

Talent Man Dies While Fighting Fire Monday

Talent—Gustave Theodore Zemke, 80, died Monday while battling a brush fire which spread to a fence near Talent.



CHARRED REMAINS—The charred shell of the Jacksonville Cold Storage and Meat market located in what was once the Table Rock saloon is shown in the top picture.

Gunnar Visions Taxpayer Burden

Astoria—Oregon Republican Chairman Peter M. Gunnar estimated today that the Democratic platform drawn up in a state-wide convention in Salem in January "could conceivably cost the average Oregon taxpayer as much as \$16 to \$20 a month in additional income taxes."

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County Budget Group Holds First Session Today

Members of the Jackson county budget committee elected Lynn Newbury, Ashland, as chairman this morning during the committee's first session, County Judge Miller reported.

Construction to Start on Clinic

Construction of a \$45,000 dental clinic at 24 Crater Lake ave. will start next week, according to the owners.

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Rural School District Budget Cut at Meeting

Members of the Jackson county rural school district budget committee last night cut the overall tentative budget down to what they considered only the absolute necessities.

The total is \$6,780.16 less than the current year's total of \$146,624.37. Figuring \$17,100 in receipts expected by the county curriculum materials center at the end of the school year, the budget figure is reduced still further to \$119,744.21.

Hitt stated that he had saved the county \$24,000 during the four years he was in the office. He helped the county claim funds due it under Public Law 874.

Following the budget meeting, the rural board reconvened and formally decided not to reelect the two assistant positions in the county school office.

Alaska Bear Hunters Tell of Seeing Crash

Anchorage, Alaska—Two polar bear hunters, survivors of a plane crash and 74 hours of floating in the Arctic Ocean on a small piece of ice, Monday night told of how two companions in another aircraft also had crashed on an ice floe.

Warren Johnson, Anchorage, and George Eastman, Omak, Wash., said they watched in horror before their own plane went down as a Piper PA-18 piloted by Leroy Holen crashed on a floe and then sank.

They said it was possible that Holen, of Anchorage, and his passenger, George Bauman, Nevada, Mo., escaped before the plane went under.

Moments after the first plane struck the ice floe, Johnson crash-landed his aircraft on another berg. His plane also sank.

Johnson and Eastman were taken off their floe by an Air Force helicopter Monday. They were first sighted Sunday morning and food, sleeping bags, survival kits and a rubber liferaft were dropped to them.

The two were hospitalized here and pronounced as in good condition.

Hatfield Appoints Rail Car Group

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield today selected Roland M. Witt, Portland lumberman, to head the governor's 1960 emergency transportation committee.

Nine others were appointed to assist Witt in combatting railcar shortages. They are below - freezing temperatures were commonplace and there was light snow at many higher elevations.

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QUAKE LEVELS MOROCCO CITY

Eisenhower Tells Chileans of Hope For Step To Peace

President Addresses National Congress

Santiago, Chile—President Eisenhower said today he hopes the May Summit meeting in Paris with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev "will permit at least a partial relaxation of tensions and a modest advance along the road to lasting peace."

It was another triumphant day for Eisenhower in his four-nation swing through South America. Cheered and applauded each time he appeared, he responded with a warm grin and salutes to the crowds.

Dictatorships Repudiated

He told Chilean-American groups that the U.S. "repudiates dictatorships in any form" and reminded critics of U.S. spending policies that his nation pours a billion dollars annually into South America.

Then, in an address to a joint session of the Chilean National Congress, he expressed his hopes for at least some progress toward peace.

Eisenhower lauded as "an act of statesmanship" Chilean President Jorge Alessandri Rodriguez's initiative in "suggesting the time is ripe to find effective means of reducing the burden of armaments in Latin America."

"While technical steps will be difficult," he said, "multilateral agreement can be achieved if each nation of the hemisphere has confidence that it need not fear unprovoked aggression."

Brown To Propose Death Penalty Plan

Sacramento, Calif.—Gov. Edmund G. Brown said today he will propose to the Legislature Wednesday a program to repeal or modify the death penalty.

He said he would like to see the Legislature repeal the death penalty. He admitted it will be very difficult to get it passed because of the Chessman case.

The Democratic governor granted a reprieve Feb. 19 to Cary Chessman, 38, the convicted author sentenced to die 11-1/2 years ago for a series of sex crimes.

Brown refused to tell a crowded news conference details of his proposal. He wouldn't even say whether he will propose outright abolition of capital punishment or merely modification of the death sentence.

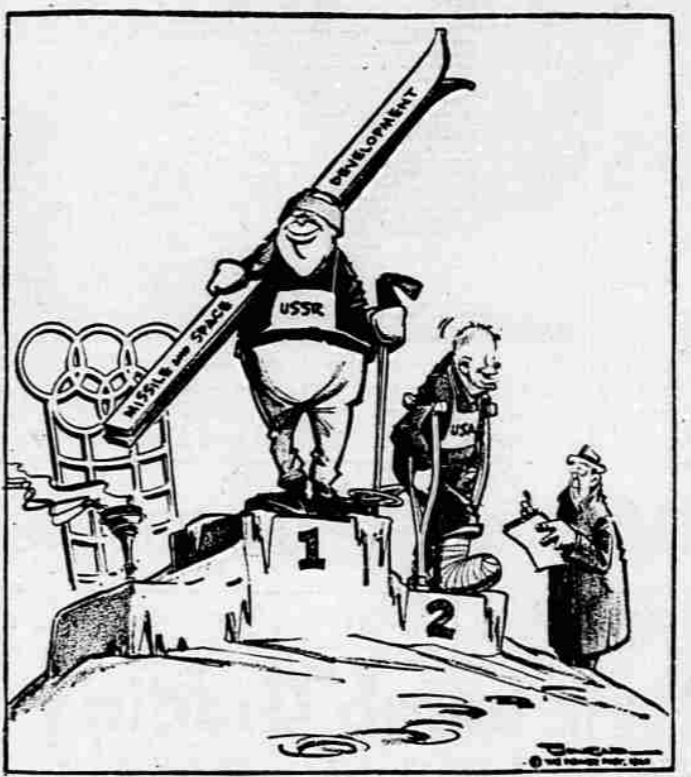
March Enters Like Polar Bear

United Press International March came to Oregon more like a polar bear than the proverbial lion today.

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Neuberger To Base Reelection Bid on Accomplishments

Portland—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today formally announced his candidacy for a second term.

He said his candidacy is based on a "record of constructive accomplishment for Oregon and the nation."

Neuberger, 47, was elected in 1954 and said that if reelected, he would continue to concentrate on "specific legislative goals rather than indulge in personal political abuse."

He is unopposed in his own party. Two Republican candidates have announced, George Altvater, Portland, and R. F. Cook, Silverton.

Neuberger is recuperating at home from a series of virus infections brought on, he said, by "overwork and excessive fatigue." He underwent a cancer operation two years ago but was given a clean bill of health.

He said he intends to continue his convalescence until resistance to the virus infections "has been restored."

Three County Babies Born Here Feb. 29

Three babies born in Jackson county Monday will celebrate their "first" birthday anniversaries in 1964.

According to a check of county hospitals three babies were born here on Feb. 29, all of them at Rogue Valley hospital.

The Leap Year babies are two girls and a boy. The first born arrived at 5:43 a.m., weighing 6 1/2 pounds. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Paul Germann, 1527 Bryant st., Medford.

The second is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchinson, 1190 Prospect st., Ashland. She weighed 7 3/4 pounds and was born at 8:51 a.m.

Tidal Wave, Fires Add To Confusion As Panic Spreads

Reports on Number Of Deaths Conflict

Casablanca, Morocco—A shattering earthquake followed by a tidal wave and fires smashed the tourist-packed port city of Agadir before midnight, killing many and spreading panic among its 40,000 people.

The Moroccan Embassy in London said at least 100 were killed and "many thousands" injured. It was feared the death toll would go much higher.

2,000 Dead Reported

The coastal radio station at Las Palmas said it had heard a report from a Moroccan radio announcer saying there were 2,000 dead.

The shock crumbled the city's biggest hospital, some of the largest hotels and the Chamber of Commerce building. The crowded Moslem section of the city was 90 per cent destroyed.

"It was horrible," sobbed one woman tourist who reached Casablanca after a 240-mile flight north by car.

"Walls shook and collapsed like houses of cards. Part of our villa tumbled down. In most houses the doors were jammed and people had to leap out of their windows."

The tidal wave rolled in from the Atlantic shortly after the shock and smashed into the seaside edge of the city like a giant fist.

A radio report heard in Las Palmas said Agadir's main wharf was split in two and heavy waterfront lifting equipment collapsed.

Every available piece of fire apparatus turned out to battle blazes that broke out in various places throughout the city.

Land communications with the stricken city were wiped out and radio channels were filled with calls for help and fragmentary reports of the disaster. The full extent may not be known for days.

The French naval base at Agadir said the old part of the city - the Arab quarter and its Moslem suburbs - was 90 per cent destroyed, along with 70 per cent of the modern European sector and 35 per cent of the port's industrial quarter.

The injured and dying had to be taken to the naval base, just south of the city, because of lack of facilities in Agadir.

Tourists Sleeping

Agadir is a winter resort city in southern Morocco and its modern hotels and spas were filled with sleeping tourists when the quake struck.

The U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command sent an 18-man disaster team for Nouasseur, 30 miles from Casablanca, equipped with some medical supplies and instructions to radio back exactly what is needed.

Sheriff Joe Walsh said yesterday that the rioters could be charged with rioting, assaulting a deputy and possibly some of them for attempted jail break.

Portland Approves Teacher Pay Formula

Portland—The Portland school board Monday night approved a formula to provide for a teacher's pay hike.

The formula is subject to approval by voters May 20. It would raise teachers' pay here by a total of \$3,018,000 over a four-year period.

It also calls for floating a bond issue to avoid a tax hike.

Snow Reported On Oregon Roads

Salem—Light snow fell in some places in Oregon today and snow was packed and sanded at Government Camp, Warm Springs junction, Austin and Timberline.

There also was light snow at Detroit, Siskiyou, Green Springs, Prospect, Santiam pass, Brothers, Lapine and Willamette pass.

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