury announcement of the convertibility of the pound sterling said authorities would take steps to merge transferable American, Canadian and registered accounts. In the future they will be known as "external accounts," the treasury said.

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Candle Causes Fire in Church

A tipsy candle caused "holy smoke" at First Baptist church Friday evening when it fell from a candelabra following a wedding there.

A curtain behind the pulpit and the carpet were damaged in the fire that resulted, firemen said. Smoke damaged the sanctuary was also reported.

Miss Terry Ann Hughes, 56 North Peach street, Medford, became the bride of Francis Burton Adams, Central Point, in a candlelight ceremony earlier in the evening. Following the event a reception was held in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Near the close of festivities the wedding party returned to the sanctuary for more photographs, for which the 28 candles were re-lighted.

Later smoke was noticed in the sanctuary and the fire was discovered. Firemen said the fire was extinguished by members of the wedding party and relatives. Apparently the candle fell from its holder onto some papers near the pulpit.

Ten Additional Prizes Given in Lighting Contest

Ten prizes were awarded on a drawing basis in the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest, Del Landing, project chairman, announced Saturday.

The 10 prizes were in addition to area first and second place winners and the sweepstakes winner, he said. They were awarded to everyone who entered would have an opportunity to win a prize and to encourage more people to start outside displays.

Winners' Names Winners in this year's drawing section of the contest include Mrs. J. P. Naumes, Terry Walther, Lawrence E. Duff, Werner E. Wernholtz, Mrs. P. R. Clark, R. H. Holmes, John O'Hara, K. L. Argroves, Cliff F. Horn and Miss Connie Harris.

Landing said that on Christmas night, more than 500 cars drove by the display at the