

Ike Faces Gruelling Time on Journey

3 Known To Survive Crash of Airliner

Craft Smashes Into Mountain During Snowstorm

Helicopter Takes Doctor To Scene

Williamsburg, Pa.—(UPI)—A Philadelphia to Cleveland Allegheny Airlines plane carrying 25 persons crashed into a mountain today while preparing to land in a driving snowstorm.

Airliner officials said in Washington at least three persons, two in critical condition, survived the crash. An official of Williamsport hospital said he understood there were four survivors.

A helicopter, first to reach the crash scene in a densely wooded area halfway up the 2,500-foot mountain, brought out one survivor and returned to the scene with a physician. The twin-engine Martin 202 had made an initial approach to the Williamsport-Montoursville airport in the storm but was waved off and told to circle the field for another landing attempt. The control tower reported the plane should have circled to the north but the craft was not visible in the snow. The crash occurred on the mountain south of the airport.

The helicopter pilot reported the survivor he picked up had been thrown clear of the wreckage and into a tree. Doctors taken to scene. The helicopter, from the Olmstead Air Force Base at Middletown, Pa., was the only vehicle to reach the spot. It took doctors from Williamsport to the scene. An emergency call for all available doctors and nurses was broadcast.

The only road near the spot where the plane went down was blocked by the snow.

David L. Miller, vice president of Allegheny, said in Washington that a weather observer at the airport saw the plane pull up as it approached the runway.

"That's all we know," he said. Allegheny had not had a fatal crash in the 22 years it has been operating. It serves more than 25 cities between New York and Detroit, mainly in Pennsylvania.

Patrolman Almost Becomes Referee

A city police officer almost became a referee recently when he was called to a home on report of a disturbance. On arriving at the home the officer was informed by the husband and wife they had been painting the house and drinking all day, and were starting to argue.

The wife told the officer she was afraid she would start throwing things at her husband so she called the police to keep her in check. The husband told the officer he wanted him to stand by so that the dispute didn't get out of hand. He added he was afraid he might hit his wife.

The officer informed the couple that if they cared for each other so much that they had to call in an officer to keep the peace, they ought to be able to settle their disputes peacefully.

The couple sat down to watch television and the officer left to resume his duties.

Differences Are Reviewed In Schools

Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles prepared by Medford's school superintendent following his recent three-week trip to Russia. The series deals with Russia's "Seven Year Plan," and is based on Soviet books, magazine articles, and personal interviews with the ministers of education of the Russian and Ukrainian republics, the deputy mayor of Moscow and the mayor of Tbilisi.)

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Written and oral examinations are given to all students completing the fifth, seventh and tenth grades to determine their achievement and decide on their promotion. These exams are prepared by the Ministry of Education and administered by a committee of teachers.

The written tests are given only in Russian literature and language and in the language of the Republic where the exam is given. The oral tests are in general nature. Questions are written on tickets for oral reporting and each child selects at random the questions he must answer.

Due to adding one year to the school program after 1963 these tests will be given in the 8th and 11th grades. Each teacher gives tests as she sees fit to determine the quality of work of her pupils. Daily and weekly grades are given by the teacher on the basis of a child's recitation. These grades are recorded in the child's diary.

All students are given regular physical examinations and special physical checks are made if the teacher or director requests it. When a child has a physical ailment affecting his class work the teacher, principal and doctor work out a program for the child which is presented to the parent. The parent is held responsible for carrying it out.

Guidance, Counseling

There is no evidence of a guidance and counseling program in the Soviet schools as we think of such a program. No doubt some guidance is done incidentally by teachers and parents. The teachers in the schools and the instructors in the Pioneer Palaces work together in developing further interests in specific areas; thereby guiding and directing the interest of students to further opportunities in each field.

Every child has a diary where teachers put marks and comments regarding the child's progress. Homework assignments also are written in the diary. Parents look through the diary each week and sign it. Grades are recorded at 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 with a 2 being very poor and a 1 a failure. Each teacher marks the individual child's diary immediately following the child's recitation and usually tells the class what grade the child made. Once a month there is an opportunity for

parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress.

Promotion, Retention

There seems to be a very small percentage of failures among students. One school reported about 4 per cent retention; other teachers and directors said there was practically no one retained. The opinion of teachers and the grades in the diary are used to determine promotions except in the seventh and tenth grades where a written and oral examination is prepared by the Ministry of Education.

Pupils who fail these exams are given a chance to go on with their class by studying through the summer and passing the exam when they take it again in the fall. The extent that grades count depends upon the subjective judgment of teachers.

Teachers graded the pupils recitation and homework in front of the class and made either favorable or unfavorable comments to the class and to the visitors about the individual pupil's work. In this way group pressure was brought upon the child to do good work. Except in the case of two or three children there was no apparent evidence that this disturbed any child.

Size of Classes

It is the aim of the Soviet schools to have 30 to 35 pupils in each of the primary and elementary classes and 25 to 30 in each class in the secondary schools. Several classes were visited in the secondary schools that had less than the suggested number above although a few classes had 35 to 40 students. One school located on a collective farm had classes of 10 to 15 students.

There is no attempt to identify slow-learning children before they enter the public school. Identification is then done by the teachers and the pupils. Pupils who are identified are referred to a medical commission in the pedagogical institute. If this commission decides a child is defective he is sent to a special school.

Most schools for special children are boarding schools. When the child enters the special school he is classified as being a light or deep retarded case. Children are then treated according to their needs. In general, all cases are classified, diagnosed and treated according to need. One director of a college indicated there was much to be learned about the cause and treatment of slow learners.

Other Handicaps

Other handicapping conditions of children which are recognized and treated in the Soviet schools include blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy and crippling diseases. Each case is diagnosed and treated according to need, usually at a special school.

Home work is considered one of the difficult problems in the Soviet schools. Doctors are urging that the amount of home work be reduced because of the emotional strain on the children. At present home work assignments are given every day of the week except week ends and holidays. The length of the assignments range from 1 to 1½ hours per night in the elementary schools, 1½ to 2 hours for the junior high age group, and 2 to 4 hours per night in the high schools. All assignments must be done out of school since no study time is provided in school.

In every school system that we visited, the director reported that they did not use ability grouping of children. However, it was observed that certain children have been grouped for foreign language, music, art and polytechnical classes due to their demonstrated ability and interest. One college director stated "While present evidence was against grouping, more study is needed. We may change our minds later."



SECRETARY QUILTS - Neil H. McElroy, above, today submitted his resignation as Defense Secretary to President. The resignation was to take effect today. "Personal reasons of an urgent nature" necessitated the move, McElroy said in a letter to the President. McElroy was presented the Medal of Freedom in recognition of his outstanding service to his country at a meeting of the National Security Council this morning.

Varsity Theater In Ashland Under New Management

Ashland - Two brothers, both veterans in the theater management field, will control Ashland's Varsity theater under a lease from the Oregon California Theater Chain.

The lease, effective today, turns the theater over to Russell Osborn and Roy Carrier. Length of the lease, Osborn said Monday, is still "undetermined."

Projection and sound equipment will be improved soon, Osborn continued, and a general cleanup and painting program will be conducted "as we go along."

Immediate Changes

The immediate changes planned by Osborn and Carrier are in the scheduling department. The schedule has fluctuated greatly in the past, Osborn said, but now the theater will have definite box office and curtain times.

The theater will be open seven days a week, with the box office opening at 6:45 and the movie starting at 7 p.m. each day but Wednesday. Curtain time Wednesday will be 8:30.

On Sunday, tickets will be sold beginning at 1:15 and shows will run continuously from 1:30.

There also will be a children's matinee at 10:30 a.m. as well as a regular matinee at 2 p.m. each Saturday.

The two brothers managed theaters in Los Angeles during the past year. Previously, Osborn managed the Varsity and Carrier managed the Valley Drive-in on North Pacific highway.

Eugene Water Board Approves Project

Eugene—(UPI)—The Eugene Water and Electric Board gave the green light Monday to its proposed \$26 million Carman-Smith power project on the Upper McKenzie river.

Astoria—(UPI)—Astoria Transit company has announced plans to go out of business because of lack of patronage.

Russia Gives Full Backing To Hungary Regime

Protests Against West Allies Renewed

Vienna, Austria.—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev gave Russia's full moral backing today to the puppet Communist regime in Hungary and renewed his protests against continued Allied occupation of West Germany.

Khrushchev, addressing a wildly cheering Communist Party congress in Budapest, alternated between assurances that Russia wanted an early summit conference "at any time and place" and new accusations of West German interference in Berlin.

Though calling for peace he said "the Soviet Union has stockpiled such a quantity of rockets and atomic and hydrogen warheads that if attacked we shall be able to raze to the ground all our potential enemies."

Hard Bargaining Ahead

Khrushchev also showed that hard bargaining lay ahead at any summit conference when he emphasized "we shall never forego our ideological principles. We are waging and shall wage an implacable struggle for the Marxist-Leninist ideology, for the triumph of the ideals of Communism."

He blamed the 1956 Hungarian anti-Communist revolt on mistakes in the Communist party leadership brought on by his own denunciation of the Stalinist "cult of personality" but said "it had to be done—it was necessary to get cleaned and to throw off all the accumulated extraneous matter."

The throwing out of Stalinism led to a stronger party even though it brought difficulties to Hungary where the "class struggle" took the form of an armed clash. But the party won, he said, and imperialist hopes for the collapse of Communism in Hungary have failed.

Ashland Company Explained at Luncheon

Ashland - The Ashland Chamber of Commerce today awarded a six-month complimentary membership to Cascade Medical and Dental Products, Ashland.

John von Kuhlmann and George Ward, representatives of the firm, outlined the organization's operations and plans at the chamber's noon luncheon meeting.

Salem Youth Given Prison Sentence

Salem—(UPI)—A 22-year-old youth Monday was given a two-year sentence in the state prison after pleading guilty to a negligent homicide charge.

Sentenced was Ronald Howard Moen. He was charged in connection with the July, 1958 traffic death of Doris Fenton, Silverton.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Thickening high clouds tonight and Wednesday. Valley fog Wednesday morning. Low tonight 32. High Wednesday 39.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:40 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m. The moon sets 6:36 p.m. tonight and rides low.

First Quarter Dec. 6. Saturn, seen to the left of the Moon tonight, sets earlier each evening and will soon disappear. It will be seen again in January, rising just before the Sun.



ARMY RECRUITS—Lt. Col. Robert Thomas, above, reads the oath to four new army recruits as Los Angeles. The unusual thing about this is that Nancy, 18, and Robert Hazard, 19, both left, are brother and sister. The other couple, Barry Kribs, 17, of Van Nuys, Calif., and Jackie Allbrook, 18, are engaged, having met at a hamburger stand where Jackie was a car hop. —(UPI Telephoto)

Assessors Start Two-Day Meeting In City Today

The annual meeting of Western Oregon Assessors' association got under way here this morning with a welcoming address by Earl Miller, Jackson county judge.

Few citizens of any county are aware of the problems and complications faced by the county assessor, Judge Miller told the 17 representatives of various assessors' offices and members of the state tax commission present.

"In Jackson county the county judge and assessor are not too popular right now when the tax statements have gone out," Miller noted. "We have something to do with the taxes and that they are too high—they think."

The inflated dollar, changing valuations of property, and school district consolidations are a few of the many factors faced by the assessor's office, the county judge pointed out.

Public Relations

"It is important that the assessor adopt a public relations program and a knowledge of the general tax picture be conveyed to the voters," Miller urged. "It is important, also, that they be reminded that they are assessed for taxes they voted on."

The county judge complimented Ray Schumacher, Jackson county assessor, and president of the Western Oregon Assessors' association, on the small explanatory tax booklet mailed out each year with tax statements.

Clarence Barton, state representative and chairman of the legislative interim tax committee was scheduled to speak at a luncheon at the Medford hotel today.

A hearing on livestock values was scheduled this afternoon in the court house auditorium and Charles Mack, state tax commissioner was to report on log values.

At a dinner tonight in the Medford hotel, Mack will speak on the Oregon tax picture.

Extra Sales Clerks Hired for Season

Several hundred extra sales clerks and other store workers have been hired by Medford merchants in preparation for the Christmas season.

According to a Mail Tribune poll this week, a larger seasonal staff has joined the retail working force this year than in previous years. Many stores report the same number, but stress that other personnel may be hired the week or two before Christmas, as need arises.

Although the stores reported that the majority of their current hiring is from a group of former holiday season employees, they do hire new persons each year.

Personnel managers reported no problem in locating parttime and fulltime seasonal workers, and many said they have a waiting list.

Several stores mentioned that the seasonal staff was equal to previous years, but that they had added several permanent employees in recent months.

A trend noticed in previous years seems to have been reversed this year, with the majority of the merchants reporting they hire seasonal workers in the over-50-years age group. One store stressed that they prefer older workers, they are more dependable, and encourage them to return year after year. Many parttime workers, it was explained, are high school students who work during the evenings.

Many of the stores who reported that all of their extra employees had been hired, added that one or two more may be needed for gift wrapping "at the last minute."

Some Medford store managers commented on the increase in buying since Thanksgiving, saying that Christmas shopping was not started as early this year as last, while others mentioned that sales had been up for the late several months.

Medford merchant needs for additional Christmas personnel range from a high of more than 50 at one store to one at a smaller shop.

Youth Arrested for Bomb Threat by Phone

Milton-Freewater—(UPI)—A 17-year-old Milton-Freewater youth was arrested early today after a telephoned bomb threat was made to School Superintendent Ward Hammersley here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hosick and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Miles, operators of the park, had said that a chapel was a mortuary in that instance, and therefore the permit of the city for a chapel was valid for their mortuary.

Rugged Schedule Faces President In Each Country

Cables Received From Foreign Lands

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower's forthcoming 11 nation good-will tour shaped up today as the most ambitious and arduous undertaking since recovering from his 1956 heart attack.

With the receipt of last-minute cables from foreign governments, the White House was making public one at a time, the retailed country-by-country schedule of his 22,370-mile trip which begins Thursday night.

Expenditure of Energy

And with each schedule, the three-continent journey unfolded as a story of almost unbelievable expenditure of energy on the President's part; unbelievable in the sense that most men 69 years old and with a background of three major illnesses in the last four years would not dream of racing across the world in the Eisenhower manner.

Not only will Eisenhower follow a rugged schedule in each country on his itinerary. He will start his trip with a major speech to the American people Thursday night just before takeoff, and speak to them again shortly after his return Dec. 22.

One Basic Message

Why this back-breaking activity? Associates of the President said he's tired of hearing that the Communists are ahead not only in the race into space, but in the battle for men's minds. He thinks the time is overdue for visiting a number of countries where no American president has ever ventured.

He will speed by jet half way around the world with one basic message: If the free nations want to stay free, they'd better stick together.

While he's away, he wants the American people to understand that they have a stake in world peace, too. Hence his pre-departure press conference Wednesday and the speech Thursday night just before takeoff when he will discuss not only his journey but the steel dispute at home.

Violence Not Answer, DA Says

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said today he warned a woman whom Mrs. Ann Todd, Eagle Point, accused of slapping her that "violence is not the answer."

"I told the woman and her husband that this office would not tolerate another such incident as occurred in the Eagle Point Irrigation district office two weeks ago," Reeder said.

Reeder said Mrs. Todd would not sign a complaint against the woman since she said she "didn't want to cause trouble."

Mrs. Todd said yesterday that she and her husband had been friendly with the woman's family before the incident. She said also that the slap was hard enough to make her dizzy. Mrs. Todd said she picked up a chair to defend herself, then was firmly ushered out of the irrigation district office by the woman.

Earlier reports from Eagle Point stated that Mrs. Todd had been slapped lightly on the cheek by the woman as Mrs. Todd stood in the district's office and demanded service and made other remarks.

The FODD and the FORR



The mystery of the "FODD" apparently has been solved.

The FODD, it will be recalled from the Mail Tribune's Potluck column, was a pickup truck in the used car lot across the street from the Mail Tribune—which bore those four letters across the front.

After some weeks, an "R" was substituted for the first "D."

But in Benton, Arkansas, W. P. McGuire recently purchased a pickup of the same make. It was labeled "FORR."

The Benton Courier printed a picture of the FORR, as the Mail Tribune printed a picture of the FODD. McGuire said his auto dealer offered to change the lettering on his truck, but he's driven it some 2,000 miles and he's not about to change.

Speculation has it that the FODD and the FORR were side by side on the assembly line.



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