



TRAIN DERAILED—A Great Northern freight train of 100 cars was partially derailed near Bend Saturday. Many of the cars burned. Cause of the derailment was said to be a broken rail. Heavy snow on the east side of the Cascades, where the crash occurred, has slowed repair work on the tracks, which were torn up by the accident. (UPI Telephoto)

Business Slump in First Six Months Of 1961 Predicted

Washington—UPI—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has forecast a mild business slump in the first six months of 1961, with higher unemployment becoming a "troublesome" factor during the year.

Emerson P. Schmidt, chief economist for the business organization, said Sunday that the downturn would be "only 1 or 2 per cent" in total output of goods and services.

Spending income of individuals will "decline even less," he predicted. But he said "unemployment is likely to average higher than in 1960 and be troublesome."

The economist made his prediction at the chamber's annual business outlook conference.

Schmidt was optimistic but cautious about the second half of 1961. He said the national production rate might hit \$715 billion to \$520 billion by the end of the year if business firms completed their inventory cutbacks by summer. This would be higher than in 1960.

Mountain Sheep Claimed Essential

Washington—UPI—"It is essential for the future growth of the region that Mountain Sheep dam be built," whether the proposed Canadian storage agreement is ratified or not, John J. Burke, president of Pacific Northwest Power Co. said today.

Burke added, "It would be dangerous to stop or delay development of the high mountain sheep project because of hope for benefits from the proposed treaty with Canada."

Last week, Elmer Bennett, under secretary of interior, said the proposed Canadian treaty would result in enough added power in the Northwest and that no hydroelectric project is needed now on the Middle Snake river.

Boys Apprehended For Gasoline Theft

State police apprehended two boys, 15 and 16 years old, last night on charges of gasoline theft, while questioning suspects regarding another theft case.

The two boys admitted to taking the gas from a car parked near the White City intersection. Officers said they were investigating the theft of articles from a two-wheel trailer belonging to Charles Myron Reynolds, member of the Veterans Administration domiciliary. The tubeless tire and trailer hitch were stolen while the car and trailer were parked one block from the Super Service station near the domiciliary, state police explained.

Overcrowding at Institution Topic

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control took steps today to alleviate overcrowding at the State Correctional Institution east of here.

Inmate population stands at 359 while capacity is 66 less.

The board directed its staff to write a letter to circuit judges stressing the problem and requesting commitments to the penitentiary instead of the correctional school whenever feasible.

The Oregon Correctional Classification Board was asked to look into transfer of inmates to the prison to ease the problem. The correctional institution, for first offenders only, has prisoners sleeping in the halls.

There is room for an estimated 200 more inmates at the prison.

Echo Satellite Visible at Times

Portland—UPI—The Portland Moonwatch Team said today the Echo 1 balloon satellite still was visible at times.

They said it should be visible about 6:16 p.m. today reaching a peak altitude of 81 degrees in the north sky, traveling from west to east. It will be visible again about 8:18 p.m. in the west at an altitude of 65 degrees, but only briefly.

On Tuesday it is scheduled to be visible at 5:45 p.m. at an altitude of 80 degrees in the north sky going from west to east, and at 7:53 p.m. in the west sky briefly, at an altitude of 75 degrees.

Low Pressure Areas Promise Cold, Snow in Region of Central Plains

By United Press International
Cold weather mustered behind three low pressure areas in the nation's central plains today threatening a new onslaught of icy temperatures and wind-driven snows.

Blizzard warnings were in effect early today from central Nebraska through the Dakotas and into western Minnesota. The Weather Bureau warned that cold Canadian air poised to push southward into the area could bring six-inch snows and winds from 30 to 60 mph.

A second storm center dumped soggy snow on Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and parts of Montana as snow plows fought to keep mountain roads open. Snow depths ranged from four to eight inches with 40 mph winds in some areas causing heavy drifting.

Tougher Off Showers
A third low pressure area, advancing before cool Pacific coast air, cut the nation in half early today touching off showers from the Dakotas southward through Illinois and the Mississippi valley into Texas.

The intense low in the central plains was expected to shift slightly eastward today, bringing heavy snow and blizzard conditions to upper Mississippi valley and parts of the plains.

The arctic air mass near the nation's northern border should shift southward today, the Weather Bureau said, dropping temperatures sharply in the northern plains.

Enjoy Indian Summer
Showers were expected to continue falling from the upper lakes southward through Indiana, the central and lower Mississippi valley and into eastern Texas.

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Post Office Fight 'Very Much Alive'

Salem—UPI—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today Oregon's fight against the post office department for its transfer of regional post office headquarters from Portland to Seattle is "very much alive."

Thornton returned to Salem from Washington, D.C., last weekend after an unsuccessful attempt to get a temporary restraining order to halt the move.

Post office officials moved the headquarters to Seattle last week.

Thornton's request for the restraining order was turned down by U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington declined to overturn the district court ruling.

Stocks in Narrow Trading Range

New York—UPI—Stocks moved within a narrow trading range today with prices holding at or slightly below Friday's close.

General Foods was a blue chip standout with a gain of around 2 points. Union Carbide picked up around a point while Du Pont dropped around 1 1/2.

Steels favored the downside with losses of a half or more in U.S. Steel, Republic and Bethlehem. Youngtown bucked the general downtrend with a gain of more than 1/2.

Minnesota Mining fell more than a point in its division. Proctor & Gamble added around 1 in the foods. National Dairy ran up 1 1/2 in its section and Northrop rose more than 1 in the aircrafts. Motors inched lower.

Red Document To Be Released Tuesday

UPI—The Communist manifesto approved by the Red summit in Moscow last week probably will be published Tuesday, it was reported here today.

The document, hammered out by the 81-member Communist conclave in Moscow in three weeks of highly controversial discussions, will lay down the future course of international communism, according to informed sources.

Explorer Dies

New York—UPI—Saul Blicman, 74, manufacturer, philanthropist and patron of the Explorers Club of New York who journeyed in Africa, South America and India to photograph and hunt jungle animals, died Saturday of a heart attack.

Insurance Policies Ordered Cancelled By Castro Regime

Havana—UPI—The government has ordered confiscated American insurance companies to cancel life policies held by refugees from Cuba and turn over the accumulated premiums to the new "every fund" it was reported today.

The edict, dated last Monday, also nullified the claims of insurance beneficiaries who have left the country and froze commission payments due to agents or brokers.

To Submit Reports
The order directed government managers of the seized companies to submit daily reports to the insurance control office on the progress of their investigation of life-policy holders.

It was not clear how the government expected to enforce its orders against persons living in the United States who had notified the home office of their American insurance company of their change of address and were continuing premium payments.

Thirty insurance companies were among the 166 U. S. enterprises seized Oct. 25.

Noise Bombing Continues
Foes of Premier Fidel Castro continued their noise-bombing campaign here Sunday night. Sirens on the seized Esso and Shell refineries shrilled an alarm when a bomb went off in the area between them.

Alarmed residents swarmed into the streets and police cars converged on the scene, but no one had been injured and no damage was done.

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Sunday Fire Damages Living Room Area

Fire burned the interior and contents of the living room Sunday at the R. V. Chapman residential and business building 1132 Court St.

Firemen said that the blaze, origin of which was not determined, also did major heat and smoke damage through the building. The occupants were at church at the time. Firemen were summoned about 12:30 p.m.

EXCITED CONVICT
Nottingham, England—UPI—Prison officials speculated today a trustee who slipped away from his guard and fellow prisoners Sunday night "may have been over-excited" by a crime film at a public theater.

PICTURE PRESENTED
Salem—UPI—Crown Prince Akahito of Japan today gave Gov. Mark Hatfield a photograph of the future monarch in a silver frame.

Salem—UPI—Mrs. Jessie Lou Patzer, 35, Salem, has been ruled incompetent to stand trial for the slaying of her husband and Circuit Judge George R. Duncan ordered her committed to the State Hospital.

The Dalles—UPI—Wilbur Leroy Lomax, 42, suffered a fatal gunshot wound here Sunday afternoon and his brother, William Lomax, 52, was held on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting.

Gresham—UPI—Two bandits robbed a Safeway store Sunday night after going to the manager's home and forcing him to accompany them to open the store, police said.

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Shift of Some 11,000 Votes in Four States Could Have Put Richard Nixon in White House, Republican Election Autopsy Shows

Washington—UPI—The first Republican autopsy on the presidential election shows that a shift of some 11,000 votes in four states could have put Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the White House.

The states are Illinois, with 27 electoral votes, Missouri with 13, New Mexico with 4 and Nevada with 3. Nixon would have carried all four states if he had received a vote in each precinct from just one person who voted for Sen. John F. Kennedy. Each of these states is among those in which GOP National Headquarters has pressed for re-counts or investigations of alleged voting irregularities.

Nixon won 223 electoral votes in the Nov. 8 election. If he had carried Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Nevada, his electoral vote would have been 270, one more than the necessary majority.

Final and official results show Kennedy carried Missouri by 9,878 votes, Nevada by 2,493 and New Mexico by 2,294. His margin was less than 9,000 in the unofficial count in Illinois, where the GOP is still battling to reverse the result.

A preliminary study by the research division of the Republican National Committee emphasized major shifts away from the Republicans in the big cities and their suburbs and among Catholic voters.

POLARIS MARE
Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—The Navy today successfully fired an advanced model Polaris A2 missile more than 1,600 statute miles for the second time in as many attempts.

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control has decided against purchase of Salem General Hospital by the state.

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