

Castro's Rebel Troops March Into Havana

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COLD AIR MOVES INTO MIDWEST; SNOW HERE

Mercury Drops 50 Degrees in Midwest States

By United Press International
The mercury dropped more than 50 degrees overnight in northern midwest states to mark sharp weather fluctuations throughout the nation. Cold air pouring down from Arctic regions left the northern rockies and Dakotas shivering in sub-zero weather that only a few hours earlier had been in the forties.

Great Falls, Mont., which ushered in the new year in 49-degree weather, reported four degrees below zero. Minot, N.D., dropped to 10 below from 32 degrees Thursday.

Other widely scattered sections, meanwhile, reported equally sharp rises, due largely to a band of warmer air through the Southwest, the Gulf Coast and north along the Eastern Seaboard.

Readings were 20 or more degrees higher Friday in such widely separated spots as Austin, Tex.; Grantsburg, Wis.; Williamsport, Pa.; Syracuse, N.Y.; Lebanon, N.H., and Burlington, Vt.

It was warmer from Texas northward to Eastern Nebraska and east of the Rockies in New Mexico and Colorado, where temperatures rose eight to 20 degrees, and from the lower great Lakes eastward into New England.

Precipitation covered half the nation Friday morning, but came mostly as light rain. Showers along the Atlantic coastline were heaviest, measuring as much as 2 inches overnight in the Eastern Carolinas.

The only serious snowfall occurred in western Nebraska, where an inch of snow during the night in addition to winds up to 25 miles per hour created drifts that slowed much of Nebraska traffic. Drivers in the Alliance, Neb., area were reported turning back and waiting for an expected reprieve late this afternoon.

Traffic Deaths in State Number Four

By United Press International
The New Year's holiday traffic death toll in Oregon stood at four persons early Friday. The count began at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

A Warm Springs Indian, Gordon Rhoad, 19, was the state's first fatality of 1959. He was killed instantly when his car plunged off an embankment from Highway 26 near Madras. His 18-year-old wife, Vivian, was in critical condition at a Redmond hospital.

Barbara Eaton, 27-year-old mother of five children, was killed early Thursday in a one-car accident on southwest Barbur boulevard in Portland.

Vester Orville Varney, 39, was killed early Thursday when his farm truck left Highway 350 a mile east of Joseph.

A two-car crash on Highway 99 four miles south of Albany late Wednesday resulted in the death of Charles Edgar Griffith, 65, Tangent. He died early Thursday. Donna Marie Scarborough, 15, Tangent, was critically injured in the same crash.

Buying Activity Featured in Lumber

Portland — UPI — A spurt of buying activity featured the lumber industry during the closing days of 1958, Crow's Lumber Market News service reported today.

It said retailers who had been holding off in the hope of a price drop suddenly decided to buy when they realized prices were rising. A sharp dip in production because of holiday shutdowns was partly responsible.

"Don't You See? If We Ask for All This, They Might Settle for Just Letting Us Continue To Operate"



Auto Deaths Mount; High Toll Feared

United Press International
Auto deaths mounted at a rate of better than three an hour today, before the New Year's holiday week end reached the halfway mark, and safety experts feared the toll would exceed 400 by midnight Sunday.

The National Safety Council had estimated only 40 more traffic fatalities for the four-day holiday than would occur during a non-holiday period. A comparatively safe New Year's Eve driving record led council officials to believe their estimate was correct, but New Year's Day brought a spurt in highway fatalities, and there was no slackening off by mid-day today.

The United Press International count at 9 a.m. p.s.t. showed at least 149 persons killed in traffic accidents since the holiday began at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve. Twenty nine persons perished in fires, 8 in plane crashes, and 29 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall total of 215.

California Leads
California, which reported the highest traffic toll among states during the Christmas holiday, again led with 14. New York counted 12, Wisconsin 11, and Pennsylvania 10.

"The toll is running at an alarming and tragic pace," the council said. "Apparently the shock of the Christmas holiday toll, when 599 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents, wasn't great enough to hold down the New Year's toll as we hoped."

Council officials pointed out that the toll is expected to begin late in the afternoon after all trees have been collected.

Boy Scouts will pick up the trees and take them to the burn site. Residents wishing to participate should leave their trees in front of their houses, affixing to them whatever contribution they care to make.

Contributions, Moose Lodge officers state, are to be used for purchase of playground equipment for city parks.

Washington — UPI — Comptroller General Ray M. Gidney today issued a national bank call for the figures as of Dec. 31.

Second Cold Air Mass Expected in Valley Late Today

Snow resulting from a cold front moving into southern Oregon could turn the ground white in the valley temporarily this afternoon and evening, the Medford station of the weather bureau reported.

The cold front, second one coming into this area in two days, was expected to move into the valley early this afternoon. A little more snow than experienced in the flurries last night and this morning was anticipated but no heavy snowfall on the valley floor was foreseen.

The weather bureau said that southern Oregon is having "a shot of winter" as the result of cold air out of the interior of Canada penetrating west of the Rockies and Cascade mountains. Chilly weather is forecast for two more days with a warming trend predicted about Monday.

Cold Front Arrives
First cold front arrived over the area during the morning yesterday. Cold and unstable air brought the snow flurries last night and earlier today.

A low temperature of 25 degrees is expected in the Medford vicinity tonight and the weather bureau warned that anything which would be harmed by freezing should be protected.

All roads in the southern Oregon area were reported open by state police this morning with snow flurries noted generally throughout the area.

The Siskiyou had packed snow, but it was sanded. Four inches of new snow was reported. State police said motorists were getting along without using chains.

Oregon Mountain was reported clear. Prospect this morning had snow flurries, with 3 inches of new snow. Motorists were advised to carry chains.

It was snowing heavy over East and West Diamond lake roads. East Diamond lake road had 6 inches of new snow, and West Diamond lake road had 5. Motorists were advised to carry chains over both roads.

New Officials to Take Oath Monday

Three new county officials and three judicial judges will take the oath of office Monday morning.

A deputy county clerk will swear in Democrat Marvin Madden as county clerk, Republican Joseph D. Walsh as sheriff and Republican Earl Miller as county judge. Also renewing the oath of office will be the reelected county commissioner, Republican Chester Wendt. All are four-year terms.

Retiring Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna is expected to give the oath of office to the new circuit judge, James Main, reelected Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly and District Court Judge Roy E. Bashaw. All are six-year terms.

Neuberger Joins in Service Cut Protest

Portland — UPI — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) joined California's Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel today in opposing Southern Pacific's proposed cut in passenger service between Portland and Oakland, Calif.

The Oregon senator said he had wired the Interstate Commerce Commission to "reinforce" Kuchel's request that the ICC suspend the requested cutback to three trains weekly in the railroad's Shasta Daylight service.

Ike Challenges Reds to Practice What They Preach

Gettysburg, Pa. — UPI — President Eisenhower today challenged the leaders of Russia to practice in Berlin what they preach from the Kremlin about peaceful coexistence with the West.

The President, in an exchange of New Year's messages with the Soviet Union's top bosses, said that Russia's expressed hope of reducing dangerous international tensions in 1959 was inconsistent with her Nov. 27 demand that the Western Allies get out of West Berlin by June 1.

Thus Eisenhower took a decided arm's length attitude toward the New Year's peace message which came in from the Kremlin late Thursday.

The President was spending a leisurely New Year's Day with his grandchildren watching the Cotton Bowl football game on television when the White House in Washington notified him that a message had come in from Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev and K. Vorosilov, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Vorosilov technically is the Russian head of state, but Khrushchev is the boss.

The message came in by commercial cable in Russian and was sent to the State Department for translation.

Eisenhower fired back his thanks for the high hopes for 1959 and sent it by Western Union.

In essence, he informed the Russians that however admirable peaceful intentions might be, they should be backed up by positive progress. He suggested Berlin as a prime starting point.

898th Patient On Mercy Flights

Charles (Chuck) McNair, 15-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. McNair, 229 Valley View dr., was flown to Medford from Bandon, Ore., yesterday, for an emergency appendectomy.

The boy had been visiting his grandparents over the holidays. The operation was performed at Sacred Heart hospital.

Young McNair was the 898th patient carried by planes of Medford's non-profit service, Mercy Flights, Inc., as was the first patient in 1959.

The service began operations nine years ago this month. The first year only 13 patients were carried, the second year this doubled to 26, and the third year, 1952, there were 86 patients. Each year following this the number of patients carried by the planes has been around 150.

It appears certain that the 900th patient will be carried before Mercy Flights ninth anniversary of its first emergency flight the middle of the month.

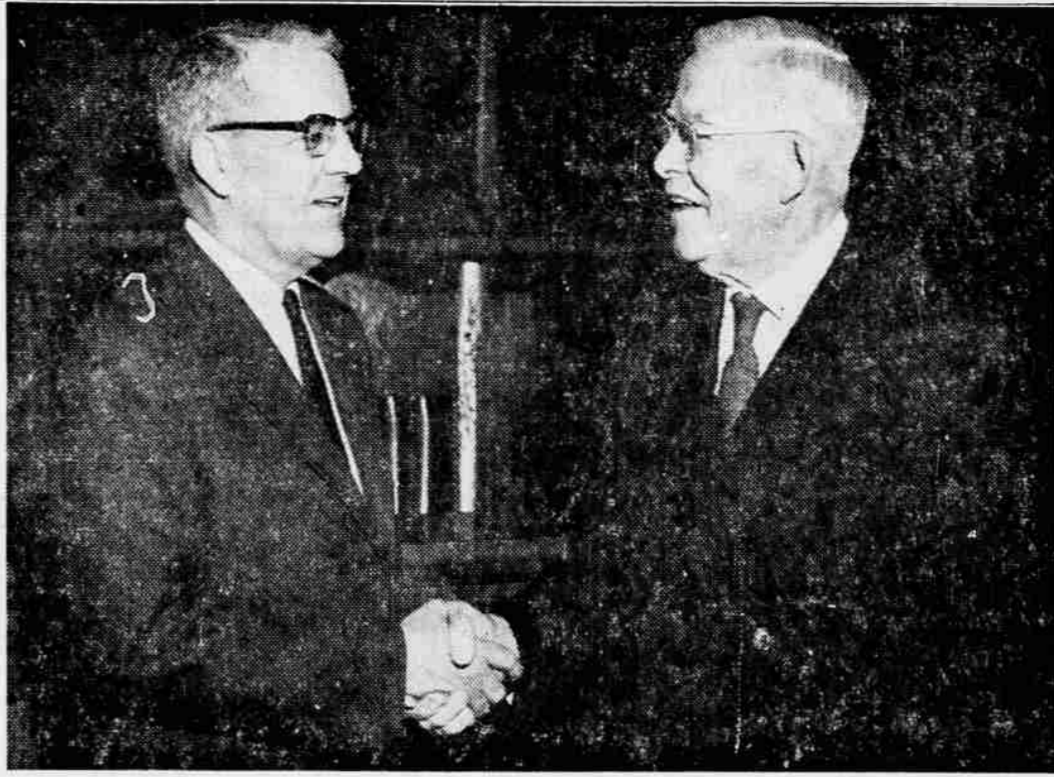
DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — UPI — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 587.59, up 3.94; 20 railroads 159.72, up 2.07; 15 utilities 91.22, up 0.22, and 55 stocks 203.91, up 1.48. Sales today were about 3,380,000 shares compared with 3,970,000 shares Wednesday.

Butler Starts New Year by Counting Out Stevenson; Boosts G. M. Williams

Lansing, Mich. — UPI — Paul M. Butler started his fifth year as Democratic party chief Thursday by counting out Adlai Stevenson and giving a boost to Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams' chances in the race for the 1960 presidential nomination.

Butler, who was here to help usher Williams into unparalled sixth consecutive term, told newsmen he did not believe Stevenson would run again and said he doubted party leaders would want to "take chances on a man already defeated twice."

Williams received a telegram from Stevenson congratulating him as "the winning fellow I know — in more ways than one, or even six." The Democratic party chair-



JUDGE RETIRES—Circuit Court Judge Herbert K. Hanna, right, who retired today after serving 18 years as judge in judicial district No. 1, Jackson and Josephine counties, is shown above being congratulated by William McAllister, Chief Justice-elect of the Oregon State Supreme court. More than 50 members of the Jackson County Bar association paid tribute to Judge Hanna in a ceremony held in Circuit Court No. 1 this morning.

Firefighters Get California Blaze Under Control

Los Angeles — UPI — Firefighters expected to bring under control today southern California's latest brush fire, which has destroyed 81 homes in its devastating march from Topanga Canyon to the sea.

Norman La Vigne, chief county fire dispatcher, said "it should be a routine job from here on in if the winds don't increase."

Meanwhile, the thousands of residents who fled from the heavily populated area when the blaze started New Year's Eve began returning to their homes.

A second fire that blackened 650 acres, threatening movie stars' mansions, was brought under control Thursday night by some 500 firemen.

La Vigne said the second blaze, in the Topanga-Malibu section of the Santa Monica mountains, was 60 per cent under control, and added that no structures were immediately endangered.

He said the some 800 firemen still on the lines were aided in their battle by low winds and a 30 per cent humidity.

He said damage to exclusive homes and other buildings plus valuable watershed amounted to "easily more than a million dollars."

The second fire in Benedict Canyon and Beverly Glen, only a few miles from Beverly Hills, swept along the canyon walls and forced evacuation of the homes of Doris Duke, Marion Davies, Peter Lorre, Cameron Mitchell, Barry Sullivan and others.

Both fires were believed to have been the work of an arsonist.

Quake Sways Homes in Channel Islands

Jersey, Channel Islands — UPI — The severest earthquake recorded in the Channel Islands since 1927 swayed houses, rattled furniture and caused minor cracks in walls in the pre-dawn darkness here today.

But no serious damage was reported. Eastern areas of this Channel Island near the Normandy coast were the most severely affected.

Gale force winds which swept the island all night suddenly subsided during the tremor.

Bar Members Pay Tribute to Judge

Members of the Jackson County Bar association paid tribute this morning to Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna, who retires today after 18 years as judge in judicial district No. 1, Jackson and Josephine counties.

More than 50 attorneys and three judges met in Judge Hanna's court room to present him with a gift and to praise his work on the bench.

Among those praising Hanna's career in the court was Chief Justice-elect of the Oregon State Supreme court, William McAllister, former Medford attorney now residing in Salem.

Hanna, who was born in Jacksonville July 15, 1882, is the son of a circuit court judge, the late H. K. Hanna. He practiced law in Jacksonville after being admitted to the bar in 1906 and moved his office to Medford in 1927.

He was elected circuit court judge in 1940, taking office in January, 1941, following the retirement of the late Judge H. D. Norton. When the number of cases increased so greatly by 1946, a second circuit judge, Judge O. J. Millard, was appointed to take office in 1946. A third, Judge Edward C. Kelly, was appointed in June, 1957.

Circuit Judges Kelly and Millard shared the bench with Hanna at this morning's ceremony.

Others commending Hanna's integrity, selflessness, judicial temperament and knowledge were Attorneys Frank Farrell, Otto J. Frohn-mayer, J. F. Fliegel, Frank Van Dyke and George Roberts, Medford; W. W. Balder, Grants Pass; and William Briggs, Ashland.

Justice McAllister said he spoke partly as a representative of the state supreme court. He declared that the "fine judges" in this district were partly responsible for the "fine bar in Jackson county."

Van Dyke spoke on behalf of the state bar association and other members of the circuit courts in Oregon.

A resolution from the county bar association was introduced to the court as a permanent record. It praised Hanna's outstanding career.

R. E. St. Clair, route 1, box 417, Gold Hill, and his family jumped from the car when St. Clair, the driver, thought he would be unable to cross the tracks ahead of the train. The abandoned car was damaged beyond repair, state police said.

St. Clair said he became confused and thought the train was approaching on tracks other than the ones he was crossing. Thinking he would be unable to cross safely, St. Clair and his family jumped from the car.

The Southern Pacific railroad trainmaster's office in Medford said today it could find no report of the accident. State police were called at 2 p.m. yesterday, an hour after the accident occurred.

American Ship Takes Tourists from Cuba
Washington — UPI — The State Department reported that an American ship began evacuation of 500 U.S. students and tourists from Havana after victorious rebel authorities momentarily blocked plans for the operation.

The department said rebel leader Fidel Castro allowed the City of Havana to dock after the temporary two-hour hitch.

Gettysburg, Pa. — UPI — President Eisenhower today gave his final approval to the new 49-star American flag.

Heavy Bursts of Gunfire Heard in Areas of Capital

Urrutia Proclaimed New President

Havana — UPI — Fidel Castro's rebel troops made a triumphal entry into Havana today.

Rebel militia still were digging out remnants of deposed President Fulgencio Batista's followers and occasional heavy bursts of rifle and machinegun fire was heard through the city which was also in the paralyzing grip of a general strike.

The entry of his troops was the final symbol of victory for Castro, who earlier in the day proclaimed Dr. R. Manuel Urrutia provisional president and Santiago de Cuba his provisional capital. The Cuban armed forces accepted Urrutia as president and pledged support to Castro.

Some of the heaviest firing today occurred a few doors from the United Press International headquarters which was "sealed in" temporarily by the militia pending clarification of the situation.

The biggest battle in downtown Havana took place in the Manzana de Gomez area between the rebel militia and holdout followers of Sen. Rolando Masferrer, a supporter of the now-exiled Batista. This fight started about 11:30 a.m. and ended at 12:45 p.m. Reports said an estimated 200 of Masferrer's followers surrendered there.

Other firing was heard over an area of several city blocks and the sound of machineguns and rifles was heard on all sides. Heavy firing was heard across the Comyal part of the city. Another fight went on at the corner of the Prado and Colon st.

First elements of the rebel troops reached the outskirts of Havana at 10:30 a.m. The main group entered the city in 10 trucks at 12:40 p.m.

They were wildly cheered by the populace.

Insurgent forces held a tight grip on the city. For the most part, they maintained law and order in contrast to Thursday's wild rioting.

But some incidents still took place. The military and naval officers club in Mariano, where Batista had presided over many lavish parties, was sacked, looted and burned to the ground by mobs.

The national rebel radio network announced that it was arranging facilities for Castro to make a radio broadcast this afternoon. No hour was fixed, but the announcement said the rebel leader's address to the nation would be aired as soon as possible.

Charles Schuman, UPI-UPMT staffer, was an eyewitness to today's battle in the center of Havana. He watched as the rebel militia and the 200 Masferrer adherents battled it out in and around an office building.

"For two hours the plaza crackled with gunfire," Schuman said. "It was no place to be. Yet hundreds of spectators watched the fight, exposing themselves to danger as much as any of the combatants."

"They followed the militia as the soldiers advanced through the fire toward the target building."

Duncan Announces New House Group

A new standing committee of the Oregon house of representatives, to be devoted to planning and development matters, will be appointed this year.

State Rep. Robert Duncan of Medford, speaker-designate of the house, announced that the committee will work with the state planning and development department, and would also be concerned with Centennial legislation coming before the house.

Duncan said the new committee reflects the concern felt over the needs for new industry in the state, and that this merits the appointment of a standing committee.

Otherwise, the lineup of 20 other standing committees of the house will remain unchanged, he said.

Bulletin

London — UPI — Moscow Radio reported today that the Soviet Union has launched a rocket to the moon.