

K's 'Yule Sleigh' Lands in Capital

Washington - (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's "Christmas Sleigh"—a four-engine turbo-prop cargo plane—arrived here Saturday with a load of gifts for President Eisenhower.

The plane, delayed by mechanical trouble at Boston, landed at nearby Andrews Air Force base, Md. Don Paarlberg, special assistant to the President, met the Russian crew, along with a number of state department officials.

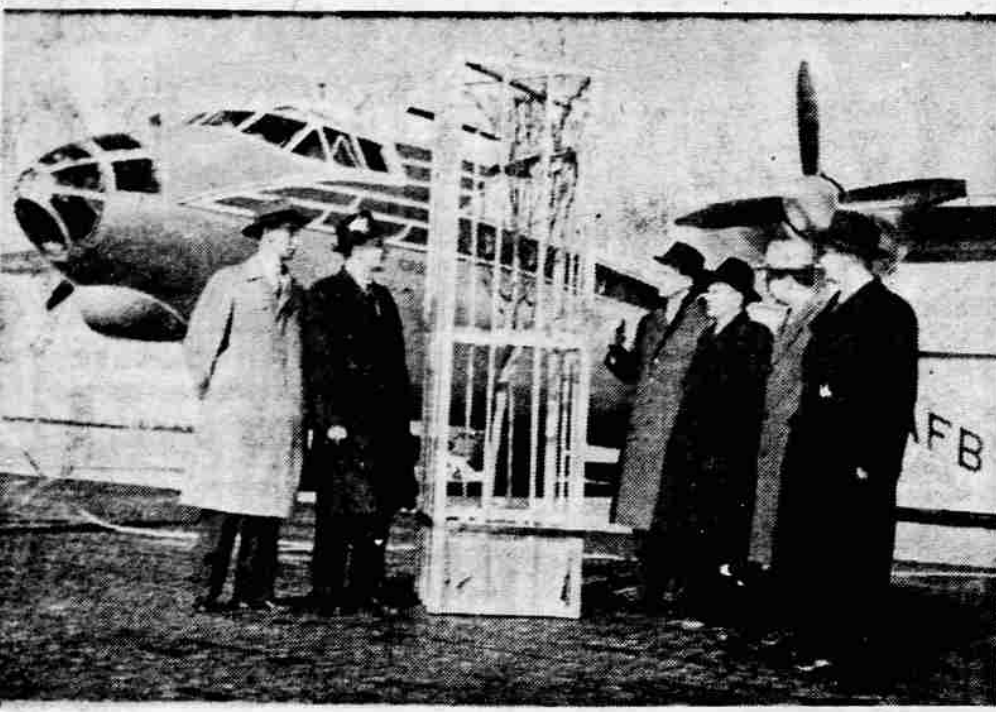
Bad weather forced the big AA-10A plane to break its flight to Washington at Boston. It took off from Boston after difficulty in starting one of the engines delayed the hop more than an hour.

Kennedy to Visit State in February

Salem - (UPI) - Unannounced presidential aspirant Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) will be an Oregon visitor next February for the fifth time in recent months.

Mrs. Elmer Berg, Salem, head of the 1st District Kennedy Committee, said the Massachusetts Senator will arrive in the state Feb. 10 for at least a 2-day visit. Already on his agenda is a speech Feb. 10 at Oregon State college in Corvallis.

Mrs. Berg said Kennedy, after this trip to Oregon, also plans to visit Washington state.



SCIENTISTS ARRIVE—A four-engine jet-prop Russian cargo plane forms the background for three Russian agricultural scientists who arrived in Washington, D. C., Saturday bringing trees and shrubs as a gift to President Eisenhower from Premier Khrushchev. Left to right are Mikhail is a Ryabina. Smironovsky, charge d'affaires, Russian Embassy; Don Paarlberg, special assistant to the President; Clement Conger, U. S. deputy protocol chief; and Soviet Scientists Anatoli N. Pavlov, Igor Viztorovich Mikhailov, and Vladimir S. Bocharov. The tree shown. —(UPI Telephoto)

Willamette Team Wins Moot Court Contest

New York - (UPI) - A three-man team from Willamette university college of law Friday night won the 10th annual National Moot Court competition.

Willamette defeated a team from Rutgers university school of law in the championship match heard by U. S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart.

Byers Not Guilty Of Driving Charge

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty for Henry R. Byers, 1217 Leland st., following a trial in Medford's municipal court Friday on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages last Nov. 17.

Following the verdict, Judge Pro-Tem Richard Courtwright thanked the jury for helping the court to iron out some procedural wrinkles in the first jury-trial in Medford's municipal court history.

Three witnesses were called by the prosecution, conducted by City Attorney Joel Reeder, and four witnesses were called by Byers' attorney, Robert Boyer, during the trial which lasted more than seven hours.

Charges Not Proved
In his closing arguments, Boyer told the jury that the city had not proved its charges that Byers was driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages and he blamed Byers' erratic behavior at the time of his arrest on a nervous condition and not the effect of alcohol.

A tape recording of a conversation between Byers and Lt. Jack E. MacMillan of the Medford police department, taken on the night of Byers' arrest, was admitted to the court as evidence for the prosecution and played before the jury.

About halfway through the recording, some mention was made of a possible blood test for Byers, and Boyer immediately called for a mistrial and the tape was turned off.

Judge Courtwright went into conference with Reeder and Boyer, then told the jury the tape would be inadmissible as evidence after all and to disregard the tape.

Motions Denied
He denied motions of the defense for a mistrial and a directed verdict of acquittal.

John Simco, former bartender at Henry's Broiler, which is owned by Byers, told the jury that Byers had only several drinks on the night in question, not enough to affect his driving. His testimony was backed up by Donna Simco, former waitress at Henry's Broiler, and by Byers' wife, Edith.

Officer Roy Thompson of the Medford police department told the jury he pulled Byers' car over on the night of Nov. 17 for an expired license plate, and, while writing out the ticket, believed he noticed that Byers was under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Lt. MacMillan and Officer Keith Van Horn of the police department told the jury that Byers had been abusive at the police station, and had not done too well in tests which were given him to determine whether he was under the influence.

No Traffic Violation
Boyer said the fact that Byers had been drinking did not mean he was under the influence. He cited the fact that Officer Thompson had pulled Byers over for an expired license and not for a traffic violation, indicated Byers' driving was all right.

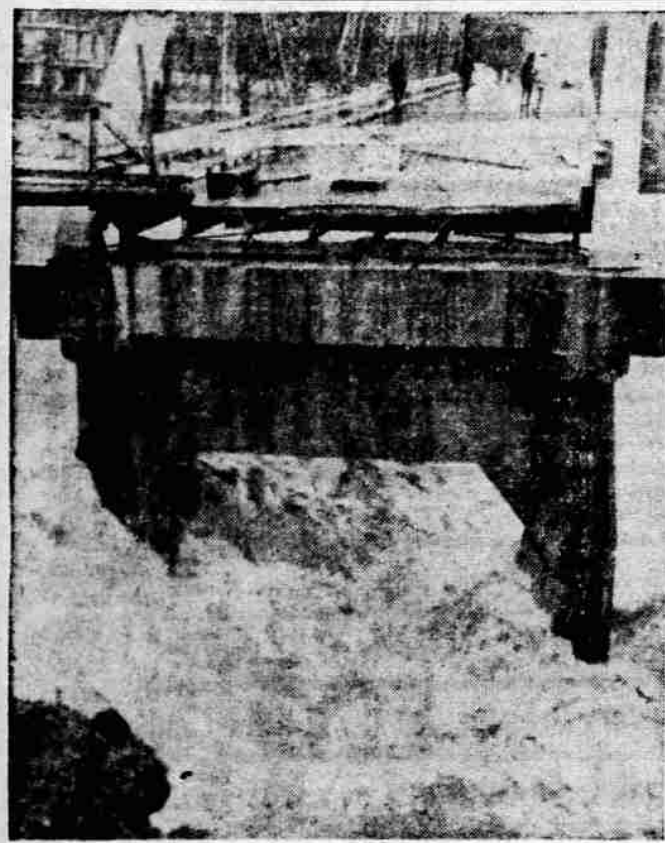
Reeder, who referred to himself with tongue in cheek, as prosecuting attorney, said that it wasn't necessary for a person to do something wrong before it could be proved he was under the influence. The idea is to stop the person before he has caused an accident, he said.

He also pointed out that a person does not have to be intoxicated to be under the influence of alcohol. It took the jury approximately 20 minutes to return the not guilty verdict.

Admissions to Fair May Increase to \$1

Salem - (UPI) - General admission to the Oregon State Fair may be increased to one dollar in 1961, according to Fair Manager Howard Maple.

This will be the case, he said, if the 1961 Oregon legislature fails to provide additional money for capital improvements. He said about \$100,000 more is needed for a barn for show and halter classes of horses, and for new sewer line.



FLOODS BATTER BRIDGE—Swollen water of the middle fork of the Snoqualmie River swept away a large span of the Mount Si bridge in North Bend, Washington. Cool weather is expected to ease the heavy rains and melting snow that threaten to flood western Washington.

Group Questions Parks Commissioner

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon State Parks Supervisor C. H. Armstrong answered a number of questions put to him Friday by the Legislative Interim committee on Highways.

Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) asked Armstrong about aims and policies of the state parks division.

She said the state's parks should be publicized more, and suggested opening up

more overnight park facilities during the off-season on a trial basis.

Rep. Hand also asked Armstrong why her county, Clackamas, has no state parks. The parks superintendent said it was not a matter of county lines, but rather the result of a survey which showed that the public already has access to "many recreational facilities" in the county.

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