

Snow Storm Takes Increasing Death Toll

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Soviet Said To Have Mighty Atomic Rocket

Swedish Expert Claims Missile 'Most Powerful'

Scientists Study 'Fantastic Story'

Hamburg, Germany—UPI—A Swedish rocket expert, who claims he knows Russia's innermost rocket secrets, reported today that the Russians have developed an atomic rocket twice as powerful as anything known in the West.

Nils W. Larsson, who calls himself a "western Klaus Fuchs," said the "world's most powerful rocket" is a two-stage missile with a first stage driven by thermonuclear heat. Launching said witnessed.

Larsson told a press conference that he had witnessed the launching of giant Russian intercontinental rocket at Krasny Jar, a test center southeast of Stalingrad.

Henri Nannen, editor of the German magazine Stern and organizer of the press conference, said German rocket experts who have talked to Larsson have been unable to find any flaws in his "fantastic story."

Authoritative West German military sources said scientists who had interviewed Larsson reported that parts of his story appeared contradictory and they placed "little credence" in it. The sources said Larsson, who once served two years in prison in Sweden for espionage, was regarded as not "fully trustworthy."

Nannen said he decided to publish Larsson's story after "gripping interviews" by West German scientists and rocket experts.

Story said possible. He said none of the experts could contradict the story and that one, Prof. Eugen Saenger, chief of the West German Institute for Rocket Propulsion, gave a written statement saying Larsson's story was "possible."

However, Nannen, who coached Larsson throughout the press conference, said there was a possibility Larsson was a Soviet intelligence agent sent into the West to create fear.

Larsson himself said he could produce no "proof" that he is not a Red operative.

Springfield Votes For Annexation

Springfield—UPI—A recount showed today that a proposal to annex an area containing 5,800 persons to the city of Springfield passed by three votes instead of failing by three votes.

A special five-member board said the vote taken in the outlying section was 647 to 644 in favor of annexation. The first count showed 644 opposed and 641 in favor.

Owners of agriculture land on the east end of Springfield said earlier they would take court action if the recount showed the annexation proposal passed.

The proposal had been favored by voters in the present city limits in Tuesday's election, 821 to 275.

Straub Can't Understand 'Wild' Charges Because of Questioning State Business

Eugene—UPI—Oregon Democratic Chairman Robert Straub said Thursday he could not understand why "wild, reckless" charges such as "liar" should be hurled at him because he questioned the conduct of state business.

He referred to a statement by Wayne Nunn, administrative assistant to Gov. Mark Hatfield, who called Straub "a liar" for stating that the governor held a "secret" unscheduled meeting with the



Budget Committee Considers Requests Of 4 Departments

The Jackson county budget committee this morning considered four more department budgets, but took no action. This was the second meeting of the committee.

Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks requested an increase of \$1,000 in the county civil defense budget for the 1960-61 fiscal year to allow for installation of special radio equipment to link the sheriff's office, state police and city of Medford. This would raise the budget total from \$7,548 for the current year to \$8,548 for 1960-61.

Neuberger Files For Reelection

Salem—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) filed Thursday for reelection. His candidacy was announced earlier.

Neuberger, elected Oregon's junior senator in 1954, is opposed in his own party. Two Republicans have filed thus far for the GOP nomination, George Altwater of Portland and R. F. Cook of Silverton.

The Republicans have indicated they expect to have at least one more candidate for the nomination.

Russia To Help Afghanistan

Kabul, Afghanistan—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told an overflow Moslem crowd in Gazi Stadium today that Russia will help develop Afghanistan's mineral wealth and hydro-electric power.

"Relations between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan are exemplary in spite of differences between our systems," Khrushchev said. "The highest mountains on our border cannot separate our good fellowship."

Welfare commission "to discuss sterilization of unwed mothers on welfare." Where Are Minutes? Straub said meetings of the Welfare commission were public business and asked, "where are the minutes of this most important meeting?" Mr. Nunn cannot sides "up this important issue by calling me names. Government by secret conclave is not the American way and as leader of the Democratic party in Oregon, I shall make every effort to

Much of Pacific Northwest Held In Winter's Grip

Portland Schools Remain Closed

Portland—UPI—Winter still held much of the Pacific Northwest in an icy grip today following an unusual March snowstorm that closed schools over a wide area and disrupted traffic.

At least three highway deaths in Oregon and southwest Washington have been blamed on icy conditions. Below Freezing

Portland's public schools remained closed for the second straight day as a blanket of up to five inches of snow remained on the ground. Temperatures failed to rise above freezing here all day Thursday and streets were like cakes of ice this morning.

Schools in Salem, which got seven inches of snow, reopened today.

More snow flurries with some freezing rain were expected in northwest Oregon. The eastern half of the state also was hard hit with chains required on most routes because of snow and ice.

Relief in Sight Accidents on slippery roads had claimed the lives of Mrs. Mable Hall, 54, Veneta, Ore.; Ed Vogt, 68, Tillamook, Ore.; and Beverly Cushman, 2, North Bonneville, Wash.

The weather man said relief was in sight with warmer temperatures expected Saturday. Only southwest Oregon escaped the snow and ice.

It was snowing hard today between Sisters and Santiam pass. There was packed snow on the Columbia River highway east of Corbett.

Boeing Cancels Shifts Rain fell this morning in Corvallis and Salem.

The snow spread to the Pudget Sound area and Boeing Airplane Co., which employs 60,000 persons in Seattle and Renton, cancelled two shifts Thursday because of the storm.

Home Damaged At Jacksonville

Jacksonville—Fire this morning gutted the inside of a one-story frame house owned by an elderly Jacksonville widow, Mrs. Hanna Smith.

Eighteen Jacksonville firemen answered the alarm about 7 o'clock and spent nearly three hours extinguishing the blaze. A fire department spokesman said Mrs. Smith "lost everything."

The fire was caused by a flue which had been built into a boarded-up fireplace to accommodate a heater. The ashes had piled up behind the boards over a long period of time until they finally were ignited, firemen said.

Mrs. Smith told firemen the house, which is located at 305 East California st., was insured. No monetary estimate of the damage was immediately available.

Mrs. Smith, dressed in her nightgown and a robe, was taken to a neighbor's home by Jacksonville Police Chief Frank Carter.

This morning's blaze was the second major fire in Jacksonville this week. The Jacksonville Cold Storage and Meat market received \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of damages during a fire which originated in electrical equipment late Sunday night.

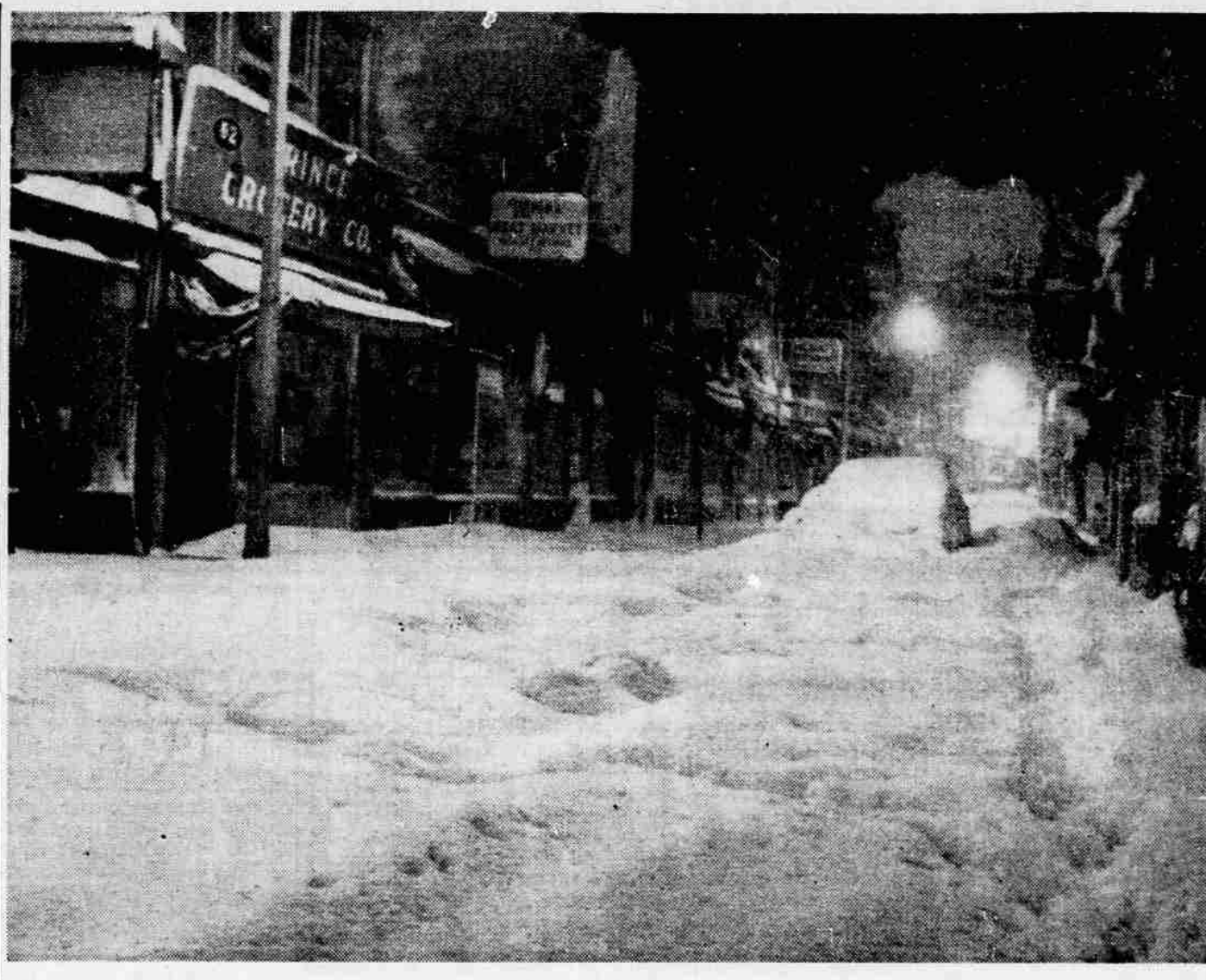
Hatfield To Speak At Gridiron Dinner

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield will be the Republican speaker at the annual Gridiron dinner March 12 of the Washington press corps, it was learned today.

Mrs. Kelly is one of three southern Oregon party workers among leaders in the Kennedy for President campaign in the state, according to Rep. Edith Green, state chairman.

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Explosion Heard In Central Havana Havana, Cuba—UPI—A loud explosion was heard in the center of Havana today. A large column of smoke was seen rising immediately afterward not far from the Capitol Building.



STREET DESERTED—Prince st. in Boston's North End section is shown deserted early today as a mighty Northeast gale battered the New England states with heavy

snow. Boston has already received more than a foot of snow and strong winds have caused heavy drifting. (UPI Telephoto)

Ike Relaxes In Puerto Rico; Report Planned

Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico—UPI—President Eisenhower relaxed today in balmy 80 degree temperatures from the rigors of his 10-day South American tour and planned a full afternoon of golf over the magnificent Dorado course.

Eisenhower flew here Thursday afternoon from Surinam (Dutch Guiana) where his big Air Force jet had landed on three engines after developing an oil leak over the Amazon jungles of Brazil. He had transferred to a second jet carrying his son, Maj. John Eisenhower, and other members of the White House staff.

Herter Forced To Land Secretary of State Christian A. Herter flew Thursday night to Charleston, S.C., where he landed because of the snowstorm in Washington.

John's wife Barbara was flying here for a week end in the sun with her husband and father-in-law.

Eisenhower had only one duty to perform today before taking a helicopter to the Dorado Beach and Golf Club where he was built by Laurence Rockefeller in cooperation with the Puerto Rican government—a brief speech to the American assembly, a group of U.S. and South American intellectuals he helped found when he was president of Columbia University.

Report Planned Eisenhower returns to Washington sometime late Sunday. Press Secretary James Hagerty said Eisenhower would report to the nation by radio and television on his 15,000-mile tour but that he did not know when the broadcast would come.

Petition Supports Sen. John Kennedy

Three petitions bearing 84 names have been filed with the county elections department in support of placing the name of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) on the primary ballot as a Democratic presidential nominee.

Other petitions signed by 72 persons were filed earlier. All were turned in by Mrs. Edward Kelly, the department reported.

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Yreka Girl Killed In Auto Accident South of Dunsmuir

Redding, Calif.—UPI—Six-year-old Leann Gresham of Yreka was injured fatally and four members of her family were injured seriously Thursday in an accident north of here while the family was en route to a basketball tournament.

Richard Gresham, 38; his wife, Marian, 28; a son, Ronald, 13, and a daughter, Beverly, 11, were hospitalized here.

The accident occurred when the family station wagon went out of control on a slick curve and rolled down a 75-foot embankment about half way between here and Dunsmuir. The older daughter climbed

City Checking on Street Improvement

City Attorney Joel Reeder told the Medford city council at an otherwise routine meeting last night that he will ascertain if the city has any legal means of compelling a subdivider to complete street improvements which he has earlier promised the city he would do.

The subdivider in question, the Rogue Valley Land company, completed work two years ago on a subdivision above Walden place, Country Club dr. and Black Oak dr., which, when finished, allegedly caused drainage to flow onto those streets.

Councilman Jimmy Dunlevy, Ward 4, brought the matter up at last night's meeting and wanted to hear other councilmen's comments on the situation to see if anything could be done.

(City Manager Robert A. Duff this morning reported that Robert McIntyre of the Rogue Valley Land company has agreed to perform necessary work immediately to bring the road up to standard.

"Actually," Duff commented, "the road is in pretty good shape basically. About \$100 worth of work should be done, including rolling, and the installation of two catch-basins. Mr. McIntyre this morning told me that he would see that it is done right away."

Court To Consider Fair Building Bids

The county court will meet with the county fair board Tuesday to consider nine bids submitted this week for the new fair building, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

Cost of the 173-foot by 90-foot building as estimated by William H. Seibert, Medford architect, is \$60,000. Lowest bid submitted was by Don L. Jacobs company, Medford, at \$82,951. The highest bid submitted was that of the Holiday Pool and Construction company, Medford, at \$91,245.

Salem—UPI—Gerald (Spec) Murray, Eugene, has filed as a candidate for state representative in the 14th district on the Republican ticket.

Herter Declares Eisenhower Tour A Great Success

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter said today on his return from Latin America that President Eisenhower's tour was "extraordinarily successful."

Herter told newsmen: "The warmth of the greeting we received in every one of the countries we visited was extremely heart-warming to all of us. The reception of the President in every one of the capitals was reported to us as the greatest ever received by any individual," he said.

Friendship, Kindness Herter said the group encountered "an outpouring of friendship and kindness" everywhere they went. The President, he said, explained during the trip that the "tribute was not to the individual, but to the United States as a whole."

Herter said the few anti-American demonstrations on the trip were "minimal in character" and "the work of student groups."

"While they were played up into incidents of some consequence," he said, "We had the feeling they were really inconsequential."

Mennen Williams Willing Candidate

Detroit—UPI—Gov. G. Mennen Williams, 49, dean of the nation's governors, was a willing candidate today for a spot on the Democratic national ticket or "any place I could be of service."

Williams, who announced Thursday night he would not seek a seventh term as Michigan's chief executive, said he was "throwing my bread upon the waters."

The governor, boomed by Michigan Democrats as a natural for vice president, said he wanted to "work for the cause of peace in some public office where I could be effective."

Salem—UPI—State Agriculture Director Frank McKenney said that the proposal to form an Oregon ryegrass seed growers commission will be submitted to a grower referendum.

Also included is a 3-cent-a-mile increase in mileage rates for charter service, a hike of \$5 in minimum charges and a 50-cent increase in waiting time.

Hill said the company plans to reinstate regular route service to Jacksonville as soon as appropriate permit authority has been obtained. The new rates will be published in tariffs to be filed with the commissioner on not less than one day's notice.

Salem—UPI—Ray T. Yasui of Hood River has been appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield as a member of the governor's advisory committee to the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Great Eastern Cities Shattered By Heavy Fall

More Than 80 Deaths Reported

By United Press International One of the worst March storms in history took a soaring toll of lives today and left great Eastern cities shattered in snow and ice.

As the storm rampaged on a cross New England, the death toll mounted above 80. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and hundreds of smaller cities struggled with traffic-stopping, school-closing piles of snow.

14.2 Inches in New York In the New York City metropolitan area alone, 18 persons died in the blustery, 26-hour onslaught that left 14.2 inches of snow in the city and up to 20 inches in the suburbs.

Pennsylvania counted 13 dead, most of them victims of heart attacks while they shoveled snow. A United Press International count showed 5 weather attributed deaths in Massachusetts, 1 in Indiana, 4 each in Texas, Colorado and Ohio, and an overall total of 81.

The Weather Bureau warned that New England would get up to 10 inches of new snow today before the storm put to sea.

Below Zero Temperatures Untold misery and hardship spread in the storm's wake through the Great Plains, Midwest, South and Atlantic Seaboard.

An Arctic cold wave sent the mercury skidding to 27 below zero at Broadus, Mont., 15 below at Rapid City, S.D., 14 below at Bismarck, N.D., and 11 below at Omaha, Neb. One above zero readings at Wichita, Kans., and Kansas City, Mo., set new March 4 records.

A hard freeze turned Dixie into a great skating rink and an outbreak of fires in overheated buildings and homes added to the misery.

Schools Closed Thousands of schools were closed from the Rockies to New England, many of them for the third or fourth day in a row.

New York lay half asleep under the crippling blanket of white. Many commuters declared a three day week end and stayed home.

Drifting snow shut down two Brooklyn subway lines, and traffic was abnormally light on main downtown avenues.

Walsh Named to Serve as Chairman

The executive board of the Jackson County Republican Central committee has selected Sheriff Joseph D. Walsh to serve as chairman until the organization meeting, to be held within 45 days after the May primary.

The announcement followed a meeting of the executive board this week. Walsh has been active in local GOP functions during the past several years.

Mrs. James Ragland, who acted as chairman since the resignation of Don Stathos, will continue as vice chairman.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with rain tonight and Saturday. Rain occasionally heavy tonight. Low tonight 40. High Saturday 52.

Highest Yesterday 54
Lowest this Morning 34
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .08

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:40 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:17 a.m.
First Quarter to-morrow 3:06 a.m.

The Moon will pass in front of the bright star, Aldebaran, tonight, completely hiding it. This is called an occultation of Aldebaran and several more will occur this year.

Big Ten Kills Rose Bowl Pact

Columbus, Ohio—UPI—The Big Ten formally killed the Rose Bowl pact today, ending 14 years of sending conference representatives to the New Year's Day football classic.

Western Conference faculty representatives voted 5-5 on a proposal to renew the agreement. A majority was needed for approval.

The result was no surprise as nine of the 10 schools already had indicated how they were going to vote.

For all intents and purposes, the Big Ten severed all ties with the post-season football classic against a Pacific Coast representative.

Big Ten schools won 12 of the 14 games and the conference collected an estimated \$5 million from bowl receipts.