Portland Publishers Reject 'Summit' Talk

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Administration Boosts Efforts In Steel Strike

Nixon, Mitchell To Resume Talks

Washington – (UPI) – The administration is stepping up its behind-the-scenes efforts to settle the steel dispute and avert a resumption of the strike later this month.

The new government strategy was disclosed Thursday when Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell reported they had met secretly with both sides in the lengthy controversy.

Nixon and Mitchell were expected to resume their talks next week in an attempt to get a settlement without the necessity of President Eisenhower requesting new labor legislation from Congress.

Other developments in the steel situation:

–The United Steelworkers announced it would seek contempt-of-court penalties against the "big 11" steel companies for alleged violation of a court order that halted the 116-day strike. They accused the companies of failing to turn over monthly reports required under the order.

Hold Luncheon Meeting

–Roger M. Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., predicted that if there is no resumption of the strike, the nation's steel mills will operate at near capacity in the first six months of 1960 to restore strike-depleted inventories.

Mitchell held an unannounced luncheon meeting Thursday with Steelworkers President David J. McDonald and Union Attorney Arthur J. Goldberg. Neither Mitchell nor the union officials would say what they discussed.

SYNAGOGUE WALLS SMEARED – Passerby glances at swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans smeared on a wall of a synagogue in racially uneasy Notting Hill section of London. Scotland Yard ordered "urgent inquiries" to discover "those responsible for the outrage." Three swastikas measured a yard wide. Between two of the Nazi emblems was the message "Jude raus" (Jews get out). The synagogue is in a Jewish neighborhood in a tenement-packed area where Negro and white residents staged race riots last year. –(UPI Radiotelephoto)

German Police Hold Man on Charges of Daubing Synagogues

Frankfurt, Germany –(UPI)– Police held a 22-year-old carpenter on charges of painting swastikas on synagogues today as reports of desecration of Jewish property continued to mount.

The rash of anti-Jewish acts touched off by the daubing of a Cologne synagogue Christmas Eve appeared to be continuing into 1960.

Police in Scheinfeld, in southern Germany, reported they had arrested Ludwig Vogel, 22, on charges of painting swastikas and the slogan "down with the Jews, Germany awake" on a synagogue Dec. 30.

First Arrest

Vogel was also charged with painting the front door of the home of Jewish textile merchant Bernard Elias.

He was the first person to be arrested in the current flurry of anti-Semitic acts since two young members of the Cologne branch of an extreme right wing political party were charged with the desecration of the synagogue there Dec. 26.

Police reported more cases of the daubing of Jewish property today, despite a stringent all night watch to prevent New Years revellers getting into the painting act.

Scrawled on Walls

At Burgdorf, near Luenburg, and at Nienburg in Lower-Saxony anti-Jewish slogans and swastikas were scrawled on walls during the night.

In Nienburg eye-witnesses said they saw the painters drive up to the Jewish cemetery and daub the walls with three giant red swastikas before speeding off.

The Interior Ministry of the state of Lower-Saxony offered a 5,000 mark ($1,190) reward today for information leading to the arrest of the culprits in the Nienburg and Burgdorf cases.

Two Airplanes Reported Missing

By United Press International

Two private planes carrying a total of five persons were reported missing today in storm-swept areas of the west.

One plane, carrying four persons, disappeared during a snow storm in the Sierra Nevada area between Oroville, Calif., and Reno, Nev. The other, with one man aboard, was feared down between Rock Springs, Wyo., and Elko, Nev.

The occupants of the first craft were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardner and Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Forester, all of Seattle. They left Seattle in Gardner's Blue Bellanca on a flight to Las Vegas, Nev., and made their last stop at Oroville Wednesday night.

They were en route to Pasadena to attend the Rose Bowl game between Washington and Wisconsin.

Robert E. Anderson of Sunnyvale was aboard the second plane. He failed to arrive in Elko on schedule Thursday.

First Baby in Area This Year Is Girl

The first baby of the New Year in Jackson county was born to Mr. and Mrs. James G. House, 528 Bryant st., Medford, at 12:01 a.m. today, Sacred Heart hospital officials announced.

The 8-pound, 5-ounce girl is the fourth child in the House family. Others are Polly Ann, 4; Jimmy Jr., 3; and Richard, 2. House is an employee of the Talent Irrigation district.

Man Tells Police Of Ride, Robbery

Ronald Joe Frazier, 719A Bennett st., told city police that two men forced their way into his car about 12:45 o'clock this morning in Medford and drove him to near Jacksonville, where they beat and robbed him.

Frazier told police that during the ride he tried to grab a gun that was under the seat and in the struggle the car went into a ditch approximately a mile east of Jacksonville.

He said the two men beat him and took about $5 from him before fleeing, according to police records. Frazier got his car out of the ditch and returned to Medford, where he reported the incident to police.

Portland Man First Fatality

Woodburn, Ore. – (UPI) – A man who had stopped at the scene of another accident today became Oregon's first 1960 highway fatality.

George Wolfe, 61, Portland, was struck and killed by a car on icy Highway 99 near MacLaren school at 1:35 a.m. A companion, Edward J. Bartholick, about 60, Portland, also was struck and was hospitalized in Salem with arm and leg fractures.

State police reconstructed the accident this way:

A car driven by James Bell, Woodburn, started to pass another while going south and skidded on the ice, turning over in the middle of the highway. Bell was not seriously hurt. The car containing Wolfe and Bartholick came along and they got out to look at the wreck along with another man.

While they were looking at the accident a southbound car operated by Charles Lynn Foland, Hubbard, struck the two men and the overturned vehicle.

Court Reverses False Arrest Case

Salem –(UPI)– The Oregon Supreme court Thursday reversed a judgment for $40,000 general damages and $20,000 punitive damages recovered against Montgomery Ward & Company, Portland, in an action for false arrest and imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

The court also directed dismissal of the case, reversing Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Multnomah county.

The court said that "on the strength of a night watchman's identification" of Anton Kraft as being the man the watchman encountered on his rounds of the store during the middle of a night, Kraft was arrested without a warrant by a policeman on a charge of burglary.

Oregon City –(UPI)– Oregon City Mayor Pete Laurs is resigning effective Jan. 7 because of ill health.

Portland Web Pressmen File Unfair Charges

Portland – (UPI) – The Portland Web Pressmen's Union No. 17 Thursday filed an unfair labor charge against publishers of the Oregonian and Oregon Journal.

Spokesmen for the publishers labeled the charge "ridiculous."

The pressmen, whose contract expires at midnight tonight, charged management of the two newspapers with bargaining in bad faith. The action was filed with the National Labor Relations Board office here.

Managements of the two newspapers said earlier they felt members of the union had abandoned their jobs. There are 110 pressmen here.

The Stereotypers Union struck the two newspapers Nov. 10. Members of other craft unions, including the pressmen, observed picket lines.

Although the pressmen's contract contains a no strike clause, the union contends that under the Taft-Hartley law members may individually decide not to cross picket lines out of fear of violence or social repugnance.

Highway Crashes Leave 83 Dead In Early Hours

By United Press International

The highway death toll mounted steadily today as millions of Americans welcomed the New Year.

The tempo of the death count stepped up as celebrants headed home after a night of revelry.

A United Press International check at 8:30 a.m. (PST) showed 83 persons had been killed in traffic accidents since 6 p.m. Thursday. Eleven persons died in fires and one miscellaneous violent death was recorded for an overall holiday death toll of 95.

By far the heaviest traffic toll was in Michigan, where 16 persons had died since the start of the holiday week end. Indiana, Ohio, Florida and Texas each recorded six fatalities. Illinois and Oklahoma had five apiece.

A father, his 6-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son perished at Waterbury, Conn., when a fire which started on a dried out Christmas tree flashed through a three-family house.

The National Safety Council forecast 320 persons would not live through the first week end of 1960.

Police around the country mobilized their forces in an effort to save lives over the 78-hour holiday which began at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve and ends at midnight Sunday.

Salem–(UPI)–Clinton P. Haight Jr., Baker, has filed as a candidate for reelection to the Oregon House of Representatives from Baker county. He is a Democrat.

Salem – (UPI) – Washington County Judge Joseph A. Jarosa has filed as a Democratic candidate for state treasurer.

"Just The Hat Will Be Sufficient, Senator"

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Thompson Found Guilty by Jury; Sentencing Set

Four-Day Trial Ends For Klamath Man

A jury of seven women and five men Thursday found Donald Martin Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, guilty of the armed robbery holdup Sept. 7 of the Safeway store in the Medford Shopping Center.

Following seven hours of deliberation, the jury returned the unanimous verdict at 9:25 p.m. Thursday. The jury had retired to the jury room at 2:25 p.m. following instructions by Judge Edward C. Kelly.

The jury had three choices as to verdict, according to the judge's instruction, guilty as charged, guilty of larceny from a person, or innocent.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 1:30 p.m. Maximum sentence on the charge is life imprisonment.

Trial Ends

The trial ended in circuit court here following four days of testimony. Final arguments by the state were presented by District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder early Thursday afternoon. Attorneys for the defendant were Richard C. Beesley, Klamath Falls, and A. E. Piazza, Medford.

Thompson was arrested at his $47,000 Klamath Falls home last November on a San Pablo, Calif., warrant charging him with armed robbery.

He was later accused of the robbing of the Safeway store here of $2,700. Although he had not been employed for nearly two years, Thompson was formerly production manager of the Oregon Food Stores and was an efficiency expert for chain markets.

Boy Injured by Blasting Cap

A dynamite cap exploded in an alley behind the Eagles hall last night and injured a 13-year-old boy who was trying to put it out.

City police said the fuse and cap were apperently ignited by someone who felt the explosion would be a practical joke and the boy wandered by at an inopportune moment.

The boy, Ralph Edward Southard, 228 South Ivy st., was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance Service where he was treated for minor punctures of the skin.

Southard told police he was going into the alley to look for bottles, which he collects, about 11:15 p.m. and noticed something burning on a wall near the Eagles hall. As he went to investigate, he told police, a car came from the alley and nearly struck him.

He said he went to the burning object and found it to be a fuse. When he tried to put it out with his hands, the blasting cap fell off the wall and exploded just above his hand, causing pieces to hit him in the face and hand.

Portland –(UPI)– Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation said it wants to complete its Willamette valley natural gas pipeline by May 1.

GREETINGS, CHUM – Nine-month-old Randi Merrill gives a fitting greeting to the New Year in New York. Randi bid farewell to the frantic fifties early yesterday, however, for he was sound asleep when the bells rang and whistles tooted to welcome 1960. –(UPI Telephoto)

City of Long Beach Float Wins Top Prize in Pasadena Parade

Pasadena, Calif. – (UPI) – The City of Long Beach with its orchid-bedecked "Venus de Milo" float today won the sweepstakes award for the most beautiful floral entry in the 71st annual Tournament of Roses.

Winners were announced as the floats moved majestically before an estimated one million persons lining the parade route in crisp but clear weather.

The grand prize went to the Occidental Life Insurance Co. float depicting the ballet, "Swan Lake." A huge swan occupied the forefront of this entry against a background of chrysanthemums and roses.

The Long Beach sweepstakes winner was a breathtaking spectacle fashioned from 100,000 orchids and 6,000 roses. A replica of the Venus de Milo statue was under a canopy of vanda orchids.

Theme Float

The float best typifying the theme of the tournament, "Tall Tales and True" was judged to be the entry of Los Angeles county, "Jack and the Beanstalk." Jack was shown chopping down the beanstalk as the giant descended from a floral cloud. Orchids, chrysanthemums, carnations and stocks decorated the float.

The President's trophy was won by the Union Oil Co. of California with its float "Anthony and Cleopatra" showing a barge carrying the Egyptian queen on a lake decorated with orchids and hundreds of roses.

The Queen's trophy went to the City of Santa Monica, Calif., for its floral version of "The Little Mermaid," a fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson.

Mexico won the International trophy with its float depicting stages in the history of the nation from the days of the Aztec Indians to the present.

Other Trophies

The National trophy was won by the City of Chicago with its amusing portrayal of Mrs. O'Leary's cow which, according to legend, started the great fire of 1871 by kicking over a lantern.

"Tales of the '49ers," the entry of the City of Glendale, Calif., won the Governor's trophy with its portrayal of a prospector panning for gold against a mountain background.

The Mayor's trophy was won by the Standard Oil Company of California with "Tales of Audubon," a float depicting a wild life scene with western birds.

Helms Bakeries won the Judges Special prize with a float called "Firebird" showing a floral figure with the face and arms of a girl tapering into the body of a bird in bright shades of red and orange.

Cold weather failed to discourage the crowds from voicing their enthusiasm as the floats moved before them. The spectators were bundled in blankets and heavy clothing against sub-freezing temperatures early in the morning.

The mercury plummeted to 31 degrees at 1 a.m. as crowds already were moving into position lining Colorado blvd. shoulder to shoulder on the parade route.

Small fires were built against curbings, in garbage cans carried along for the occasion or in other metal containers by the throng that braved the chilly weather to view the show billed as the world's most colorful floral spectacle.

Hundreds of persons curled in sleeping bags on lawns bordering the route or slept in folding cots and chairs at curbside. Parents and children were wrapped in all manner of brightly colored blankets.

The crowd was quiet and orderly, patiently waiting in the cold weather.

Belton Seen Ahead For Treasurer Post

Salem–(UPI)–Howard Belton, 66, Canby businessman and farmer and former president of the Oregon Senate, was reported today to be a frontrunner as the appointee to succeed Sig Unander as state treasurer.

Unander is resigning to take a position on the Federal Maritime Board.

A Salem newspaper said Thursday that Belton "now appears to have the inside track."

The article said Belton "seems to be the best bet of the possibilities who have been mentioned."

In 1948 Belton campaigned for state treasurer and defeated Unander in the primary but lost in the general election to Democrat Walter Pearson of Portland, now president of the State Senate.

Portland Rose Parade Entry Named Winner

Pasadena – (UPI) – The city of Portland's entry in the 71st annual Tournament of Roses parade today was named a winner in the class A-2 division along with St. Paul, Minn., and San Antonio, Tex.

The division was for cities outside of California with a population of between 150,000 and 500,000.

80 Per Cent of Tax Levy Collected

Funds representing approximately 80 per cent of the total Jackson county 1959-60 tax levy were collected and processed by Dec. 29, according to Sheriff Joe Walsh.

Collected during November for the first payment of the 1959-60 tax levy was $5,507,303.46, or nearly half a million dollars more than for the same period last year. Total levy is $6,950,576.29. The money was received from 38,261 accounts, an increase of 1,326 for the same period last year, Walsh said. Once collected, the money must be processed according to taxing unit and percentages.

Walsh said the accounts paid in November, 1958, were not completely processed until Jan. 7.

Stereotypers Suggest Meeting Of Top Figures

Negotiations To Be on Local Level

Portland – (UPI) – A proposed "summit meeting" to try to settle Portland's newspaper strike was rejected by publishers of the Oregonian and Oregon Journal today.

The Stereotypers Union, which went on strike against the newspapers Nov. 10, suggested a meeting here between James Sampson, Chicago, international president of the union, and Samuel I. Newhouse, New York, owner of the Oregonian.

M. J. Frey, publisher of the Oregonian, and Wm. W. Knight publisher of the Journal, issued statements turning down the suggestion.

Not Party To Talks

Frey said: "Mr. Newhouse has at no time been a party to the negotiations related to the present Stereotypers strike. He has authorized me to say that all negotiations on behalf of the Oregonian are and will continue to be in the hands of the local management."

Knight's statement said: "The Stereotypers strike is against both the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal. Only the management of the Journal has spoken or will speak for the Journal in any negotiation with the Stereotypers or any other employee representatives."

Portland –(UPI)– Police today continued an investigation into a fight at the Hungerford hotel bar here late Wednesday night.

Officers said four employees of the Oregonian-Oregon Journal were involved in the melee with four other men. Police said the newspaper workers told them they were attacked by the others. One, Steve Moore, 28, was hospitalized with possible internal injuries.

Blizzard Batters Plains States

By United Press International

The new year was ushered in today by a howling blizzard that lashed the country's midsection after handing the Southwest its third crippling blow from winter in the past 16 days.

The storm, packing high winds and heavy snow, hit the Central Plains early today, snarling holiday travel. By early morning, up to six inches of snow had fallen in sections of South Dakota and Nebraska.

The storm hit New Mexico and Arizona in near record proportions. Many roads were closed and travelers stranded in western New Mexico.

Elsewhere, rain was forecast in the Mississippi Valley and Gulf states, freezing rain or snow in Illinois and Missouri and fair weather along the Eastern Seabord and most of the West Coast.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up Sunday

The annual Christmas tree pick-up by the Medford Moose lodge will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. Trees gathered will be burned at a site on Antelope rd. about ¾ mile off Crater Lake highway.

Medford residents who wish the lodge to pick up their trees should leave the tree in front yards on porches where they can be easily seen. Donations may be placed in envelopes and tied to the trees.

Proceeds from the pick-up will be given to the Junior Service League kindergarten for the hard of hearing. Anyone wishing further information as to use of funds may call Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels or Mrs. Ray Casterline.

WEATHER

FORECAST—Fair this afternoon and tonight. A few snow flurries in vicinity of mountains this afternoon. Patches of valley fog Saturday morning. Increasing cloudiness Saturday with snow likely by late afternoon or night. High today 35. Low tonight 15. High Saturday 37.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Yesterday	40
Lowest This Morning	20
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.10

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	4:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:41 a.m.
Moonset tonight	8:44 p.m.
First Quarter	Jan. 5

Among the highlights of the phenomena in the skies above in 1960 will be two partial eclipses of the Sun and two total eclipses of the Moon. Both eclipses of the Moon and one of the eclipses of the Sun will be visible over North America.

New March of Dimes To Open Campaign Saturday

The New March of Dimes campaign in Jackson county will begin Saturday, Jan. 2, it was announced today by Clarence Gossage, county campaign director.

He said the 1960 campaign seeks to raise funds for a fight against birth defects, arthritis and polio, major cripplers which affect one in every four U. S. families.

The drive will continue through January, reaching its climax with the traditional Mothers' March on Jan. 28.

"The National Foundation has become the leader in the fight against crippling diseases," Gossage said, "but to get the job done it needs the support of the entire community.

"The Foundation hopes to provide patient aid, as funds permit, to children under 19 stricken by arthritis and certain birth defects. Aid to paralyzed polio patients will continue," he pointed out.

A vigorous program of professional education and medical research also is being undertaken with health scholarships to high school graduates and college students playing an important role, Gossage said.