

# 9 Reach Safety After Battering Off Oregon Coast

## Four Daring Seamen Join Tanker Crewmen

Stern Section Will Be Towed Back to Port

Captain, Seven Others Drown

Norfolk, Va.—UPI—Four daring seamen used a small boat bobbing on eight-foot seas today to board the drifting stern section of the broken tanker Pine Ridge and join the crewmen who stayed with the hulk.

The crewmen from the ocean-going tug Curb immediately began helping John R. Hart, Wilmington, Del., the tanker crewman who stayed behind, prepare to take aboard a tow line for the slow haul back to port.

Captain Drowned

The 503-foot tanker broke in two under the pounding of stormy seas Wednesday. Twenty-nine crewmen who had the good fortune to be in the stern section at the time lived because the stern stayed upright and remained seaworthy. But eight others, including Capt. Clark Snyder, 44, apparently drowned aboard the bow section which capsized and nearly submerged.

The skipper of the Curb, a tug from New York, radioed at midmorning that "there's still a breeze and a lot of swell but I don't expect any more trouble than is usual in this sort of operation."

Hazardous Operation

The Coast Guard reported that seas in the area, about 125 miles east of Cape Hatteras, were running with waves as high as eight feet, making the task of boarding the high-riding stern section from the boat an extremely hazardous one.

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## County Printing Office Operating

A county printing department is now functioning in the basement at the county courthouse, County Commissioner Chester Wendt announced this week.

He said the setup is strictly on an experimental basis, and no extra employees are needed to operate the duplicating equipment.

Wendt said that if the department proves satisfactory, the equipment will be combined with other machines in the courthouse. He spoke particularly of the stamp metering machine which is now in the office of the court's secretary. All outgoing mail in the courthouse goes through this machine, the commissioner explained, and said that the volume has increased considerably in recent years.

Wendt said that all work to be duplicated will be channeled through the county clerk's office to ascertain whether it can be done at the courthouse or must be sent to a commercial printer. He added that when a small number of copies are needed it is not profitable for it to be done commercially.

## WOULD OPEN MINES

Washington—UPI—Sen. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) proposed today to shore up America's dwindling gold supplies by reopening western mines.

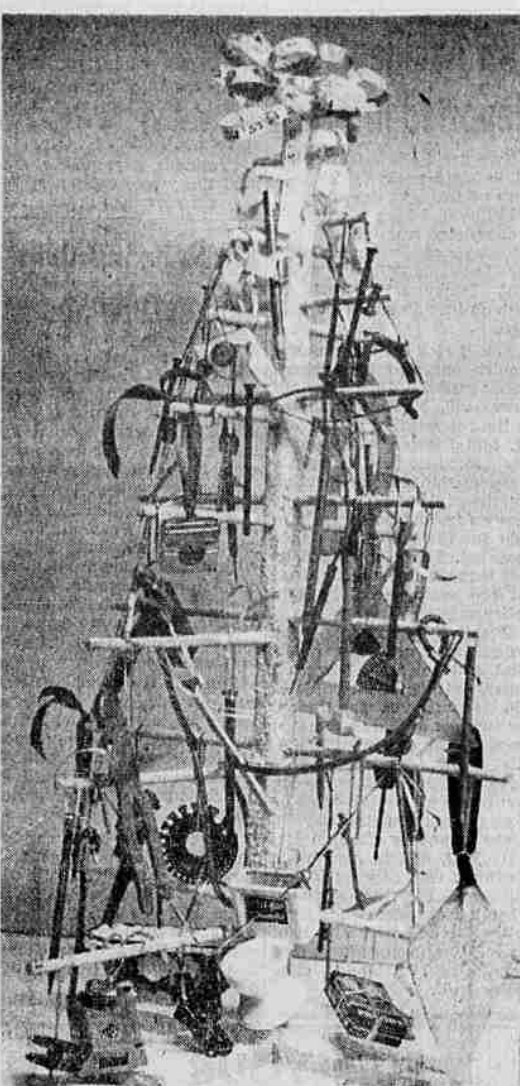
## Christian Pilgrims Begin Bethlehem Move

Jerusalem, Jordan —UPI—Tears of joy mingled with those of sorrow today while the first 2,500 Christian pilgrims moved through the Mandelbaum Gate from Israel to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.

## Some Turned Back

Those who made it were the joyful ones. Those who were turned back by Israeli and Jordanian security guards were not.

Not many were turned away, but there were several who were halted after being searched on both sides of the border by guards looking for smugglers.



"DIFFERENT" TREE—Mrs. Garth Diederich, an employee of the building department of the Medford city hall, used more than a little imagination in decorating the office Christmas tree, shown above. The tree, made of wood, with dowels for branches, is festooned with an assortment of tools and paraphernalia that are associated with the city building department. Spikes, a trowel, hand drill and pliers, along with pencils, a continuity tester and rulers, give it the appearance of a well-used cluttered workbench.

## Circuit Court Jury Awards \$44,725 in Condemnation Suit

A Jackson county circuit court jury late yesterday afternoon awarded \$44,725 to Chester and Glenna Irish and Emma Childreth for 5.96 acres which will be used for a right-of-way for the new Highway 99 freeway.

Irish, represented by Stanley Jones and Joel B. Reeder, Medford lawyers, had sought \$62,500 for the property in the Central Point area. The state highway commission had valued the property at \$27,000.

This was the third condemnation case in which William Mansfield, attorney representing the state highway commission, has faced the Medford legal firm. The jury went out yesterday at 11 a.m., and returned the verdict at 4 p.m.

Argue Motion

Mansfield, during a session in Circuit Judge James Main's chambers Tuesday morning, argued a motion for a mistrial, which would have caused the case to be thrown out of court and be tried over again. He based his motion on a Mail Tribune news story on the trial in Monday night's paper.

However, Judge Main declared the story was accurate, and pointed out that he had instructed the jury members

not to listen to the radio, watch television or read the newspaper. He denied the motion.

A second in-chambers session concerned a legal technicality involving an authority cited during the case.

## Russia Hopes for Better Relations, Gromyko Asserts

Kennedy Expected To Help Situation

Moscow—UPI—Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today the Soviet Union hopes relations with the United States will improve after President-elect John F. Kennedy takes office.

Gromyko made the statement in a sweeping review of foreign policy before the Supreme Soviet (parliament).

"The Soviet government regrets that relations between the United States and the Soviet Union have been strained of late and have markedly deteriorated," Gromyko said.

"The Soviet government desires that Soviet-American relations, with the inauguration of Kennedy, should revert to the state where they were in the time of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Gromyko spoke at the Supreme Soviet's closing session. Premier Nikita Khrushchev was present at the session but did not speak, although he had been expected to. Observers speculated that the cold from which he has been reported suffering may have kept him from the rostrum.

It was the first Supreme Soviet session since 1956 at which Khrushchev has not spoken.

During the course of his bid for warmer relations with the Kennedy administration, Gromyko lashed out at President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

"Unfortunately of late, relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. are tense and have worsened. This is not our fault. It is the fault of the Eisenhower-Nixon government."

He said that "while preaching friendship" the United States "committed treacherous violations of the sovereignty of our country, namely the U2 and RB47 flights. When they were caught, red-handed they did not apologize but declared that they were right."

Tree Criticism

Nettles Official

Portland—UPI—A spokesman for the company that donated the nation's Christmas tree is a bit nettled over comments from Washington that the tree is one of the "most scraggy" in years.

The giant Douglas fir was cut from Georgia-Pacific timberlands in Oregon, and shipped by rail to the nation's capital.

When it arrived, the Washington News took one look and began tossing barbs at the tree's sparse foliage.

In fact, the News declared in a caption beneath a photo of the tree, "Workers will have to lash some additional branches on the tree, to fill in the gaps."

A spokesman for Georgia-Pacific admitted he was somewhat nettled by the criticism.

"This is the first Douglas fir that has been used for some time," he said. "Different trees supply the tree each year, and many of them have sent cedar, spruce, and others of fuller foliage than the Douglas fir."

But he conceded the tree may be a little slim.

"Undoubtedly we lost a few needles in shipping the tree 3,000 miles," he admitted.

"There has not been enough cold weather to set the needles, and the tree is probably not as bushy as it was when it left our forest," he said.

Space Capsule Recovery Attempt

Local Man Pleads Innocent to Charge

Rayner Fredrick Torrant, 69, of 517 South Grape st., entered a plea of innocent in municipal court this morning to a charge of failure to leave information at the scene of an accident. Torrant is scheduled to be tried on the charge Jan. 6.

The police complaint alleges that a pickup truck operated by Torrant struck an awning post at The Clock restaurant, 301 East Main st., Thursday morning, and then left the scene of the accident without leaving any information.

Police later traced the vehicle to the Torrant residence through the license number. Torrant admitted that his vehicle was involved in the accident, but he denied that he was driving it at the time, according to police records.

# Truman and MacArthur Exchange Jibes on Korea

## Suggested Use Of Atomic Bomb Starts Debate

Ex-Commander Denies Assertion

New York —UPI—Former President Harry S. Truman said today he was expressing an "opinion" when he reported Gen. Douglas MacArthur advocated use of atomic bombs during the Korean war. MacArthur had termed the report "completely false."

"I have no documentation," Truman told reporters who questioned him about his remarks which revived the controversy started when the former president fired MacArthur from command in the Korean conflict.

MacArthur angrily denied Thursday night that he proposed using atomic bombs in Korea. He also said that the bombs used against Japan to end World War II were not needed.

"I've had my say and the general has had his and you can believe anyone you want to," Truman declared during his morning walk with reporters in chilling 15-degree weather.

No Further Comment

He said he did not intend to comment further about the controversy between himself and MacArthur.

"History will take care of him," Truman said.

MacArthur said the records would show he never even discussed use of the atom bomb in Korea. Truman had said MacArthur wanted to use the bomb against both Red China and Eastern Russia.

Truman, in his memoirs, did not directly accuse MacArthur of advocating the atom bomb, saying only that MacArthur's proposals to bomb Yalu river bridges risked extending the Korean fighting into a general conflict.

"I expressed an opinion on the program which was not in my memoirs," Truman said.

MacArthur, in his statement, said the atomic bomb was not needed in Korea "any more than we did in the war against Japan."

Truman snapped back today: "The use of the atomic bomb ended the war. Any man can win a football game on Monday morning."

He was asked if he felt his remarks about the bomb would stir the bitter controversy over his relieving MacArthur from command late in 1951. The war ended in August, 1953.

"I don't mind kicking up a fuss," Truman smiled.

The former president is in New York for a Christmas visit with his daughter, Margaret Truman Daniel. He said he had no intention of visiting MacArthur, who lives here in an apartment in the Waldorf Towers.

"I've been in New York 50 times without meeting him. I don't have to now," Truman said.

Portland—UPI—Rep. William J. Gallagher (R-Multnomah) said Thursday he will author legislation to form a planning committee for establishment of a rehabilitation camp for sex offenders in Oregon.

And, in discussing his two terms in office, the 41-year-old Democrat added, in part:

"I tried to bite off more than I could chew. This has been a failing of mine ever since I was a student in the class of 1937 at Eugene High school. I suppose it always will be. In addition to answering my mail, handling cases for constituents and promoting District improvements such as roads, dams and jetties, I tried with some success to stop our government's coddling of dictators. I tried with no immediate success to encourage increased communication with China. I tried with a little success to advance practical negotiations for disarmament with safeguards. Whether we stave off the hot war with its devastating all-out nuclear exchange largely depends, it seems to me, on dumb luck when you consider the ever-increasing number of atomic missiles and when you contemplate the sorry state of disarmament negotiations. Whether we win the cold war depends, I think, on our being able to identify ourselves in time with democratic social and economic progress throughout the world. We

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IN WASCO COUNTY JAIL—John R. Taylor, 27, of Salem, is shown above as he was booked into Wasco county jail at The Dalles after his capture near Dufur Wednesday morning. He will be returned to Jackson county where he is scheduled to be arraigned in district court Tuesday on charges of assault with intent to kill and two counts of grand larceny in connection with automobile thefts. He is accused of shooting Oregon State Policeman Donald Cain in the leg Tuesday evening near Ashland. (UPI Telephoto)

## Porter Blames Loss At Polls on 'More Than Could Chew'

Washington—"I tried to bite off more than I could chew," Congressman Charles O. Porter said this week, in discussing his defeat for reelection.

In his final "Report from Washington" newsletter, mailed to many constituents in the fourth Congressional district of Oregon, Porter said he plans to return to law practice in Eugene, "unless perchance the Kennedy administration offers me a challenging assignment I can't resist."

He said his office is preparing files on uncompleted cases to be turned over to his successor, Republican Congressman-elect Edwin R. Durno, M.D., Medford.

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must divorce our image from association with dictators and oligarchies now cruelly repressing that kind of progress. For this job we must enlist hard-working, unpretentious, shirt-sleeve ambassadors in the Chester Bowles pattern."

Domestically the 87th Congress will immediately be confronted with the Kennedy program for—among other things—federal aid to depressed areas, medical care for the aged through the social security program, increased minimum wage, repeal of Section 14b of Taft-Hartley, common situs picketing, federal aid to education—and, very important for the Fourth District, housing legislation to make more money available for the many thousands who want to own their own homes and lead to an increase in the market prices of lumber and plywood.

The probable impact of plywood imports, especially from Japan, on low market prices is "a very difficult and speculative question," according to a letter I recently received from John J. Allen Jr., Acting Secretary of Commerce. No one in the industry during this slump has ever tried to show the Tariff Commission serious injury to our mills from imports as a basis for having the tariff increased. "The currently lower number of housing starts for housing in the U.S. is the principal cause of economic difficulties of the Pacific Northwest lumber industry," says a Library of Congress expert in a memorandum recently prepared for me indicating that Canadian lumber imports should not be blamed.

It was an honor to serve as your congressman. From all of us—Priscilla, Don, Chris, Sam, Anne and myself, Merry Christmas and every good wish for the New Year to you and your loved ones.

## Schools Close for Vacation, Offices Closed on Monday

The Christmas holiday week gets under way today.

The last of the city and county schools dismissed classes, and many employees in Medford stores will be home in time for Christmas Eve celebrations.

The majority of the retail stores in Medford will close at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and many grocery stores at 6 p.m. Drug stores will close later in the evening.

Most businesses will be closed Christmas day, and retail merchants and banks will remain closed Monday, a legal holiday, although grocery stores are planning to remain open.

The state liquor store will close Saturday at 6 p.m., and not reopen until Tuesday noon.

Business offices, and federal, state, county and city offices will be closed for the long week end. The Mail Tribune will publish a noon edition Monday.

Remain at Work

Law enforcement agencies will remain at work over the week end. Oregon state police will patrol the highway during the long week end, particularly watching for persons who have been drinking, those driving too fast in the fog and reckless driving.

State police reminded residents that nine persons were killed in Oregon traffic accidents during this period last year. While fog continues in the valley, drivers should drive slow enough to be able to stop for vehicles attempting turns or stopped for traffic signals.

They stressed that bridges become slippery when frosty. This morning five cars collided on the Tolo bridge after one vehicle skidded sideways of the highway and the other four hit it. The highway was reported sanded at the time. Two other two-car collisions were reported to state police this morning. They were near Stewart and Riverside avenues, and near Kim's Restaurant on Highway 99.

Police reminded pedestrians they should wear light-colored clothing so they will be more visible in the fog.

State police officers said that drivers are required to use headlights while driving in the fog. Thursday 13 citations were issued by local state police for this violation. Parking lights are not sufficient, they added.

Ashland Police Probe Injury to Youngster

Ashland — Ashland police are investigating possible causes of minor injuries suffered Thursday by 4½-year-old Kent Leigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leigh, 1640 Parker st., Ashland.

Police said today the boy apparently was hit or ran into a car at 2:45 p.m. No one saw a car hit the child, police said. The boy was injured on Walker ave. near the Walker school. He was taken to a local physician's office and treated for minor bruises.

Fog Continues To Slow Oregon Traffic; Rain Due

By United Press International

Fog continued to hamper holiday travel in Oregon today while the weather man said rain may arrive during the Christmas week end.

Air travel resumed at the Portland and Troutdale airports after fog lifted Thursday afternoon and planes were landing and taking off this morning. But airports at Seattle-Tacoma, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg and Medford were fogged in again early today.

Ships Moving

Some 14 ships which had been fogbound on the Columbia river began moving today. There were numerous icy

spots on state highways this morning.

Chilly temperatures were reported over most of the state except along the coast where North Bend had a springlike 68 Thursday. Newport and Brookings each had highs of 62. The high at Eugene and Medford was 36.

Precipitation Expected

The weather man said one storm front off the coast headed northward but that another one some 2,500 miles out probably would bring rain to the state. The five-day outlook called for heavier than normal rain in Western Oregon and average precipitation, mostly rain, in Eastern Oregon.

## Three Injured in Motor Lifeboat At Tillamook Bay

Craft Seeking Downed Airplane

Garibaldi, Ore. —UPI—Nine men reached safety at Point Adams late Thursday after spending an ordeal with the sea Wednesday and Thursday aboard a storm-battered 36-foot motor lifeboat.

Three of the men suffered injuries Thursday morning at the mouth of Tillamook Bay after the craft was heavily battered.

The injuries came after the boat had been rescued Wednesday evening by the Coast Guard cutter Yacona. Its engine had failed. When repairs were made the craft set out to sea again in an attempt to find an F-102 Delta Dagger fighter-interceptor which plunged into the Pacific ocean last week after the pilot parachuted to safety.

However, search efforts were hampered when the sea started to toss the boat around.

Injured Men Listed

Suffering injuries were Charles Sandstrom, seaman apprentice of the U. S. Coast Guard, who had a cut cheek, smashed nose and possible skull fracture; Ed Hodgson, Beaver, Ore., skindiver who received chest injuries when smashed against the side of the boat, and Jim Ripka, another skindiver who pulled a tendon in his hand when the breakers nearly threw him from the open boat.

Sandstrom was injured after he had lashed himself to the craft's helm and was knocked against the binnacle by huge breakers. Sandstrom underwent treatment in the Marine hospital at Port Adams while Hodgson and Ripka were treated and went to Tillamook.

Others aboard the craft were Dave Wilson, Bill Hay, Morris Worthington, skindivers from the Tillamook county sheriff's posse; Jack Storm, seaman apprentice, Don Viles, and Airman Ellsworth E. Jones from the Portland Air Force base.

A team of six Navy scuba divers was sent to Astoria to lay plans for an attempt to salvage the wreckage of the F-102.

Christmas Gifts

Taken From Store

Someone walked off with an estimated \$200 worth of gift-wrapped Christmas presents from Walt Young's Stationary store, 210 East Main st., Thursday afternoon.

The gifts were two typewriters, two pen sets, a chess set and a man's sweater, according to city police.

Walter James Young, owner of the store, told police the packages were in the rear of the store awaiting customer pickup when someone apparently entered the store, and took the packages while no one was looking.

Salem—UPI—The governor's office said today the average Oregon motorist will encounter a state police patrol every 13 miles on primary highways over the Christmas holiday week end.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fog in valley tonight and Saturday morning. Cloudy Saturday afternoon with rain likely by Saturday night. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 30-35.

Highest Yesterday 35

Lowest This Morning 28

Forecast 10 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a.m.

Moonset tonight 11:18 p.m.

First quarter 12:44 p.m.

Prominent constellation Orion, in southeast at 9:15 p.m.

Will be high in south 11:45 p.m.

Visible planets

Mars, rises 5:30 p.m.

Venus, sets 7:46 p.m.