



**NEW AMERICAN FLAG**—This is the design of the new 49-star American flag released by the White House after President Eisenhower signed an executive order formally admitting Alaska to the Union. The stars in the new banner are arranged in seven staggered rows of seven stars each in the blue field, with the historic 13 red and white stripes unchanged.

## \$2 Million Sought For Birthday Plans

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Centennial Commission's legislative committee has recommended that the state be asked for \$2,012,825 to complete plans for the big 1959 birthday show.

The commission began a study of the committee's report but there appeared little doubt that it would be adopted and the request made soon after the legislature convenes Jan. 12.

## Chicago Daily News Purchased By Marshal Field

Chicago—UPI—The purchase of the Chicago Daily News—the city's second top newspaper shift in 28 months—today left Chicago's four large metropolitan dailies under two owners.

They are Field Enterprises, Inc., Monday's buyer, and the Chicago Tribune, Inc., publishers of the Tribune and the Chicago American, purchased from the Hearst corporation in October, 1956.

Marshall Field Jr., Field Enterprises president, announced the purchase of the afternoon Daily News from John S. Knight for \$50 a share.

The estimated sale price for the paper's controlling interest, which Knight bought in 1944 for \$2,150,000, was 18 million dollars. The 481,293 outstanding shares of the Daily News stock total more than 24 million dollars at the \$50 figure.

**Basis of Competition**

Field said the Daily News would continue on a basis of "vigorous competition" with the Field-owned Sun-Times, the product of a merger between Marshall Field Sr.'s Chicago Sun and the afternoon Chicago Times two years after World War II.

Until Field bought the Times in 1947, Chicago had five major dailies, all separately owned.

The merchandising heir started the Sun on Dec. 7, 1941, at the outbreak of the war and published it as a morning paper until January 1948. The combination Sun-Times published around-the-clock for several years.

The Hearst-owned Herald American changed its name in 1953 to the American, and three years later was bought by the Tribune ownership but continued as an afternoon daily.

The American was in turn the product of several Hearst mergers of the paper dating back as far as 1854.

Marshall Field Jr., new editor and publisher of the Daily News, cited rising publishing costs for his purchase decision.

**Gas War May Be On Way Out in Portland**

Portland—UPI—Portland's gas war may be on its way out. At many service stations Monday gasoline was selling up five cents from the gas war lows.

At least three companies announced the price hike. They were Standard stations, Shell and Tidewater Oil company.

**Court Records**

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James A. Peihay, overhang, \$15.  
John E. Childress, truck speeding, \$15.  
Simone P. Petard, violation basic rule, \$15.  
Ruth I. Arndt, no operator's license, \$10.  
Earl B. Stewart, no operator's license, \$10.  
William E. Raines, failure to stop, \$10.

**BRIEFLY LICENSE APPLICATION**

Donald Rele Gray, 832 Dakota Ave., Medford, and Frances L. Simmons, Statesboro, Ga.  
Elvin Emil Bianconi, Redding, Calif., and Marjorie Ann Pastorino, Project City, Calif.

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## First Southern Oregon Autorama Slated Jan. 17-18

Automobiles of almost every description will be on display at the first annual Southern Oregon Autorama, at the Medford Armory Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18.

Mike Batinich, Grants Pass cherry rancher and manager of the Autorama, said 19 classifications of custom cars, speedway competition cars, dragsters, pickups, antique cars, and motorcycles, will be on exhibit during the show, from 1 to 11 p.m. each day.

**Biggest Request**

The biggest request item was \$459,000 for arena shows at the coliseum, but Commission Chairman Anthony Brandthaler said most of this would be returned in gate receipts.

Other items recommended included \$180,000 for debts already incurred, \$50,000 for a "Garden of Tomorrow," \$65,000 for special events; \$250,000 for advertising, \$280,385 for state cultural committees; \$75,000 for religious events; \$23,860 for elementary and secondary school participation; \$30,000 for higher education, \$6,570 for the history committee; \$248,879 for construction work on the 10-acre parking lot near the coliseum.

Most of the money requested for religious activities would go for a non-denominational chapel in the Garden of Tomorrow. Cultural items include \$189,570 for musical programs; \$19,505 for photographic shows, \$24,000 for drama, \$16,000 for literature, and \$311,310 for painting and other visual arts.

**Brandthaler and several other commissioners said today they could submit their resignations to Gov. - Elect Mark Hatfield this week, to give him a free hand in naming his own commission. All said they would be happy to continue, however, if Hatfield asks them to.**

## American Airlines Pilots Remain Down

Washington—UPI—American Airlines remained grounded by a pilots strike for the 17th day today, but a federal mediator, said he was "encouraged" by tentative agreements on some points reached at Monday's bargaining session.

He declined to predict when a final settlement might be reached. Even Monday's agreements "could blow up at any time," he declared.

## Eighteen Injured in Ferry Boat Mishap

New York—UPI—Eighteen persons were injured Monday night when a ferry boat carrying 1,800 commuters from Manhattan to Staten Island was rammed broadside in New York Harbor by a gasoline barge cast adrift by gale-force winds.

Thirteen of the injured were treated at a Staten Island hospital for cuts and bruises, while the other five declined medical treatment.

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## Inexhaustible Sea Waters May Become Available at Cheap Cost

By DELOS SMITH  
UPI Science Editor  
New York—UPI—The inexhaustible waters of the seas may soon become available to make deserts bloom and supply vast industrial needs thanks to a scientific invention which can extract the salt from it with a high efficiency at relatively small cost.

This is the word circulating among interested scientists who understand the invention of their Israeli colleague, Alexander Zarchin, has been proved practical for large-scale application after more than two years of pilot-plant testing and experimentation.

Zarchin's invention is a technical process which capitalizes on a phenomenon known for untold centuries—frozen sea water is salt-free as it melts under certain conditions. The extremely difficult technical problem was to organize and control this natural chemical process.

**Uses Complex Process**

The technical process which does it is complex. This has made for legalistic difficulties in setting up world-wide patent protection, it was said. Israel financed the research and testing, and its govern-

ment will not divulge any of the finer techniques involved in the process until all patent problems are settled, this reporter learned.

The worth of the invention depends upon how much you need water since this controls how much you can pay for it. Israel and the entire arid Middle East need water desperately, especially Israel which is striving to develop an extensive agriculture and industry.

Much of Israel's water now comes from deep wells and it costs eight to nine cents a cubic foot to get it to the surface. It was estimated that the Zarchin process could desalt sea water at one half this cost. There are several other ways of desalting. The Zarchin was said to cost one tenth or less than the other ways.

**Plan Unsuitable To U.S.**

No less an authority than Dr. R. L. Nace of the U.S. Geological Survey believes that the wholesale conversion of sea water is not economically feasible for this country in the near future. The arid sections are too far removed from the oceans. But for arid nations bordering on seas, it would be economic salvation. The Sahara borders on the

Mediterranean, for instance. What powers the process is electricity and the only authoritative estimate of cost was in terms of kilowatt hours. Experimentally three kilowatt hours will process one ton of sea water and produce a high yield of fresh water. The cost of generating a kilowatt hour of electricity is quite high in the Middle East.

Generation by water power is the cheapest method which would seem to rule out cheap electricity for arid countries. But development of the head waters of the River Jordan could generate it for transmission to sea water conversion plants along the coasts. So could Egypt's projected high dam on the head waters of the Nile.

## Legion Commander Sees Need for Funds

Los Angeles—UPI—The national commander of the American Legion says at least five billion dollars should be added to the new defense budget.

Preston J. Moore, 38, estimated that the administration would seek a defense budget of \$41,200,000,000, which he labeled as not enough.

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