



SCALP DISPLAYED—Lincoln Park Zoo Director Merlin Perkins, left, shows newsmen at Chicago a scalp believed to be that of a 200-year-old "Abominable Snowman." The scalp was acquired by famed British explorer Edmund Hillary, center, on a recent expedition to the Himalayas. At right is Khumjo Chumbi, Nepalese guide, who is in Chicago to act as a guard of the scalp. Perkins, who accompanied the expedition, had been supervising a hunt for the "Snowman." (UPI Telephoto)

Stocks Find Mild Support in Deals

New York—UPI—Stocks met mild support in the early trading today.

Cameras, business machines, vendings and other special issues showed gains running past a point in many instances.

Superior Oil of California, a high-priced issue, spurted 25 to 1.14 during the first hour.

Ford was active trading on an opening block of 24,815 shares at 64 1/2 off 1/4. Chrysler, up around 2 at the opening, lost half of the rise in subsequent trades.

Texas Instruments added a point in the electronics, Goodrich more than 1 in the tires and Polaroid more than 1 in the cameras. Steels were narrowly mixed.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 611.72, off 0.22; 20 railroads 126.74, off 1.12; 15 utilities 97.85, up 0.37, and 85 stocks 202.73, off 0.19. Sales Tuesday were about 3.5 million shares compared with 3.02 million shares Monday.

Tuesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	53 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	45 1/2
American Can	40 1/2
American Motors	18 1/2
A. T. & T.	38 1/2
Anacosta Copper	28 1/2
Armco Steel	46
Bendix Corp.	65 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	49
Boeing Air	38 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	31 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	40 1/2
Continental Can	34 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	48 1/2
Curtis Wright	16 1/2
Dow Chemical (xd)	74 1/2
Du Pont	18 1/2
Eastman Kodak	112 1/2
General Electric (xd)	27 1/2
General Foods	74
General Motors	41 1/2
Georgia Pacific	57 1/2
Graham Page	1 1/2
Greyhound	20 1/2
Gulf Oil	30 1/2
Homestake Mining	47 1/2
Idaho Power	41 1/2
I. B. M.	58 1/2
Int. Paper	92 1/2
Johns-Manville	58
Kennecott Copper	75
Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2
Montana Power	27 1/2
Montgomery Ward	27 1/2
Natl. Biscuit	72 1/2
New York Central	18
Pac. Gas & Elec.	43 1/2
Penn. RR	11 1/2
Radio Corporation (xd)	53 1/2
Richfield Oil	37 1/2
Safeway	37 1/2
Sears	56
Shell Oil	37 1/2
Soco Mobil Oil	37 1/2
Southern Co.	47 1/2
Southern Pacific	30
Standard California	45 1/2
Standard Indiana	44 1/2
Standard W. J.	39 1/2
Sun Mines	6 1/2

Pro-Western Forces Fight Way Ahead Slowly in Laos

Soviet-Supplied Leftists Offer Stiff Resistance

Vientiane, Laos — (UPI) — The pro-Western forces of Gen. Phoumi Nosavan battled their way slowly toward the center of Vientiane today against stiff resistance of Cap. Kong Le's Russian-supplied leftist forces.

The indecisive fighting took on some of the characteristics of the war in Korea with Russia flying in mortars and other ammunition for the pro-Communist forces trying to hold the capital against the assault by pro-Western troops.

The fighting centered around army headquarters and the Ministry of Defense and at one point Phoumi's artillery set fire to the army headquarters building. But Kong Le's fighters held firm.

Gen. Phoumi's right-wing forces, identified by the white armbands they were wearing, sent armored cars and infantry into the area but were met with heavy fire from mortars and machine-guns flown in earlier by Russian planes.

The battle for the administrative capital of this tiny kingdom was bringing Southeast Asia to the crisis point and threatened to draw outside Western and Communist military forces into the civil war.

The fighting broke out Tuesday when Phoumi's troops launched an attack from the eastern fringes of the city and moved into the center of Vientiane. Kong Le's Red troops retook the central portion of the city during the night.

Fighting swirled back and forth but neither side appeared to have a decisive advantage.

The Southeastern Asian Treaty Organization already had branded the Soviet airlift of arms to leftist Laotian forces as "outside interference."

Reds Make Charges

The Communist North Viet Nam radio charged South Vietnamese troops were helping the pro-Western forces with artillery fire. This appeared to create a possible excuse for Viet Minh forces to pour in to help Le — an action almost certain to bring counter-attacks from SEATO.

The Soviet Union charged U. S. type helicopters were flying from Thailand to direct artillery fire for the pro-Western forces.

Schools Plan Holiday Programs

St. Paul, Minn. — (UPI) — Gerald T. Wilson has an \$89 Christmas tree. Wilson was fined that amount for sawing off the top of a Colorado blue spruce on someone else's property.

Police followed a trail of fallen branches and needles to Wilson's home.

The armament carried by one of today's supersonic fighter-bombers equals the destructive power of an entire World War II bomber formation.

The "Story of the Littlest Angel" will be presented at Hoover school starting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. "Why the Chimes Rang," a story of the Christmas spirit typified by the taking of gifts to the Christ child by the Wisemen, will be the Jackson school program starting at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The program at West Side school will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday with kindergarten children presenting "The Night Before Christmas." The first grade will depict holiday rhythms featuring the "Tinsel Dance" and the "December Surprise." Grades two and three will do their interpretation of the season with pantomime and song, and grade four will present an All-American Christmas with the fifth and sixth grades taking part in a choral fantasy.

The Washington school program, which will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, will concern itself with the joy of a little fir tree in bringing happiness to a little crippled boy.

SKELTON RECOVERING

Hollywood — (UPI) — Comedian Red Skelton was reported recuperating today from abdominal surgery at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. He underwent a three-hour operation Monday for a ruptured diaphragm.

New Storm Takes Shape In Panhandle Highlands

By United Press International

A new snow and ice laden storm brewed in the highlands of New Mexico and Texas pushed northeastward early today into the Central Plains.

The new storm system dumped up to five inches of snow in the mountains before changing to travel-halting freezing rain in the flatlands of northern Texas and Kansas.

The storm followed the path of a blizzard that earlier roared out of the Southwest's weather cauldron to paralyze the East Coast with its worst wintry blast since 1957.

The old storm was over the Atlantic today, but it left behind a toll of 268 dead in record-shattering snow and cold.

A United Press International count showed New York the hardest hit with 54 storm-blamed deaths, including 40 in New York City, New Jersey, 41, Massachusetts, 34, and Pennsylvania, 26. Other states from Texas to Maine reported casualties.

Ice Causes Blackout

Near Miamisburg, Ohio, a week's load of ice snapped a 66,000-volt power line blacking out a dozen counties and leaving a million persons without lights in southwest Ohio.

New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, noting the storm had created "an emergency situation" in New York City, ordered National Guard

trucks and personnel to help dig the city out of ice-crusted snow.

A cold pocket of air held temperatures in the teens and lower from eastern Tennessee

northward into Michigan and New England.

Light pre-dawn snow flurries fell on the leeward side of the Great Lakes from Buffalo, N.Y. into northern Pennsylvania.

Warmer Readings Seen

Chill 30-degree temperatures penetrated southward as far as central Florida, while warm Pacific Coast air thawed parts of the northern Rockies.

Montana had a high of 54 degrees at Lewistown and a low of 5 above zero at Drummond.

Warmer temperatures were forecast today from the Mississippi Valley into the Atlantic Coast states, while an invasion of Canadian air was expected to drop temperatures in Montana, the Pacific Northwest and over much of Texas and Louisiana.

Occasional showers and snow flurries were looked for today from northern California through the Pacific Northwest and in parts of the upper Rockies.

RETURNING TO OFFICE

Bonn, Germany — (UPI) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer planned today to return to his office for the first time in 19 days. The chancellor, 85 next month, has been ill with a cold and tonsillitis. He left his house for a walk in his garden Tuesday for the first time since his illness.

Eisenhower was not ailing and had no symptoms of illness.

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