



CAR STRANDED—This is one of hundreds of cars left stranded along highways around Brownsburg, Ind., after the central part of the state was paralyzed by its worst winter storm in many years. An average of seven inches of snow fell in the area. (UPI Telephoto)

Moroccans Swear Allegiance To New King; Mohammed V Dies

Rabat, Morocco — (UPI) — The princes and priests of Morocco today swore allegiance to a new king, 33-year-old Moulay Hassan, catapulted to the throne by the sudden death of his popular father, King Mohammed V.

The young crown prince became King Hassan II Sunday a few hours after his 51-year-old father died of heart failure following what had been expected to be a minor nasal operation.

The prince's assumption of supreme power came at a critical time in Morocco's position between East and West. Stepping into the shoes of his powerful father, Moulay Hassan faced difficult tasks in rallying feuding political parties and handling Morocco's increasingly delicate relations with the West and Russia.

Morocco, which occupies a strategic position on the Mediterranean, recently has begun a drift away from strong ties with the West into closer relations with the Soviet Union. A treaty covering U.S. military bases in Morocco is due to expire in 1963.

Prince Moulay Abdullah, the younger brother of Moulay Hassan, was the first to pledge his allegiance to the new monarch today. He was followed by other members of the royal family and the Moroccan oulemas, or Moslem religious leaders and advisers. The nation today began seven days of mourning for King Mohammed, whose body lay in a mausoleum inside the royal palace. The funeral was set for Tuesday.

The king's heart failed 10 minutes after completion of an operation for "dissection of the nasal membrane" in the palace clinic. Doctors tried vainly to revive him by massaging his heart.

Stocks Firm on Selective Demand

New York — (UPI) — Selective demand held stocks firm today.

Steels showed small fractional gains where changed while autos ranged from 3/4 higher in Chrysler to 1/4 lower in GM. Leading rails were narrowly mixed.

Among the oils, Union Oil of California gained 1 1/4 but Skelly backed down 1/4. AMF gained 2 and Brunswick 1 1/4 on 12,000 shares in a delayed opening among the bowling issues. Flinkite tacked on 1/4 in building materials, Polaroid 2 1/4 in cameras, and Goodyear 1 1/4 in the rubbers.

Electronics were erratic with IBM up 10 on a late start, Litton up 3 1/2 and RCA up 1 1/4 while Minneapolis Honeywell and Texas Instruments shed around 2 apiece. Bendix lost 1 1/4.

Cereal Food Prices Expected to Mount

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicts that retail prices of cereal foods, including bread, will rise slightly this year.

The department says the increase will be due to another round of increases in marketing charges, further growth in the spread between farm and consumer prices for wheat and other cereal crops.

The report also says civilian consumption of wheat foods was up slightly in 1960. This was an increase in total consumption, however, not an increase in per-capita consumption.

'Flying Grandpa' On World Jaunt

Miami, Fla. — (UPI) — "Flying Grandpa" Max Conrad, 58, took off in a small, twin-engine plane at 5:07 a.m. (pst) today on a 25,000-mile around-the-world flight that he hopes will break three existing records.

Conrad, who already holds several world flying records, will try to make the flight in nine days.

The Winona, Minn., pilot will carry a passenger with him for the first time on one of his globe-circling hops.

Designated as an official observer to see that Conrad adheres to all regulations during the flight was Richard Jennings, a newsman.

Gasoline Price War Looms at Portland

Portland — (UPI) — A simmering gasoline price war became a hot contest here today when an independent gasoline dealer lowered his prices on regular gasoline to 19.9 cents.

John L. Daskalos, owner of the Rapid Car Wash said he was seeking a fair gasoline market price for all retail gasoline dealers in Portland. He added that he expects to lose about \$1,000 a week in the process. He has hired 10 additional attendants to handle an expected rush.

Daskalos said that under present marketing conditions he cannot make enough profit to justify time and effort involved in selling gasoline.

Oregon Legislature, on 50th Day of Session, Characterized by Restraint, Political Caution

Salem — (UPI) — The 1961 Oregon legislature, characterized by restraint and political caution, is likely to achieve some starts in new fields and a lot of housekeeping, but more sweeping legislation will probably be swept aside by the moderates to await a more dashing session.

That's the opinion of legislative leaders of both parties in both houses as the session arrives at its halfway target date. Today is the 50th day, and both House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) and Senate President Harry Bolvin (D-Klamath Falls) still see a 100-day session as a possibility.

Most of the lawmaking chiefs sum up this legislature as a steady and industrious body, but not particularly daring. This, they say, is in tune with the tempo of Oregon voters these days, and borne out by the political makeup of both houses — a two-thirds Democratic senate control led by a Republican-Conservative Democrat coalition, and a house only slightly more liberal, in spite of the fact that the GOP lacks just one man of an even split with the Democrats.

In Eisenhower Era — "Oregon is still in the Eisenhower era," says Duncan, "and accordingly this is a moderate, middle-of-the-road legislature. Everyone recognizes that no one has the strength to bull his way through."

"It is a careful legislature," says Bolvin, "and hardworking — definitely not a do-nothing session. It's a little unusual in trying to keep expenses down. It will not be carried away with programs simply because they are new and novel."

Oddly, criticism of the slow pace comes from a Republican, House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery of Eugene. "The legislature is working much harder this time than in previous sessions," he says, "but it is reluctant to change, to move ahead."

Consensus is that the legislature will approve these big items: A start on government reorganization, a compromise timber tax plan, an increase in basic school support, a labor elections bill, a compromise reapportionment plan, minor changes in welfare, and economy bills to facilitate space age development, oil exploration and industry.

Health Clinics Seen — The odds are good for an increase in community college support, a start on mental health clinics. In addition, there will be hundreds of housekeeping revisions of laws governing highways and vehicles, elections, welfare, education, labor and criminal law.

Very little chance is given for three-way workmen's compensation or a "Little Landrum-Griffin bill," increases in workers benefits, tax reform, a cigarette tax, changes in the school fund distribution formula, compulsory auto insurance, or a bill to control trading stamps.

There will probably be some cuts, and some additions, to Gov. Mark Hatfield's budget, but the \$359 million total appears likely to remain about the same.

Two things appear certain-voters, who have turned down such things as higher salaries for legislators and repeal of the death penalty in the past, will be asked to give their verdict on these, and some new items, again at the next election.

And the legislature, having rejected the recommendations of many of its last set of interim committees, before it goes home will create a new set to think over problems ranging from tax to family happiness during the next two years.

LINEUP OF ISSUES
Reorganization — Approval is likely for less controversial aspects of Gov. Mark Hatfield's plan to give Oregon a cabinet system of government. Chances for extreme changes, such as abolishing the welfare commission and the board of control, are slim. The governor may get a little more power over the welfare administrator.

Tax — The house may pass a bill to repeal the business inventory tax, or even all personal property tax, but the senate is reluctant. Senate tax committee members predict a deadlock that will kill income tax reform, tax cuts, and a tobacco tax. The elderly may get some tax relief on their homes, and a timber tax, likely a compromise, is considered a must by both houses.

Budget — Hatfield's \$359 million figure is considered realistic, though the legislature may cut some of Hatfield's items and add some of its own instead. These could include classroom television and summer work camps.

Medicare — This depends on congress. If President Kennedy's social security plan passes it would free some \$5 million, now planned for med-

icare in Oregon, for other items.
Reapportionment — After some political infighting, "ideas will jell" and the legislature will probably agree on a compromise between cities, rural areas, and politicians of both parties.
Schools — State support will

be hiked, but the manner of distributing the funds may be "a bitter fight." Odds are the lawmakers will end up by making few, if any, changes in the present distribution formula.
Labor — An elections procedure bill will probably be the only big one approved. If

a little Landrum-Griffin bill and a three-way workmen's compensation bill get out of the senate, they face nearly certain death in the house. Two-way workmen's compensation is a question mark. The senate is likely to block any hikes in labor benefits.
Economy — Bills, and funds, to encourage development are likely.
Constitution — A commission will be created to work on overhauling and updating the document in accordance with a mandate from the voters.

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Degenerate Sought For Killing of Girl

New York — (UPI) — Police today found their first concrete clue to the identity of the drunken degenerate whose twisted passions led him to rape, beat and kill Edith (Goochie) Kiecorius, 4.

The battered body of the pretty little girl was found Sunday in a filthy slum room on the West Side. The room had been rented to a Fred Thompson, a toothless, beer-swilling little man now the focus of a nationwide search.

Fingerprints Found — Police said today fingerprints found in the room and description of the man have identified him as the holder of a temporary cabaret working card issued Nov. 13, 1953. At that time Thompson lived in the Prince Hotel on the Bowery.

It was believed Thompson got the card to work in a restaurant kitchen.

Some 20,000 face sketches and a nationwide alarm were issued for the man who rented the \$8-a-week trash-littered room under the name of Fred Thompson. He was described as five feet, three inches tall, sandy-haired and in his early 50s. He was last seen Wednesday one hour before Goochie disappeared while playing in front of her uncle's apartment house two blocks from Thompson's room, touching off one of the most intensive searches in the city's history.

Neighborhood Scoured — Police scoured the rundown Manhattan neighborhood with sketches of Thompson in a hunt for acquaintances. One report said persons in two bars identified him and described him as a troublemaker, police have good fingerprints from more than 40 beer cans that littered his room.

Instrument Failure Blamed for Crash — Portland — (UPI) — A spokesman indicated Sunday that the crash of an Air National Guard F-89J jet fighter near here Saturday was caused by instrument failure.

The plane's pilot, Lt. Charles D. Lomax, 28, Portland, and its radar observer, Capt. Louis E. Hamilton, 30, Monmouth, parachuted to safety. The jet plummeted down in an isolated area about 10 miles northwest of Portland. Its wreckage was scattered over several hundred yards. Both men were taken to the base hospital here but Lomax was released Sunday. Hamilton's condition was described as good.

Sacramento Students Join Latest Craze — Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — The latest college craze has hit Sacramento. A group of 80 American River Junior college students pushed a roller bed in relays 40 miles from Marysville to Sacramento Sunday in eight hours and five minutes to claim a new world title. The said they had bettered a University of British Columbia student crew by 20 minutes.

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SUSPECT—A massive nationwide search has been launched for the degenerate slayer of Edith Kiecorius, 4, by New York City police. This sketch shows the facial characteristics of the suspect, described as male white, 50 to 55 years old, five feet three inches tall, 140 to 150 pounds, fair complexion, sandy straight hair, and no teeth. (UPI Telephoto)

Independence Boy Severely Burned

Salem — (UPI) — A 12-year-old Independence boy was in "fairly good" condition at Salem General Hospital today in spite of severe burns received when a cleaning fluid burst into flames in his garage Sunday.

Police said the boy, Loyd Ray Hedrick, was working on his bicycle near a hot stove in the garage when a solvent caught fire.

The boy's grandfather, Leroy E. Hedrick, and a nearby gas station attendant, George Dixon, broke open the garage doors and doused the boy's flaming clothes. They said smoke was so dense they at first were unable to find the boy.

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