

# CRASH OF AIRLINER FATAL TO 34

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## Ike Joins in Prayers As Congress Convenes

### State of Union Message Studied With Cabinet

#### Communion Service Marks 2nd Session

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower joined other U.S. leaders today in prayers for the new session of Congress. He said later that Americans should boast as much of their religious values as the Russians do about their Sputniks.

Discussing the Reds' space efforts, he said: "Should exploit philosophy."

"This is spectacular, but we also should be willing and anxious to exploit our own philosophy—that man is a creature of God and dignity. We should not forget our spiritual strengths and should not get too hysterical about materialistic accomplishments."

The President, in company with Cabinet members and legislative chiefs, attended a communion service marking today's convening of the second session of the 86th Congress.

The service preceded a Cabinet meeting at which Eisenhower, just back from a golfing holiday in Augusta, Ga., reviewed the State of the Union Message which he will deliver to a joint session of Congress Thursday.

Eisenhower's message, which has gone through more than a dozen preliminary drafts, has gone through more than the usual amount of revision because of the steel strike and the President's recent 11-nation tour through the Middle East of Asia and the Middle East.

Eisenhower was joined at the church service by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, other high administration leaders, and a large congressional delegation.

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## Sen. Thurmond's Wife Succumbs

Washington—(UPI)—Mrs. Jean Thurmond, wife of Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) died today following her second operation for the removal of a brain tumor. She was 33.

Doctors reported Tuesday night that the tumor was malignant.

The operation was performed Tuesday at the National Institutes of Health. Doctors said Mrs. Thurmond understood it well but later took a turn for the worse.

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## Liability Auto Insurance Rates In Oregon Higher

### Changes Based on Cost of Accidents

San Francisco—(UPI)—Effective today liability auto insurance rates for private passenger cars in Oregon were increased an average of 2.8 per cent.

The rate included some reductions with the Portland area absorbing most of the increases.

Changes were announced by the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters for auto liability insurance and the National Automobile Underwriters Association for automobile material damage coverages. They are based on a review of the number and cost of automobile accidents involving Oregon motorists.

**Rural Rates Down**

"Improved driving records in most of the rural areas of the state have made possible reductions ranging from \$1 to \$3 in those areas," the Bureau announcement said. But it said that "increases of \$2 to \$10 have been necessitated in the Portland territory."

It added that liability rates would remain unchanged for some car owners living in suburban areas but that for others the rates are increased \$2 to \$12.

Car owners qualifying for farmer rates will continue to receive a 30 per cent discount. The announcement also said there would be an average statewide increase of 11.7 per cent for commercial cars and an increase of 13.7 per cent for garage risks buying the broad coverage.

**Material Damage Rates**

The National Automobile Underwriters association said full coverage comprehensive premiums for private cars were reduced about 11 per cent in the Portland area and remain unchanged in the balance of the state.

It said "statewide private passenger automobile collision premiums are reduced approximately 4 per cent for \$50 deductible and remain unchanged for the \$100 deductible."

**Local Rate Reduced**

The announcement said that for local commercial automobiles not regularly and frequently operated beyond a 50-mile radius from the principal garaging point fire and theft premiums were reduced by 7 per cent and collision premiums by 8 per cent. Comprehensive premiums for all commercial automobiles were reduced about 1 per cent.

Collision premiums for intermediate commercial automobiles, or those operating in a radius of more than 50 but not more than 150 miles from principal garaging points, were reduced 15 per cent.

## Machine Collapses; One Dead, Six Hurt

Tacoma—(UPI)—One man was killed and six others injured, two critically, at the Container Corp. of America plant here Tuesday when a steam-operated roller machine collapsed.

The dead man was identified as Jack Athrop, 43, Tacoma.

Plant Manager O. Kretschmar said Athrop was struck on the head by a piece of flying metal. Most of the injured suffered from steam burns.

Kretschmar said the machine, which had been only recently installed, collapsed at about 4 p.m. when the men were standing in line at a time-clock station getting ready to change shifts.

## Rayburn Marks 78th Birthday

Washington—(UPI)—Speaker Sam Rayburn was 78 today and indicated he might try for 100 or so.

He said he always had felt good, that he still does, and that under the circumstances he saw no reason why he should not go around for quite a while yet.

"My life has been satisfactory to me entirely," said Rayburn, who achieved in 1940 his boyhood ambition to be the speaker of the House. "I've attained everything I ever hoped I would."



PLANE CRASH KILLS 34—This is a general view of the wreckage of the National Airlines DC-6B which crashed near Bolivia, N.C., early today, killing 34 persons. The wreckage was scattered over a 12-acre area.

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WEATHER	
FORECAST: Partial clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday with a few snow flurries over mountains. Low tonight 32. High Thursday 45.	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	40
Lowest This Morning	31
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	4:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:41 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	1:57 a.m.
Full Moon	Jan. 13
VISIBLE PLANETS	
(Their approximate distances from the Earth tonight)	
Venus	103 million miles
Mars	220 million miles
Jupiter	575 million miles

## 13 More Classrooms Needed in Medford District in 1960-61

A minimum of 13 additional classrooms will be needed in the Medford school district for the 1960-61 school year, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent told school board members last night.

The estimate is based on current enrollments and the school census and on a survey by Dr. Keith Goldhammer, bureau of educational research, school of education, University of Oregon, made in cooperation with district administrators.

The board reviewed Dr. Goldhammer's report, which was brought up to date this year following consolidation of five other districts with Medford last year.

The report analyzed the anticipated growth in the second year school level, where by 1963 an enrollment of 2,277 students in junior high and 1,973 in high school is expected. There are now 1,882 junior high school students and 1,501 students in high school.

**Recommendations**

Dr. Goldhammer recommended that the board initiate plans for construction of a new high school building which ultimately will have a capacity of 1,500 students. By 1969, he said, there may be a high school enrollment of 2,446.

The board last night indicated it would include in the 1960-61 budget funds for an architect to draw up plans for a new high school. After plans have been formulated, the board would then review school enrollment projections and consider means of financing construction.

Goldhammer said that plans should be made for additional elementary classrooms, depending upon the pattern of growth in the community.

The 13 classrooms needed for the 1960-61 school year probably will be financed out of the regular budget, board members indicated. The classroom estimate is based on 28 pupils per room.

**Additional Classrooms**

Planned for the 1960-61 year are two additional classrooms at Oak Grove, three at Hoover, two at West Side, where administrative offices

## DeGaulle To Visit Capital April 22

Washington—(UPI)—French President Charles de Gaulle will come to Washington April 22 for a state visit and vital pre-summit talks with President Eisenhower, the White House announced today.

Before his U.S. trip, the French leader will visit Canada, arriving in Ottawa April 19. He will spend three days in Washington, a day in New York, and three additional days in other American cities.

Details of his itinerary will be announced later.

The White House said that President Eisenhower was "particularly pleased" to receive de Gaulle on his state visit here.

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The Mothers' March against crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio will be headed in Jackson County by Mrs. C. Edward Brain, it was announced today by Mrs. Harold Gilbert, chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation.

The house-to-house visitation, which traditionally has climaxed the January March of Dimes appeal, will be held on Jan. 28, starting at 7 p.m.

This year's efforts are dedicated to the Foundation's patient aid program, which is being expanded to include financial aid to patients through 18 years of age suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and three types of birth defects. Aid will be offered to paralytic polio patients of all ages.

As leader of the door-to-door drive, Mrs. Brain will have responsibility for planning and organizing the event and will head a large army of volunteers for the march.

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