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"Well, Those Are Outside The Country"



State Tax Surplus May Be \$23 Million

Oregon may complete the current biennium with a surplus of \$20 to \$23 million if the present rate of income tax collections continues, Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, said he learned in Portland last week.

Storm Sweeping Across Southwest

A steady storm that will probably pick up intensity swept across the southwest Saturday night, dropping a 4-inch blanket over the Texas panhandle and covering much of Oklahoma a half-foot deep.

Forecasters in the area said six inches were expected to fall over the panhandle by Sunday morning and that most of northern Texas would be plagued by heavy snows.

Forecasters in the Boise City area said blinding snow was falling over nearly the whole state and that it was either raining or sleeting elsewhere there.

Texas authorities said the snow cut visibility to one-half mile at Amarillo and surrounding communities, halting air traffic, and that drizzle and fog hung over the state where it wasn't snowing.

The Texas storm even forced cancellation of the Air Force Academy - Amarillo semi-pro hockey game because the Air Force team was unable to fly in from Colorado Springs.

Two major storms had been anticipated in the southwest earlier Saturday, allowing the area to scarcely catch its breath from one of the winter's worst which was just beginning to blow itself out to sea.



BREAK IN DIKE — Shown in this aerial photo is the break in the dike that allowed water from the North Sea Canal (upper right) to flow into and flood the low parts of the Amsterdam, Holland residential suburb of Tuindorp Oostzaan (lower left). Some 10,000 residents of the suburb were evacuated successfully from the threatened area.

U.S. Scientists Bounce Signal Off Big Balloon

10-Story-High Sphere Soars to 250 Miles

Washington — U.S. scientists made communications history Saturday by bouncing a radio signal off a huge balloon floating about 250 miles above the earth.

The sphere, folded into a 26-inch container, was hurled aloft from Wallops Island, Va., in a 2-stage rocket. It inflated at its peak altitude into a balloon as high as a 10-story building.

After it unfolded, the Bell Telephone Co. at Holmdel, N.J., bounced a 960 megacycle continuous signal off its reflective surface. The signal, which covered a total distance of about 300 miles, was received at the Round Hill station of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the outskirts of Boston.

Historic First The Bell station continued to send the signal for about 10 minutes. Officials said it was the first time in history that a man-made space reflector had been used in radio communications.

The test was part of a program to put into orbit a "radio mirror" satellite that will virtually revolutionize world communications.

The balloon was visible for hundreds of miles along the eastern coast, glowing like an oversized planet. It was sighted as far north as Stamford, Conn., and in such widely-spaced places as New London, Conn., three points on Long Island, N.Y., and in Wilmington, Del.

Court Will Ask Bids for 5 Cars

The Jackson county court will advertise for bids Monday for five sheriff's department cars.

The bids will be submitted according to minimum specifications recently established by Sheriff Joe Walsh, the county court's resolution stated Friday afternoon.

County Commissioner Ralph James was voted down by County Judge Earl Miller and County Commissioner Chester Wendt when he recommended that the county accept bids on cars below the minimum 119-inch wheelbase so smaller cars could be bought.

"The sheriff's department has a specific place and specific jobs for the five cars," Wendt said. "Lighter cars would not be suitable. The latest specifications would include such cars as Plymouths, Fords, Chevrolets and such larger makes as Buick and Pontiac. We don't want to buy something not suited for the job," he added.

County Judge Miller said five more cars could be purchased for the sheriff's civil department if the new budget permits. "Politics is not the reason I suggested the amendment to the motion," James said emphatically. "I have felt the same way from the start."

Antelope's Ready — It's Leap Year!

Providence, R.I. — UPI-Attention all unmarried girl antelopes!

There's a husband waiting for you at Roger Williams park, just for the asking. Park Superintendent Martin V. Noonan is looking for a mate for Pancho, the park's 7-year-old South American antelope who's been a bachelor for the past four years.

Noonan said he wants a bride for Pancho so badly that he would even trade a "well-groomed elk" for a female antelope.

Henry Elected President of Growers League

Charles Henry, Pinnacle Packing company, was elected president of the Fruit Growers League of Jackson county at the annual meeting Friday in the Medford YMCA building.

Other officers include Tom Spatz, Chrystal Springs, first vice president; Don Roof, Roof Packing company, second vice president; and Shelby Tuttle, secretary.

New directors elected for 3-year terms are Larry Hull, Paul Gubertson, Dave Lowry, Lyle Kinney and Don Roof.

Important Problems "We met many important problems during the year," Robert Minear, immediate past president, noted in his president's report.

Tuttle was appointed league secretary at first on a part-time basis and later was put on a monthly basis. The league now operates offices at 766 South Grape st., Medford.

Six bills were passed on migratory labor. The county assessor's office has now placed a valuation on fruit in storage as of May 1 for taxation purposes.

Chief Activities The annual pear-packing school and the pear decline study were two chief activities sponsored by the league, Minear noted.

The meeting ended with a talk by Frank Suigi, Portland, head of the commodity department of the Oregon Farm bureau. He urged all growers to join a fruitgrowers Farm bureau group being formed in the Medford area. The league went on record recommending all pear growers join.

(See story on page 6.)

Hey, Mister — You Forgot Your Change!

A gas station attendant at the Chuck Risse Richfield Service, 204 South Central ave., told city police that two men short-changed him of nearly \$20 Thursday night.

He described the incident as follows:

Two men drove into the station and purchased a quart of oil. One of the men gave the attendant a \$20 bill for the oil and the attendant gave him his change.

The man then gave the attendant the right amount of change for the oil and asked for his twenty back, which the attendant returned to him.

Next the man bought a can of Bardahl for which he gave the attendant the right amount of change. Then he asked for his change back and gave the attendant the twenty again. The attendant made change for the twenty and the two men drove off.

After they had left, the attendant discovered that somewhere in the lengthy transaction he had lost \$20. Can you figure it out?

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional rain or snow or both mixed today and tonight. Showers Monday partial clearing. High today 48, low tonight 32.

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 5:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:37 a.m. Moonrise tonight 9:13 p.m. Venus, Jupiter and Mars (named in order as they now rise) will soon be joined by Saturn in the morning sky. The four planets, in the order of their brilliance at this time, are Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

Mystery Surrounds Crashes

Dean Charged With Murder of Protege



NIKOLAI BELYAEV Gets the Boot

Red Farm Chief Relieved of Job

Moscow — UPI — Soviet press reports Saturday indicated that Nikolai Belyaev, who shared the blame for the worst Soviet grain harvest in four years has been removed from his job as Communist Chief of the Agricultural Republic of Kazakhstan.

The government newspaper Izvestia and the official Tass news agency listed Belyaev among four officials awarded a high honor for "labor prowess." The other three men were carefully identified as party secretaries of the Latvian, Estonian, and Kirghiz republics. There was no such identification for Belyaev.

Belyaev was singled out by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in his Christmas day speech to the central committee, in which he revealed that the Soviet grain harvest in 1959 was the poorest in four years.

Khrushchev put much of the blame on the Kazakhstan republic and its leaders. He said that thousands of tractors and harvesting machines were out of commission during the harvest because they needed repairs.

Belyaev, he said, did not notify Moscow of the trouble and more than three million acres of grain went unharvested.

Demonstrations Said Insignificant

Honolulu — UPI — Japan's Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi said Saturday the demonstration in Tokyo over his trip to the United States were "distasteful" and "insignificant."

Kishi said the demonstrations, by Ultra left wing students against his going to Washington to sign a new security treaty with the United States, were "insignificant, consisting of a small segment, a minority of the National Students union."

145 Prisoners on Trial in Cuba for 'Invasion' Plot

Havana — UPI — A five-man military tribunal conducting a mass trial of 145 accused "counter-revolutionaries" Saturday rejected a defense contention challenging its legal competence.

The ruling represented the first action in a court battle that is expected to run through the middle of next week.

The "court room," an officers' theater inside La Cabana fortress, was filled to capacity with 1,000 persons, including wives, relatives and friends of the accused. They greeted the prisoners' arrival with a mixture of applause and weeping.

White-helmeted guards circulated through the auditorium advising "no smoking," but the air was soon thick with cigar and cigarette smoke.

In the street directly across from the theater, ice cream and cigar vendors hawked their wares.

Dean Charged With Murder of Protege

Baton Rouge, La. — UPI — The district attorney Saturday accused Dean George H. Mickey of the Louisiana State university graduate school of telling a false story about his whereabouts for 3 1/2 hours on the night of the bludgeoned murder of his pretty biology professor protege.

The period of the alleged false alibi was from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the night of the murder of Dr. Margaret Rosamond McMillan, 38, LSU assistant biology professor and research expert in the government space program.

Her prone body — the skull cracked by 13 savage blows of a sharp instrument — was found at 6:30 a.m. last Sunday on a lonely road 5 1/2 miles south of the LSU campus here.

Dr. Mickey is in jail on a charge of murder. The district attorney and sheriff Bryan C. Clemmons, 38, LSU assistant biology professor and research expert in the government space program.

Saturday's accusation was in a joint statement by District Attorney J. St. Clair Favrot and Sheriff Bryan C. Clemmons. It said that Dr. Mickey had made statements indicating that between 5:30 and 9 p.m. last Saturday he met a representative of the graduate fellowship section of the U. S. Department of Education from the defense education act.

The district attorney said the dean has consistently denied being the murderer. He said that the investigation is continuing, with the sheriff's office checking every possible lead.

Tests of the clothing that Dean Mickey had worn Saturday night are being made in state police laboratories, Favrot said, but some of them are time consuming and results will not be known for several days.

Budget May Include Reclamation Plans

Washington — UPI — Rep. Walter Norblad R-Ore. said Saturday he was "reliably informed" that President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress Monday would include at least \$5,926,000 for Oregon reclamation projects plus increased funds of \$1,767,950 for agricultural research.

Reclamation projects for which funds were slated included: Crooked River, \$2,235,000; Rogue River Talent project, \$2,450,000; Klamath project, both in Oregon and California, \$868,000; rehabilitation of Rogue river basin project, \$200,000. Some \$173,000 will be included or a new project starts on Vale-Bully creek.

Albany, Ga. — UPI — President Eisenhower and his friends spent a long day in the hunting fields Saturday lurching on quail broiled over a campfire and getting the full bag limit of birds.



NIXON IN MIAMI — Vice President and Mrs. Richard Nixon are shown here on their way to a reception in Miami Saturday. Nixon said Saturday Russia has "no weapon we can conceive that could completely destroy our own retaliatory power."

Russians Can't Stop U.S. From Hitting Back — Nixon

Miami Beach — UPI — Vice President Richard Nixon said Saturday he was confident Russia does not have any nuclear weapons capable of wiping out the United States' power to strike back.

Nixon told newsmen he did not know what new weapons Russia may have but said there was "no weapon we can conceive that could completely destroy our own retaliatory power."

As long as Red leaders realize this, he said, they will not dare risk a nuclear attack.

Sports Bulletins

A bulging margin in the first half carried Medford high to a 64 to 50 Southern Oregon conference basketball victory over Klamath Falls here Saturday night.

The Black Tornado had quarter spreads of 16 to 5, 39 to 21 and 46 to 34 in its fifth straight league triumph. Jerry Anderson recorded 21 points for Medford and Fred Biehn had 13 for Klamath.

Grants Pass — Grants Pass high scored out Crater 57 to 56 here Saturday night in a Southern Oregon conference basketball contest.

Eagle Point — Bill Wilson poured in 31 points as Yreka, Calif., high downed Eagle Point 66 to 45 here Saturday night.

Phoenix — Phoenix high gained its second Rogue league basketball victory Saturday night with a 37 to 35 nod over Illinois Valley here.

Prospect avenged an earlier loss to Days Creek by defeating them 46 to 25 in Saturday night basketball action at Prospect. Prospect forward Craig Gardner was high point man with 17 points. Tight defense by the Prospect squad held the fast-breaking Days Creek five in check. Quarter scores were Prospect 6 to 2, 18 to 3, and 29 to 13.

Monmouth — Southern Oregon college scored a 72 to 58 victory over Oregon College of Education here last night. Dennis Spencer led all scorers with 19 points for the OCE Wolves while Gordy Carrigan canned 18 for the winner.

The win for the Raiders evens the two-game series at one game each.

Eugene, Ore. — UPI — Oregon's Ducks defeated the University of Portland 65-30 here Saturday night to avenge a Friday night loss at the hands of the Pilots. Ball handling mistakes proved costly to the Pilots Saturday night as they lost the ball 18 times.

Texan May Have Sent Friend to Death in Plane

Crashes in Which 76 Died Being Checked

New York — UPI — FBI agents investigating suspected murder-suicide in the death of 34 persons in a New York-Miami plane crash 10 days ago reported Saturday discovery of a mystery surrounding the earlier crash of another plane operated by the same airline.

In the investigation of the Jan. 6 crash of a National Airlines DC-6B, agents were tracking down suspicions that Attorney Julian Frank may have blown up the plane in a diabolical murder-suicide plot so his widow could collect nearly \$900,000 in insurance.

The other crash occurred Nov. 16. All 42 persons aboard a National Airlines DC-7B died in a crash in the Gulf of Mexico on a flight from Miami to New Orleans by way of Tampa. A coast guardman saw a "red flash" in the sky over the scene of the crash. Very little wreckage and 10 bodies were recovered.

Doctor Was Ex-Convict

An FBI report released in Miami Beach by the Civil Aeronautics board said that one of the passengers on the DC-7B was listed as Dr. Robert Spears, a Dallas, Tex., naturopath, ex-convict and accused abortionist who once allegedly offered to blow up a hospital for \$500.

The FBI refused to elaborate on the report, which was contained in a letter the bureau sent to the CAB. The letter, read at a CAB hearing, quoted Julian Blodgett, chief investigator of the Los Angeles district attorney's office, as saying that a Spears may have had someone travel for him to collect a large insurance policy naming Mrs. Spears as beneficiary.

Tampa police speculated that the person listed as Spears on the plane may in fact have been his good friend and drinking companion, William Allen Taylor, a Tampa salesman who has been missing since the night the plane took off.

None of the bodies recovered from the Gulf of Mexico was identified as that of either Spears or Taylor. In Dallas, Mrs. Spears was highly agitated at reports that her husband might have arranged for another man to travel for him on the ill-fated plane and that Spears might still be alive.

Adenauer Vows to End Anti-Semitism

Bonn — UPI — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Saturday vowed to stamp out anti-Semitism in his country and show the world that Nazism and its hatreds "do not live on in Germany."

"My government is completely behind the Jewish people of this nation," he said in a radio and TV broadcast. "On that I give you my word."

As Adenauer spoke, the number of anti-Jewish swastika daubings steadily decreased in West Germany. However, incidents continued in West Berlin where more hate signs were found Saturday in the American sector.

Bakersfield, Calif. — UPI — Gov. Edmund G. Brown Saturday was urged by a California Democratic party caucus of legislative and state elected officials to enter the 1950 presidential race.

De Gaulle Prepares for Toughest Political Crisis

Paris — UPI — President Charles De Gaulle put a stop Saturday to the worst political crisis yet of his Fifth French Republic, but his growing opposition threatened to start it up again at any moment.

De Gaulle first went to work Friday. He called each rebellious cabinet minister into his office and told each in turn to stick with him or get out — and to decide then and there what to do.

One Man Resigns The ministers, with one exception, decided to stay. Independent Max Flechet resigned as secretary for economic affairs.

But the increasing opposition to De Gaulle's rule will have plenty of opportunities next week.

On Monday, negotiations are opening with Senegal and the French Sudan. United as the Mali Federation within the French Community of Nations, they are seeking independence. On Friday, De Gaulle is calling in his chief civilian and military administrators in Algeria to report to him on the current situation there. Attacks Increasing They are expected to tell him that the Moslem rebel army is less active in the field but that gun and bomb attacks are increasing in the cities. The political crisis was caused by De Gaulle's ouster of Finance Minister Antoine Pinay because of disagreements over economic and foreign policy.