



COMMENTS ON MERGER PROPOSAL—Charles P. Taft, a lawyer and layman Episcopalian, makes his comments on the proposal of merging four of the major protestant churches at a press conference in San Francisco. Facing the press for a barrage of questions on the proposed merger are, from left, Taft; Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Fred Hoskins and Dr. James Wagner, copresidents of the United Church of Christ. (UPI Telephoto)

Too Many Church Members Said To Be Customers Rather Than Salesmen

San Francisco—UPI—America's churches are "declining" in vitality and influence, a prominent Episcopalian bishop said today, because most of their members "regard themselves as customers rather than as salesmen" for Christianity.

the National Council of Churches. Although church membership is at an all-time high, Bishop Pike said, the rolls include millions of people who are not committed followers of Jesus Christ, and who look upon the church as a social club "rather than a divinity in the army of the Lord."

The Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglas, noted Congregationalist leader of New York, said the role of the church in society is to guide men "in the choice of objectives and goals" rather than to prescribe pat solutions for complex problems.

row 'religious' methods—by a little more prayer, a little more Bible reading, a little more application of the teachings of Christ," Dr. Douglas said. "Do not misunderstand me," he said. "I am in favor of all these activities."

West Coast Now Offers Series of Planned Tours

Seattle—UPI—West Coast Airlines, Inc., which serves 62 cities in six western states and Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is initiating a series of planned tours to the Canadian Rockies, Banff and Lake Louise and Sun Valley.

Two current tours being offered are "Skiing Holidays in the Canadian Rockies," Tours "Sun Valley Holidays." Tours for a varying number of days include all airport transfers, round-trip rail transportation in the case of Banff and Lake Louise, hotel accommodations and ski lifts. Meals and ski lessons are included in some of the tour packages.

Since these areas are all-year tourist attractions, the tours will vary seasonally to widen their appeal to as large a group of the traveling public as possible, the company said.

Recent surveys show that many families are breaking up their vacation time into several holidays throughout the year rather than taking one long single yearly vacation.

Complaintant Gets 'Be Careful' Reply

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He promptly received a letter from the factory's service department which stated: "We urgently request you to be a little more careful with that type of press complaint. It could have very uncomfortable results for you."

The letter closed with a greeting for "unity, peace and socialism."

The story was revealed Monday by the "Young World."

Walla Walla Officials Get Prison Escapee

Walla Walla—UPI—Lloyd Barker, 32, was turned over to Walla Walla county authorities Monday after he was captured in Hermiston, Ore.

Barker, an escapee from the Larch mountain prison camp in southwest Washington, was serving time on a burglary sentence from Walla Walla.

Skelton in Hospital For Thorough Checkup Hollywood—UPI—Red Skelton's TV show tonight, originally scheduled to be a live broadcast, will be a taped show instead because the comedian is in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital for a checkup.

A spokesman said Skelton had been "feeling kind of low lately" and entered the hospital Saturday for a "thorough going over."

Three in Molalla Family Killed

Canby—UPI—Three members of the Harold Kenneth Stetson family of Molalla were killed late Monday when a heavily loaded lumber truck and trailer rig overturned on the Canby-Marquam highway about two miles south of here.

The victims, who were riding in the cab of the truck, were identified as Harold Kenneth Stetson Sr., 33, his wife, Anita Erlene, 32, and Kenneth Harold Stetson, 4.

The victims are survived by another son, Harold Kenneth Stetson Jr., 11.

The accident apparently occurred when the load on the trailer shifted and the binder chain broke. The trailer then apparently overturned, carrying the truck section with it. The three victims were pinned in the truck cab for several hours.

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Washington Jobs Rise

Washington—UPI—The National Science Foundation reported Monday that employment of scientists and engineers in industry rose nearly 7 per cent between January, 1959, and January, 1960. This compares with a 5 per cent rise in 1958.

Flemington, N.J.—UPI—Walter Dorwin Teague, 76, an industrial designer who helped design the 1939 World's Fair in New York, died Monday.

By Bennett Cerf

ASKED TO EXPLAIN an unexpected defeat administered by an underrated foe, the coach of a big football squad pointed out testily. "The trouble was we used an unbalanced line for the first time—and our backfield wasn't too smart, either."

Try and Stop Me

By Bennett Cerf

"Progress," explains New York's Mayor Wagner once, "is like this. Once we had narrow dirt roads where two automobiles could barely pass. Today we have beautifully paved thoroughways where six cars can collide at the same time."

"I'll tell you how cold it was down South that winter," grumbled a New Englander, back from a vacation under the sun. "I saw a bird I thought was a robin. It turned out to be a sparrow with a chapped chest!"

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Oregon Planning Director Resigns

Portland—UPI—Robert H. Tarr, director of the Oregon Department of Planning and Development for the past year, today announced his resignation effective Jan. 1.

Tarr said he would return to private industry. Gov. Mark Hatfield accepted Tarr's resignation with regret over "loss of a good man from public service" because of state government salary scales.

Hatfield asked Tarr to make his counsel available to the department for a period of 90 days to assist in the completion of several major projects and assure continuation of department programs.

In a letter to Tarr, Hatfield said, "Oregon is fortunate to have had your talents and ability devoted to economic development for the past year."

14 Church Window Panes Shot by Gun

Medford police are looking for the persons who, with a BB gun, shot and broke 14 panes of glass at the Zion Lutheran church, 502 West Fourth st., during the past week. Police said seven panes of colored glass and the glass on the rear door to the church, have all been shot full of holes, apparently with a BB gun.

Bonn—UPI—The West German Defense Ministry announced Monday it will order 120,000 infantry ammunition pouches from Israel.

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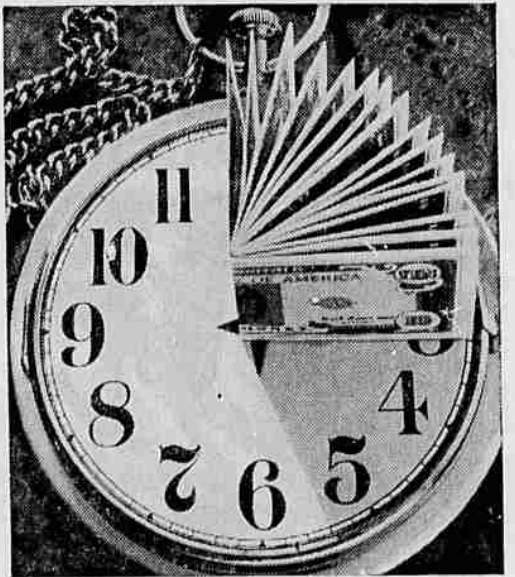
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Princess Margaret Goes Collegiate

Keele, England—UPI—Princess Margaret and her husband, commoner Antony Armstrong-Jones, went collegiate Monday night.

They arrived here by plane and attended the annual students ball at University College of North Staffordshire.

Margaret is honorary president of the school.



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