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## Holiday Death Toll Soars

### Collisions Leave 119 Persons Dead In First 18 Hours

#### Michigan Leads With 12 Deaths

By United Press International  
Automobile collisions which killed three or more persons at one time helped drive the Christmas holiday traffic death figure upwards today.

After the first 18 hours of the 78-hour holiday, the traffic toll was running close to the rate which would bring the final total close to the National Safety Council's estimate that 530 persons would die on the highways.

A United Press International count at 9 a.m. (p.s.t.) showed 119 persons dead in traffic. Fires took seven lives, a Michigan plane crash killed two, and miscellaneous mishaps were responsible for three more deaths.

The over-all total was 131. 12 Dead in Michigan  
Michigan had 12 traffic deaths, California and Pennsylvania 10 each, Indiana 9, and Missouri and New York 8 each.

Near Kitty Hawk, N. C., five New Yorkers were killed when their car skidded through a bridge rail and plunged into Currituck Sound. Only one man, the driver, escaped.

A head-on collision near Dequincy, La., killed five persons today, and a bus-car crash near Weslaco, Texas, killed three persons.

25,000 Injuries Seen  
The Safety Council also had warned that 25,000 persons might suffer disabling injuries on the highways from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday.

Although the council predicted that 71 million cars would be on the highways sometime during the holiday period, it did not expect the slaughter to match the 712 deaths recorded during the "black Christmas" of 1956, or even the 599 of last year.

### Montreal Blaze Damage Heavy

Montreal - (UPI) - A general alarm fire was brought under control early today.

Firefighters fought the blaze in freezing temperatures for more than six hours. Fire Director Armond Durette congratulated his men for doing a fine job on the fire described as one of the worst in the city in 1959. More than 18 fire stations answered the general alarm.

A four-story building and a two-story building were gutted. Two other buildings on either side of the two gutted buildings were saved. Damage was expected to run into the millions of dollars. No one was injured.

Bonn, Germany - (UPI) - West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was in bed with a severe head cold today, close friends said.

### TouVelle Scholarship Fund To Be Discussed

County Judge Earl Miller and County School Supt. Alf B. Mekvold will meet with Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly to discuss the TouVelle scholarship fund, Mekvold said yesterday.

The meeting will be held in the near future and before the scholarship committee is established, Mekvold said. The late Frank L. TouVelle, Jacksonville resident, former county judge and orchardist, is reported to have discussed the terms of his will with Judge Kelly.

Following certain bequests, the remainder of the TouVelle estate is to be used to finance scholarships for deserving boys, according to the will. A meeting was held Tuesday for the two county officials and prospective schol-



**NEW TOWER**—A new radio tower, 20 feet taller than the old one, was erected on top of Roxy Ann butte this week to bring greater radiated power to Radio Roxy, southern Oregon's "woods" communications system, and bring increased service to fringe area operators. Above, Dale Prentice, secretary-manager of Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association (left), and Elk Lumber Company Technician Tom Win-

## Jobless Compensation Benefits Voted Construction Workers

Salem - (UPI) - The State Employment Department appeals board voted 2-1 Thursday to grant unemployment compensation benefits to 776 construction employees put out of work because of a dispute with contractors in the summer of 1958.

Of this total, 713 workers are entitled under the ruling to benefits from July 6 to Aug. 10 of that year.

The board on another split vote awarded benefits to 63 other persons—members of the

### Phoenix Firemen Called to Blaze

Phoenix - The Phoenix fire department was called to a fire yesterday morning at the Robert L. Burgess residence at 211 West Fifth st., Phoenix.

Firemen said a short may have occurred in the stove to ignite a roast. The wall above the stove was charred, and smoke damage resulted to the rest of the house, firemen added.

E. R. Clafin, 214 Fifth st., Phoenix, a neighbor, grabbed a blanket and smothered the flames when he saw smoke. Firemen had to use smoke masks to enter the kitchen.

### West Vanport Purchase Approved

Portland - (UPI) - The Portland City Council Thursday approved purchase of the West Vanport tract at the north edge of Portland from the federal government for \$173,000.

Park Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said a down payment of \$34,000 would be made and the remainder would be paid in installments from a recreation fund based on a 4 mill tax levy.

Bean said the 640-acre tract would be used for recreation purposes but its development would have to await a build-up of recreation funds.

**Jews To Observe Holiday of Chanukah**  
Washington - (UPI) - Tonight, when Christians are winding up their celebration of Christmas, Jews will begin their observance of the eight-day holiday of Chanukah.

Chanukah is the Jewish festival of religious freedom.

## Hermiston Killers Start Serving Life Sentences

### Circuit Judge Cites Circumstances

Salem - (UPI) - Two Pasco, Wash., men were in Oregon State penitentiary today after being sentenced to life imprisonment for the fatal shooting of a Hermiston policeman last October.

In prison after their sentencing in Pendleton were Wilfred Ogden Jr., 25, and Walter Wicken, 28.

In passing sentence for the shooting of Ronald Kilby, Circuit Judge William Wells said the court decided the degree of murder was first degree but said there were extenuating circumstances which merited leniency.

He said the two men had been engaged in a drinking spree, were using drugs and had had no sleep for two days.

### Confession of Homicide

The pair Tuesday entered a confession of homicide in connection with the shooting and put their fate in the hands of Judge Wells.

After the sentencing, district attorney Richard J. Courson filed motions for dismissal on three charges of burglary against the men. They had been indicted at the same time as their murder indictment for the burglary of Hales Tavern, Ruby's Tavern and Ed's Shoe Store in Hermiston prior to the killing.

Courson filed motions asking dismissal of the burglary actions because Wicken and Ogden had pleaded guilty to the higher crime.

## Rain, Snow Cover Nation

By United Press International  
Rain, drizzle and snow flurries brought gloomy skies to the nation Christmas Day, but it was a white Christmas on the ground from the Dakotas to the Atlantic Coast.

Rain fell over most of the area from the Pacific Coast eastward to the Continental Divide, light drizzle from the Texas Panhandle into central Kansas, and rain from Florida to the Carolinas.

Freezing rain hit Virginia, and snow fell in Maryland and southeast Pennsylvania. Skies were cloudy across the entire nation, except for some clear spots in central areas. The weatherman said sunshine would be at a minimum for the country.

Up to 17 inches of snow covered outlying areas in Wisconsin, the hardest hit in Tuesday's Midwest snowstorm. Most roads were open but slippery and hazardous.

### Churchill Illness Rumor Ridiculed

London - (UPI) - A spokesman for Sir Winston Churchill today ridiculed a rumor that the 85-year-old statesman had recently fought off a new bout of illness.

He said several newspapers had phoned Churchill's home about the rumor, which appeared to have originated in the United States or Canada.

According to the rumor, Sir Winston had recently fought off a minor chest complaint.

But the spokesman said today Sir Winston had not been ill. "He is perfectly well," he added.

### Portland Club May Lose Liquor License

Portland - (UPI) - The Portland City Council recommended Thursday that a liquor license be denied for the Desert Room, downtown Portland night spot. The vote to recommend denial was unanimous.



**A HAPPY CHILD** - Twenty-two months old Lisa Carol Heaton of Odessa, Texas, and the delighted squeals they make portrays a scene which took place in millions of homes across the nation this morning. Children such as Lisa have their own way of giving by the way their faces light up and the delighted squeals they make when their presents are opened at Christmas.

## Eisenhowers Relax for Holiday In Gay, Decorated White House

Washington - (UPI) - President and Mrs. Eisenhower relaxed at the gaily decorated White House today in a quiet Christmas at home without their usual holiday guests, the four grandchildren.

The President, just back from his gruelling 23,000-mile peace mission, and the first lady leave after church Sunday for a year-end holiday at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.

### Roads Slick

Although the Eisenhowers announced plans were to spend Christmas at the festive executive mansion, there always was the possibility, weather permitting, that they would drive the 80 miles to Gettysburg, Pa., to see their grandchildren.

The Washington area had rain and light snow Thursday and roads were slick during the night.

Eisenhower has not seen the youngsters since he left Dec. 3 on his 19-day good will tour. The children's parents, Maj. and Mrs. John Eisenhower, accompanied him on the trip.

The major and his wife decided to spend the holiday at their Gettysburg home with the children, David, 10; Bar-

bara Anne, 8; Susan, who will be 8 on Dec. 31 and Mary Jean, who was 4 last Monday.

The parents of Barbara Eisenhower, Col. and Mrs. Percy Thompson of Gainesville, Fla., are spending Christmas with them.

### Nativity Scene

Trailing from walls and light fixtures were poinsettias, wreaths, ribbon and greenery, with tiny Santa Clauses gleaming here and there. Nestling near the big tree in the ballroom was a depiction of the Nativity scene.

The big tree was trimmed in silver and banked with giant cones around its base. On the room's four mantles, gay little Santas peeked from behind busts of Jefferson, Washington, Franklin and Lincoln.

### Chains Required On Green Springs

State police this morning reported snow at all higher elevations and warned drivers many roads in the Rogue valley are icy.

Chains are required on the Green Springs highway, where snowplows are operating. Six inches of new snow was reported with a total of seven inches at roadside.

Snow on Highway 99 on the Siskiyou is packed and sanded. Cars are going through without chains, police said. Four inches of new snow was reported with six inches at roadside.

It was reported snowing at Oregon Mountain.

Prospect reported snow on Highway 62 with three inches of new snow and three inches at roadside.

Crater Lake reported 18 inches of new snow. Roads are narrow and closed from headquarters to rim. The Diamond lake road is open, but it was snowing steadily.

Northern California highways are reported icy, police said. Highways to the north are reported clear.

Tyee City, Calif. - (UPI) - Two men died today in a fire that destroyed a small home in this Humboldt county village.

### Pope John Blesses Cheering Thousands

Vatican City - (UPI) - Pope John XXIII blessed cheering thousands in sunlight St. Peter's Square today and told them he hoped they would enjoy "peace in your families, peace among nations and in the entire world."

The 78-year-old pontiff, dressed warmly despite the almost summer-like sunshine, spoke from a throne on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

"Beloved sons and daughters," the pontiff began. "Good wishes for light, for joy, for peace."

His wishes for joy, he said, extended to all throughout the new year.

"And finally a wish for peace," the pontiff said.

## Russian Premier Suggests Change In Proposed Date

### April 27 Said Not Convenient

Moscow - (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev today accepted the western proposals for a summit conference in Paris but proposed dates of April 21 or May 4 instead of the April 27 suggested by the allies.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, who gave the first of the Soviet replies to the notes of the western Big Three summit leaders, told newsmen that April 27 is not a convenient date for Russia because of its traditional May Day celebrations May 1.

The Paris meeting would be the first of a series of summit conferences to be held in the Big Four capitals.

The Soviet spokesman apologized to correspondents for disturbing them on Christmas Day but he said, "The circumstances will excuse me since I have some good news which I want to share with you." He then told of the Russian acceptance.

Earlier Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko called in the American, British and French ambassadors and gave them Khrushchev's reply. The one-page letter from Khrushchev said he was "profoundly satisfied" that President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Charles de Gaulle "consider it desirable that for a discussion of important international problems there should be from time to time conferences at the highest level in the countries participating in these conferences."

The western Big Three met in Paris last week and decided to invite Khrushchev to Paris for the first of a series of summit conferences April 27. The date was suggested because of a series of other western conferences including De Gaulle's visit to Washington a few days earlier.

The summit talks are to be held from time to time in Paris, Washington, Moscow and London. Only the Paris date was suggested in notes delivered to the Kremlin last Monday. The western envoys in verbal messages to Khrushchev also suggested a possible agenda.

The only formally proposed topic to be discussed was "international matters of mutual concern."

## 19 Persons Killed in Manila Bandit Raid

Manila - (UPI) - Bandits raided two houses in tiny Patal Island Wednesday and shot to death 19 occupants, including "children and babies," the Philippines News Service reported today.

## Violence Flares in French West Indies

Paris - (UPI) - The French government today sent police reinforcements and a navy cruiser to the French West Indies island of Martinique to help stop nationalist violence.

## WEATHER

**FORECAST:** Considerable cloudiness with rain showers or rain and snow mixed. Cloudy tonight and Saturday morning. Rain Saturday afternoon and evening. Low tonight 36-32. High Saturday 47. Highest temperature 40. Lowest this morning 21. Prec. to 4 p.m. Yesterday .42. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .40.

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today - 4:43 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow - 7:39 a.m.  
New Moon - Dec. 29  
The bright planet now seen near the Moon is Venus. Unseen between Venus and the Sun are the planets, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter. Mercury has just passed to the east of Mars and in a few days Mars will pass to the east of Jupiter.

## Briton Walks 373 Miles To Prove Superior Claim

London - (UPI) - Dr. Barbara Moore, 56, a physician who walked 373 miles to prove she was a superwoman, spent Christmas Day in a London hospital, exhausted from the ordeal.

Dr. Moore, who lives on fruit juices and vegetables with a few herbs thrown in, was taken to a hospital near collapse shortly after her arrival from Edinburgh around midnight. A hospital spokesman said she would have to spend the day there.

Dr. Babs, as she is known throughout Britain, received a tumultuous Christmas Eve welcome when she reached her goal, the Marble Arch in Central London.

Thousands of persons had gathered at the arch as they learned the spunky vegetarian was nearing the end of her much publicized marathon.

She undertook the marathon walk to prove she was a superwoman because some newspapers had criticized her for running part of the way when she recently set a 110-mile marching record.