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## Number of Jobless 616,000 Higher

### Post-Christmas, Outdoor Cutbacks Blamed for Slack

#### Unemployment Rate Virtually Unchanged

Washington—UPI—The government said today the number of jobless increased by 616,000 last month to 4,724,000.

The Commerce and Labor departments also said in a joint report that employment fell 1,267,000 to 62,706,000.

Post-Christmas lay-offs of retail store and postal workers and further cutbacks in outdoor work accounted for both changes, the report said. It said job losses were about normal for this time of year.

#### Withdraw From Force

The drop in employment was larger than the rise in unemployment because most of those persons leaving holiday season jobs withdrew from the labor force instead of seeking other work. The unemployment rate after seasonal adjustments remained virtually unchanged at 6 percent of the labor force for the second month in a row. This reflects a slowdown in the rate of job recovery from recession lows, the report said.

#### Year Ago Comparison

Unemployment hit a post war peak of 5,437,000 last June. Last month's jobless figure exceeded the January, 1958, total by nearly a quarter million, however.

The report said that non-farm employment including self-employed, domestic servants and unpaid family workers fell by 1,100,000 during the month to 58 million.

Nearly all of this was accounted for by cutbacks in retail trade, post offices and construction work.

Average factory work-week dropped 24 minutes to 39.09 hours in January because of a reduction in overtime. Weekly earnings of the average factory worker dropped by 88 cents to \$87.38 last month because of the shorter work week.

### Holland Refuses Molotov as Envoy

The Hague, Holland—UPI—The Dutch government has informed Russia it does not want former Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov as the new Soviet ambassador to The Hague, reliable diplomatic sources reported today.

Molotov, ousted in the purge of the "anti-party group" by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, was one of three candidates originally put forward for the post here by Moscow. Molotov presently is Soviet ambassador to Outer Mongolia.

There were reports that the Dutch government first had agreed to Molotov's nomination to fill the post of ambassador to Holland. But a bitter press and behind-the-scenes campaign apparently forced the Dutch government to veto the nomination.

### Britain Pushes Mounting Stockpile of Atom Bombs

London—UPI—Britain announced today that she is pushing production of her own H-bomb weapons to bolster a mounting stockpile of A-bombs.

Exchange of nuclear information with the United States will permit "a significant increase in the rate of production," a government defense white paper said.

#### To Boost Army

The white paper disclosed that Britain has decided to boost the size of the streamlined regular army she is scheduled to have by 1962 after the draft ends.

Originally this was to have totaled 165,000. But the government now has decided to step it up to 180,000, the white

## State Senate Holds First Night Session

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Senate, in its first night session of the 1959 Legislature, Monday passed a bill to authorize acquiring of property for access roads by the State Forestry Board and sent a measure to increase voting hours back to committee.

A protest against passage of the property acquisition measure was made by Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles). He said the bill was an invasion of public rights.

The measure would facilitate the acquiring of property needed by the Forestry Board for access roads and other uses and would give compensation to affected property owners.

Musa and Sen. Dan Thiel (D-Astoria) and R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) were the only ones voting against the measure.

Sen. Melvin Goode (R-Albany) said the measure was in the public interest in that it gave the Board authority to clear out fallen trees from access roads.

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The bill providing for opening of election polls at 6 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. was sent back to the Committee on Elections for amendment after Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) said he had received some objections to the measure as written.

The Senate approved four House appropriation measures calling for funds for the Capitol Planning Commission, the Potato Commission, the Watchmaking and Clockmaking Commission and the Lardina Clover Commission.

The upper chamber passed and sent to the House a Measure which Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said would eliminate evasions on truck weights and provide some \$360,000 more a year.

He said it would combine the present double system of licensing commercial vehicles by weight under which the trucker pays one fee for "light" weight and another for "gross" or loaded weight.

## SP Shasta Daylight Schedule Cut Seen

### Bus Service Threat

Sacramento—UPI—The California Senate passed a resolution Monday protesting the proposed curtailment of Shasta Daylight service by the Southern Pacific railroad.

The resolution was by Sen. Randolph Collier (R-Yreka) who said that "the railroad has been staging a program to downgrade its passenger program so that it could concentrate on the more lucrative freight service."

San Francisco—If the Southern Pacific railroad is allowed to reduce the frequency of its Shasta Daylight train, it will mean curtailed bus service in the Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass area, according to an Oregon Public Utilities official.

Clifford W. Ferguson, director of rail transportation for the Oregon PUC, reported this side-issue today as interstate commerce commission hearings on the SP's abandonment proposal were to open here today.

Ferguson pointed out that SP-operated bus service in the Rogue valley area is designed to connect with the Daylight at Dunsmuir. If the Daylight is reduced to three times a week in frequency, such bus service also will decline, he pointed out.

The PUC official will recommend to the ICC that the application for partial discontinuance of service be denied by the federal agency, and will support this by some 20 pages of testimony, including exhibits which he said show the SP has long "deliberately discouraged" passenger service on its lines.

He will cite the railroad's sale and advertising of airline tickets (which he said is a service paid for by the SP at no cost to the airlines); a decrease in advertising designed to decrease rail passenger patronage; closure of ticket offices; discontinuance of car cleaning services; a downgrading of train meal service; a record of many late arrivals by the Daylight; elimination of traveling agents and the use of fewer chair car porters; and similar practices.

Deliberately Discouraged These he said: "... Show that passenger patronage of the Southern Pacific is being deliberately discouraged by adopted practices designed to discourage patronage. This design might be properly titled 'pattern of abandonment.' It was used, the evidence will show, in a modified form in relation to the Rogue River intrastate passenger service prior to abandonment of their service."

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## President Warns Congress Against Foreign Aid Cut

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Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower warned the Democratic-controlled Congress today against cutting foreign aid to offset increased spending for domestic programs such as housing and airports.

The President told a news conference that he could think of no policy that would be more destructive to America's best interests. He said the nation gets the greatest possible return from foreign aid spending.

Jobs Not Alarming He said that if the Democratic leaders of Congress had any idea of in effect using foreign aid funds to finance domestic programs, then statesmanship was beginning to sink to a very low level.

On other topics, the President:

—Made clear that he is not alarmed by the current increase in unemployment. But he said not for one minute would he accept 4,700,000 unemployed as a satisfactory level. He expressed confidence that there will be a pick-up in employment later this year.

Warning on Inflation —Sharply disputed arguments, advanced largely by Democrats, that federal spending on domestic programs should be stepped up in light of the faster growth of Russia's economy. He again pointed out what he considers would be the disastrous effects of inflation on the national economy. He said that he thought the bad effects of deficit federal spending would be greater than the good effects.

He urged the American people to pray for the early return of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to his duties. Dulles entered Walter Reed hospital this morning for a hernia operation which will keep him from his job for several weeks.

No Third Term —Gave a flat "no" when asked whether he would be thinking of running for a third term if this were not prohibited by the Constitution.

Said that he will leave selection of a site for the 1960 GOP convention entirely up to the party's National Committee. He said that he had no choice for it.

Said his school construction legislation, which went to Congress Monday, was designed to provide federal aid only to school districts whose need for outside help can be proved. He said the educational problem was primarily and basically a local responsibility.

Said that before considering a visit to Russia that he would have to await a more persuasive invitation than Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev recently made in a speech to the Soviet Communist Congress which included attacks on Eisenhower and U.S. foreign policy.

## Six-Year-Old Hurt En Route to School

Six-year-old Loren Herndon of Medford suffered slight injury this morning when he was struck by a car en route to Washington school, school officials reported.

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## Improvement Plan Not Designed to Push People Around

Edward Syring, manager of the driver licensing division of the state department of motor vehicles, told local traffic officials here yesterday that the state's driver improvement program is not designed to "push people around."

The program, in effect since 1950, seeks to control poor drivers and help them become good ones by a system of screening records, dispatching warning letters, interviewing chronic law breakers, and suspending drivers' licenses on a discretionary basis.

A point system is one basis for such suspensions. Syring said that until last year information about the program's operation was limited to those destined by poor records to receive warning letters.

Recently, he said, the program has received considerable adverse publicity. "There have been times in the last few months when we wished the point system had never been made known to the public," he said.

"We had much information put out in the newspapers that was not true," he added. "We do have to defend ourselves." Syring said, against accusations that the program is being carried out in an arbitrary manner. He said such accusations often arise from prejudice and misinformation.

He noted that those people who have taken an interest in learning about the program's operation have in many cases come to praise it.

He said the state plans to provide the public with information about the program to promote understanding of its aims and accomplishments.

Records Screened Of the more than 850,000 licensed drivers in Oregon, Syring said, less than 19 percent have had their records screened under the improvement program since its inception in February, 1950.

Less than 4.5 percent have been sent warning letters, he continued. Less than 1.2 percent have been interviewed and less than .5 have suffered temporary suspension of driving privileges, he stated.

"I believe, these figures show we are not pushing people around," Syring commented. "We feel this program is meaningful, and is getting results," he said.

Among those who heard him yesterday afternoon were

C. D. Larson, president of the Medford Safety Council; City Manager Robert A. Duff; Capt. Clyde Fichtner and other officers of the Medford police department; and Jackson County Sheriff Joe Walsh and Chief Deputy Sheriff Paul Bettlor.

Anyone interested in riding a horse or in wagons or buggies may contact members of the Trail Riders or Stanley Foley, president, in Gold Hill, U.L.R.I.C. 5-1533, Ray Barnard, Central Point, Normandy 4-1246, or Glenn Porter, Medford, S.P.R.I.C. 3-3781.

The Central Point Grange is sponsoring a Centennial dinner starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Grange hall. Old-fashioned dress will be appropriate for the occasion.

Following the dinner, a pageant, "An Oregon Trail," written by Mrs. Scott Hamilton, will be presented.

The few remaining tickets for the dinner are available from Delmar Smith in Central Point. Banjo music is planned during the evening, along with dancing following the pageant.

The Ashland National Guard unit is sponsoring a dance at the Ashland armory Saturday starting at 9 p.m. The dance is planned as a Pioneer dance, with prizes for beards, best oldtime military costume, best pioneer costume, best couple and others. Ashland merchants will furnish prizes.

Duke Pothier, local guitarist, will be featured with his ensemble, and will offer selections for square dancing, western swing and modern dances. Pioneer costumes are not mandatory, but those attending are urged to wear old-fashioned clothing.

## Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyou mountain, north: Carry chains, snow extends northward to Roseburg.

Highway 99, Siskiyou: Chains required; 8 inches new, 11 inches roadside.

Highway 66, Green Springs: Chains required. Klamath Falls reported 5 inches of new snow this morning.

Highway 62, Prospect: Carry chains. Twelve inches of new snow was reported at Crater Lake National park entrance.

Highway 199, Oregon mountain: Chains required. Cave Junction area reported two inches of new snow this morning.

Highway 99, California: Chains mandatory from three miles north of Weed to about 18 miles south of Dunsmuir.

## 20 Known Dead, Hundreds Injured; Homes Smashed

### Dazed Survivors View Bodies at Morgue

St. Louis—UPI—A tornado smashed across a central tenement area here today, killing at least a score of persons, injuring hundreds and devastating acres of homes.

There were 20 bodies at the city morgue, 19 of them identified. Under a hazy sun, firemen and policemen and operators of cranes and wrecking equipment moved through the storm area, seeking more bodies. There was confusion at the morgue, where dazed survivors, viewing the dead, duplicated identifications.

No Monetary Estimate More than 320 persons were treated for injuries at hospitals.

City officials and members of civil defense organizations toured the storm-ravaged area, but refused to put a monetary estimate on the damages until a complete count had been made and checked against assessment figures. Hundreds of persons lost their household belongings, or found them so ravaged by winds and falling debris as to be useless.

Weathermen said that severe weather warnings had been set up for the St. Louis area, but the intensity of the storm which struck came as a surprise.

At Kansas City, Donald House, supervisor of the U.S. Severe Storm Warning Center, said that severe storm warnings were out for the area, but "while a twister in the storm was not totally unexpected, we certainly didn't expect one of such intensity to drop down on St. Louis."

The heaviest blows of the storm were rained on a 7-by-30 block area in the heart of the city. Bounded by Euclid on the west, Vandeventer to the east, Chouteau to the south and Natural Bridge to the north, it is a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

Emergency Power A rooming house was almost leveled and police and rescue workers worked feverishly by the light of emergency spotlights searching the ruins. A power failure put regular lighting facilities out of commission.

Despite wide open store fronts and vulnerable dwellings, police said there was little looting. Two men were caught and handcuffed to a pole while police completed other duties but no others were apprehended.

Arraignment Set For Mrs. Click Arraignment of Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 56, of Ashland, on first degree murder charges, is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow before Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly, it was announced today.

Mrs. Click is charged with shooting her husband, Houston James Click, 47, in their Ashland home on Jan. 6. The Ashland woman had waived previously her right to an attorney and to a preliminary hearing in district court.

Judge Kelly on Jan. 20 appointed Otto J. Frohnmayer, Medford, as her attorney, and the case was continued pending consultation of Mrs. Click with her attorney.

The Ashland woman is being held in the county jail without bail.

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## Dulles on Leave From Cabinet To Undergo Surgery

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, on leave from his cabinet post for "a few weeks," entered Walter Reed hospital today for his second major operation in a little more than two years.

Surgery for Hernia Dulles, who will be 71 on Feb. 25, was to undergo surgery for a hernia. It was the latest in a series of illnesses that has plagued him since he was operated on for intestinal cancer in November, 1956.

Dulles asked and received the President's permission to turn over his duties to subordinates "for a short period." In the meantime, the State Department will be run by Undersecretary Christian A. Herter or, in his absence, by Undersecretary C. Douglas Dillon.

In a letter to the President, Dulles also gave a second reason for entering the hospital. He said his doctors had advised him that he had "not wholly thrown off the effects" of a colon inflammation he suffered last December.

The energetic cabinet officer, who has guided America's foreign policy for six years, said he would like to use his period of recuperation to concentrate on "the complicated and grave" Berlin problem "free from other responsibilities."

Not To Step Down He made it clear that he did not intend to step down permanently from his high post. He said he would be available for consultation in the hospital and "would expect, after a few weeks, to resume fully" his duties as secretary.

White House News Secretary James C. Hagerly said physicians had assured Dulles that "there is no sign whatsoever anything is malignant" in his new illness. Dulles' doctors gave him a clean bill of health after his 1956 operation.

## Report on Fish, Wildlife Study Of Basin Planned

A preliminary report on the study of the Fish and Wildlife Service study of the Rogue River basin will be made to the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers by May 1 and the final report will be made June 1.

Three officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced those dates to approximately 50 persons at a meeting of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association in Grants Pass last night.

Outlining the impact of the new fish and wildlife coordination act, J. T. Barnney, representing the bureau of sport fishery and wildlife; T. S. Roberts, supervisor of the branch river basin studies, and George O. Plack, fishery research biologist, branch of river basin study, pointed to what they consider a great opportunity to plan for fishery in connection with the Rogue River basin project.

The three officials also told of how effectively the corps of engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service have worked together closely and their experiences in their team projects in other areas and with other proposed dams.

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