

Temperatures Skid Far Below Zero in Great Plains Area

Oregon Accidents Take Lives of 12

By United Press International
Twelve persons died in accidents in Oregon during the long Christmas holiday week end. The week end began Friday at 6 p.m. and ended today at 12:01 a.m.

Traffic accidents claimed seven lives, three persons were killed in a plane crash, one was hit by a train and one died in an accidental shooting.

The burned bodies of a Lakecreek cattle rancher, his wife and small daughter were recovered from the wreckage of a light plane two miles south of Ashland Tuesday night. The wreckage was sighted from the air earlier in the day.

En Route To Fresno
The single-engine aircraft crashed and burned Sunday after taking off from Ashland on a flight to Fresno, Calif.

Killed in the crash were Reginald Imperatrice, 34; his wife, Jane, 31, and the couple's daughter, Mary, 10. A ground party recovered the bodies and took them to Ashland.

Mrs. Regina Heleniak, 76, Vale, was killed when the car in which she was riding struck a telephone pole at Vale Tuesday night. Her husband was driving the car.

John Fager, 23, Salem, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lynne Kofford, 25, Portland, were killed when their car crashed into a tree off a Union county road 2½ miles southeast of La Grande Tuesday.

Mary Sakach, 17, Klamath Falls, died at a Klamath Falls hospital Tuesday from injuries suffered in a one-car accident Monday night. Airman I-C Gerald Kendall, 23, Yelm, Wash., also lost his life in the crash when the car went off a Klamath county road and flipped over two miles west of Klamath Falls. He was stationed at Kingsley Air Force Base at Klamath Falls.

Young Mother Drowns
An expectant mother died in another one-car accident near Klamath Falls Monday

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Snow Creates Traffic Hazard In Upper Midwest

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Frigid air drove temperatures far below zero throughout the Great Plains today. The mercury plunged more than 30 degrees in the upper Midwest after a massive Christmas Day snowstorm created hazards for holiday traffic.

The temperature dropped to 31 below at Eagle, Colo., and 27 below at International Falls, Minn., this morning. In Iowa, Decorah registered 26 below, Emmetsburg 25 below, Waukon 23 below, and Spencer 22 below.

It was 18 below in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The below zero cold stretched to Missouri where it was 10 below at Kirksville, and Kansas where the mercury dipped to 9 below at Manhattan.

Warnings Raised
The weather was bad from Massachusetts, where small craft warnings were raised from Eastport to Block Island, to San Francisco, where Bay Area residents bundled up in 31-degree temperatures.

Snow, driven by winds up to 50 miles an hour, created hazardous driving conditions in New Mexico, where state police advised motorists to use chains on snow-packed highways.

Snow-slick highways near Grants and Los Lunas, N.M., were blamed for two traffic accidents. Near Muldrow, Okla., a motorist was killed when his car went out of control on icy roads and flipped over another auto.

Three hundred barges stranded at Cairo, Ill., located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi, were freed by recent precipitation and three dredges working between Cairo and St. Louis, Mo. The barges had been hung up by low water.

Body Recovered
Divers recovered the body of a fisherman who drowned Christmas Eve when he fell through the ice on Jewett lake near Fergus Falls, Minn.

Frozen rain caused power lines to snap at Gainesville, Ga., Christmas Day. Nearly an inch of moisture was registered at Atlanta, Ga., and Raleigh, N.C.

The nation's capital had its fifth Christmas snow storm since 1888 and the record 5.3 inch fall left roads snow covered and slippery for a 200-mile radius.

Mixed rain, snow and sleet fell in North Carolina from the mountains into much of the Piedmont, and driving over almost all of the state was hazardous.

Hazardous driving warnings were out for almost all of New England, and the snow was expected to change to freezing rain and sleet, with the temperatures dropping to zero.

Most of the nation had a white Christmas.

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Calls for Elimination of Castro Regime Mounting Among Cuban Exile Leaders; Unity of Governments Urged in Plea

Miami—UPI—Calls for obliteration of the Castro regime mounted among leaders of the Cuban exile community today in the joyous reception given to 1,113 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners who were airlifted to freedom.

The captives, who were shuttled to liberty by 10 airplanes Sunday and Monday after 20 months in Cuban jails, anxiously awaited news of the freighter African Pilot, which was scheduled to leave Havana today with 1,000 of their relatives.

All harkened to a pledge for Fidel Castro's demise sounded by Manuel Artime, a leader in the abortive invasion and last on the list of prisoners to be returned. At a press conference Tuesday, Artime promised hoarsely that "we shall return."

Determined To Reassault
The 30-year-old Cuban called on the governments of the Western Hemisphere to mount a siege against Fidel Castro's regime. Such unity, he said, could "topple the Cuban Communist rule within a week."

Artime said the released prisoners were determined to reassault the Caribbean island. "We have given our word to our dead, to the Cuban people, and to the free world that we will liberate Cuba or die in the attempt," he declared.

"We feel that Fidel Castro can only be overthrown by a military action," he continued. "We also think that

the Cuban problem is not a local problem. It is the problem of the Western Hemisphere."

Artime, who has emerged as a focal figure in the exile community, spoke at the suburban Miami home of a prominent Cuban exile. He emphasized that all the returned prisoners regarded themselves as the "troops of the revolutionary council."

Joyous Reunions
Elsewhere in Miami, the gaunt prisoners indulged in joyous Christmas reunions with their families, strolling the streets, engaging in festive dinners and savoring their freedom.

But all were preoccupied with an event in Havana: The tangled arrangements for the return of 1,000 relatives on the African Pilot. This craft had delivered to Havana the bulk of the \$53 million food and medical ransom for the captives' release.

Officials Besieged
More than 3,500 of their relatives were reported to have besieged the Havana office of the Cuban Families committee, pleading to be among the 1,000 persons the ship is scheduled to carry today to Florida.

Fidel Castro told 100 of these relatives Tuesday that the United States might refuse them entrance. "I would be more than willing to let go without passports, visas or anything all relatives who could go," he said, "but you should know you might encounter problems with the U.S. government upon your arrival."

He said the Cuban government wanted "to give an opportunity to all relatives to meet their loved ones," but added, "the problem will be over there (the United States... because) they might not let you in."

Firmness Shown By Stock Market
New York—UPI—Stocks showed increasing firmness early today although gains in most issues were limited to fractions.

Chemicals paced the blue chips. Du Pont and Kodak managing point-sized gains. Owens-Illinois and Chrysler were also up large fractions. In general the oils and autos were a trifle improved but steels stayed narrowly mixed.

Electronics and specialties were in the vanguard of the advance. IBM, Polaroid and Xerox tacked on roughly 2 apiece and Texas Instruments and Beckman ahead well over a point.

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Foreign Briefs

PACIFIST APPEALS TO END OF NUCLEAR TESTING
Hiroshima, Japan—UPI—Dr. Earle L. Reynolds, an American pacifist, fasted in public here Tuesday as an appeal for an end to nuclear testing.

Reynolds, a teacher at a Hiroshima university, fasted for 12 hours in the Hiroshima Peace park, site of history's first atomic bombing in World War II. He was joined by his wife, Barbara, and their eldest daughter, Jessica.

TUNISIANS SOUGHT IN ASSASSINATION PLOT
Tunis—UPI—Tunisian police today searched for 30 persons involved in a plot to assassinate President Habib Bourguiba and overthrow the government.

Another 30 to 100 already were in custody. All the plotters are believed to be young officers or students who belong to an exiled opposition movement.

The government made no mention of any assassination plot. It said only that the group was preparing a "plot against the security of the State." Reliable sources said the plotters planned to kill Bourguiba.

KREMLIN CLAIM SAID PROPAGANDA
Moscow—UPI—Western diplomats today dismissed as propaganda the Kremlin's latest claim that Russia would end nuclear testing by Jan. 1 if the West did the same.

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