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TRADITIONAL WELCOME—Despite the frigid weather crowds throng New York's Times Square to welcome the new year in traditional style. Police described the New Year's Eve crowds as "the smallest and coldest in years".

United Nations Troops Control Katanga Positions

Leopoldville—(UP)—United Nations troops took control of more positions around battered Elisabethville today in sporadic fighting against Katangese forces.

UN patrols were reported to have killed five Katangese gendarmes in the skirmishes which broke out while Elisabethville was under a new UN-imposed 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

UN officials awaited word on the whereabouts of Moise Tshombe, president of secessionist Katanga province, to see whether he will bow to UN military might or lead a guerrilla force in a counter-attack.

Return Reported

Tshombe was reported unofficially to have returned from Southern Rhodesia to the Katanga copper mining town of Kolwezi, site of a major Katangese air base 150 miles northwest of Elisabethville. But UN sources could not confirm his return.

Nor was there any indication whether Tshombe came back to fight the United Nations or negotiate an end to his secession as demanded by UN Secretary General Thant.

Gold Hill Man Still In Critical Condition

Damian Estremado, 59, Gold Hill, remained in critical condition in Rogue Valley hospital today after he was injured yesterday morning when his car was struck by a train at the Sardinie Creek rd. railroad crossing west of Gold Hill.

Estremado Reported Suffering From Fractured Arm, Head and Chest Injuries, According to a Hospital Spokesman. The Accident Occurred About 9:45 a.m. Not Far From Estremado's Home on Sardinie Creek Rd., According to Reports.

Santa Monica Float Wins Sweepstakes In Rose Parade

Pasadena, Calif.—(UP)—The City of Santa Monica with a float depicting in blossomed beauty the wonderful moment of childhood, the "First Love," today was named sweepstakes winner for the most beautiful entry in the 74th annual Tournament of Roses.

The grand prize went to the Florists Telegraph Delivery association for its graceful float that included more than 10,000 orchids in an entry titled "A Moment of Happiness."

Santa Monica's entry was a beautiful garden with pink camellias and carnation petals. A small boy and girl, representing first sweethearts, sat in a swing beneath a flowered urn.

Rose Blooms Added

The grand prize winner was one of the largest single displays of orchids in the history of the pageant. Over 25,000 rose blooms added to the display that carries the message of happiness when one receives flowers.

Announcement of the winners was made as the majestic floats began their course down Colorado Blvd. before a million and a half spectators. The mercury climbed toward the 70-degree mark after a dawn reading of 45.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog or low clouds through Wednesday, with possible brief afternoon clearing in a few places. Fair above the fog. Low tonight 28 to 32. High tomorrow 35 to 40, 45 to 50 above the fog.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:18 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:11 a.m. Moonset tonight 11:25 p.m. First Quarter Jan. 2. This year there will be five eclipses, two of the Sun and three of the Moon. Two of these will be visible over North America, a total eclipse of the Sun on July 29 and a total eclipse of the Moon the night of Dec. 28-29.

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW SNOWS ISOLATE ENGLAND—London—(UP)—New snows isolated much of England today as Europe's worst winter siege in years continued into the new year.

SKYBOLT SALVAGE PLANNED—Washington—(UP)—The administration is seeking to salvage as much as possible from the cancelled Skybolt missile project that employed 16,000 persons in work costing \$353.2 million.

EAST GERMANS FIRE ON BORDER—Berlin—(UP)—Communist police early today opened fire twice on the American sector border, once at a woman swimming to West Berlin and the second time at West Berlin border police.

POLICY TOWARD CUBA SEEN—Washington—(UP)—U.S. policy toward Cuba in the new year is expected to emphasize political and economic pressure on the Castro regime from the American republics.

Men, Machines Digging Maine Out of Blizzard

Bangor, Maine—(UP)—Men and machines continued a giant task today of digging out northern New England from an arctic-born blizzard which piled snow to rooftops and plunged the mercury far below the zero mark.

Three Howland men, long overdue on an ice-fishing trip, were the object of an widespread search early today in an isolated area near Endless Lake.

Conservation officials and a helicopter from Dow Air Force Base searched a 25-mile radius late Monday and resumed the hunt today.

A Maine couple and their two children were stranded in a small camp seven miles south of Lincoln. State police said George E. Allen and his family were cut off without food.

An attempt to airlift them to safety was planned today. The paralyzing storm, packing wind gusts up to 90 miles per hour, was hardest felt in northern and central Maine where snow depths of 39 to 44 inches were recorded.

The surprise blizzard was described as the worst of its kind in modern times. More than 2,000 persons were stranded and three storm-attributed deaths were reported.

Gov. John H. Reed declared a state of emergency as every available piece of snow-fighting equipment was pressed into use.

Twelve hours after the storm was over and the sun peered through the clouds, state and local police assisted by Air Force helicopters were still searching for motorists marooned in their cars.

Sen. Robert Kerr Of Oklahoma Dies

Washington—(UP)—Sen. Robert S. Kerr, 66, one of the most influential men in Congress, died today in Doctors hospital.

The Oklahoma Democrat had been in the hospital about three weeks. His office said he entered the hospital for a virus infection and a routine physical checkup. It was later announced that he had suffered a mild heart attack.

Kerr's colleagues, both friend and foe, called the accomplished legislative warrior "the uncrowned king of the Senate." He was the man President Kennedy relied on to guide many of his legislative proposals through Congress.

Kerr was chairman of the Senate Space committee and the No. 2 Democrat on the powerful Finance committee.

Body of Missing Portland Child Found in Ditch

Portland—(UP)—The man who abused and strangled a six-year-old "beautiful" girl was sought today by detectives from four agencies.

Little Mona Rae Minyard's body was found partially unclothed in a drainage ditch by a road southeast of here Monday. The grim discovery came two days after she vanished while going to a grocery store for her mother.

Clackamas County Coroner Douglas Pratt said the child had been raped. He said she was strangled to death.

One suspect agreed to submit to a lie detector test. Detectives combed the scene where the body was found for clues. Other detectives questioned possible suspects or persons who might furnish leads. The suspects included known morals offenders who might have been in the area where the child vanished.

The blonde, blue-eyed child was described by neighbors as "very beautiful." Her mother said Mona was a good child, and fearful of strangers.

The mother, Mrs. Joyce M. Lane, 27, was placed under sedation before the girl's body was found.

The father, Robert Gene Minyard, 30, of Sandy, separated from the mother, took part in an unsuccessful search Sunday and then identified the body when it was found.

Mona left home late Saturday morning to stop at the home of a friend and then go to the store. Investigation indicated the child never reached the home of her friend.

Among leads under investigation was a report of a blue and white station wagon spotted by a deputy with a man and small girl inside.

Searchers failed Sunday to find any trace of the child in the Southeast Portland area.

The body was found Monday afternoon by two men, Harry Emerson of Clackamas and Norman Morton of Portland. It was lying face down in a drainage ditch beside Sieben Lane east of Camp Withycombe in Clackamas county. The road is a wooded, dead-end road, serving a few scattered farmhouses, off Highway 212.

Detectives from Multnomah and Clackamas counties, the state police, and the FBI were working on the case.

Family Missing Near Happy Camp

Yreka, Calif.—(UP)—Two bodies, believed to be those of two members of the missing Floyd H. Pettit family, were reported found this morning about two-and-a-half miles west of Happy Camp.

The Siskiyou county sheriff's department said, however, that exact identity of the bodies had not yet been determined.

Yreka, Calif.—(UP)—An air search was planned today for a California attorney and his two children, missing since Sunday in the wilds south of the Oregon border near here.

Floyd H. Pettit of Auburn, Calif., and two children, ages 8 and 10, were reported missing when they failed to return from a hunting trip at Happy Camp.

A search Monday failed to turn up traces of the family. Also missing was their late model pickup truck.

Mrs. Pettit flew into the area Monday with a picture of her husband. Police also were checking hotels and motels.

Vale Man Freed In Death of Wife—Vale—(UP)—A Vale man has been freed of any connection with the death of his wife Christmas night when the car they were riding in smashed into a downtown utility pole.

A coroner's jury Monday ruled that Leo Heleniak was not guilty of any crime in connection with the death of his wife, Regina Parker Heleniak.

BARN DESTROYED—Vale—(UP)—The Vale livestock auction sales barn, office and cafe burned to the ground Monday.

Two Men Injured in Freeway Accident—Two men were in fair condition in Rogue Valley hospital today after they were injured when their car collided with a state highway department truck which was sanding a section of the Interstate 5 freeway last night, Medford police reported.

Driver of the car was Floyd Everett McClure, 42, Sweet Home, who is reported suffering from a broken arm and head lacerations. A passenger, William Ward Pattison, 24, Orleans, Calif., suffered chest injuries in the crash, according to reports.

Driver of the sanding truck was Luther Petres Gann, Central Point. McClure was cited for violation of basic rule. The collision occurred about 7:41 p.m. on the freeway overpass between Jackson and J Main sts., according to city police.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR JOHN W. SNIDER

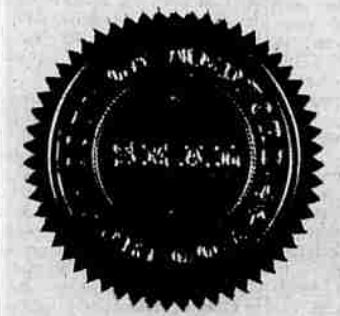


DECREE

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby decree the following:

1. All political prisoners now being held in the city jail are ordered released.
2. The poll tax is abolished.
3. Possum hunting will be permitted within the city limits.
4. Bear Creek is promoted to the rank of Barely River.

JOHN W. SNIDER Mayor



FINAL DECREE—Associates of Medford Mayor John W. Snider during his 12 years in city government can attest to his irrefragable sense of humor. He has enlivened many a tedious city council meeting with

a spontaneous joke or remark. Consistent to the end he completed his final term of office yesterday. Mayor Snider issued the above decree shortly before leaving office.

Kennedy Attends Orange Bowl Football Game

Palm Beach, Fla.—(UP)—President Kennedy flew to Miami today to watch the Orange Bowl football game between the universities of Oklahoma and Alabama.

The Chief Executive and some guests took off by helicopter from a landing area at the Palm Beach Country Club, near Kennedy's vacation home.

Kennedy made a similar trip to the Orange Bowl stadium last Saturday, to address a rally of about 40,000 Cuban exiles in honor of the Bay of Pigs invasion brigade just released from Fidel Castro's prisons.

A flip of the coin by Kennedy was to determine which team kicked off—but there were no indications Kennedy was rooting for one over the other.

The advance list of Kennedy's guests in a 14th row box on the 50-yard line included Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield; Adm. George Anderson, chief of naval operations; Rep. Dante Fascell and Rep.-elect Claude Pepper, both Democrats from the Miami area, and Grant Stockdale, former U.S. ambassador to Ireland.

Monday night, the President and Mrs. Kennedy welcomed the new year at an ultra-exclusive party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wrightman, who live several seaside villas away from the vacation White House.

Presidential house guests, including Mrs. Kennedy's brother-in-law and sister, Prince Stanislas and Lee Radziwill, were reported to have been among the socialites attending the event. Wrightman, an oil magnate and patron of the arts, is a close friend of the Kennedys.

Klamath Basin Socked in Fog—Klamath Falls—(UP)—The Klamath Basin was socked in by a dense icy fog for the second consecutive day today.

Officials said the roads were ice-covered and extremely dangerous, but by early Tuesday, only two minor accidents had been reported.

The airport was closed to traffic for an indefinite period.

Mayor Snider Ends 12 Years Service To City of Medford

John W. Snider yesterday concluded 12 years of service to the city of Medford, six as councilman and three two-year terms as mayor.

At mid-afternoon, he paid his last visit to the mayor's office in city hall. He sat down in the swivel chair behind the big curved desk and spent nearly an hour talking with a few friends about Medford and its government, to which he has devoted over a third of his life.

Medford is different. "I used to think that all small cities were pretty much the same," he said, "but that's not true. Medford is different."

Snider pointed to the city's excellent public school system, the many laurels its athletic teams have won, the number of offices its citizens hold on state boards and commissions and in various civic, professional and fraternal organizations.

He disclaimed personal credit for the accomplishments and advancements of the city during his tenure of office.

"No individual can take credit in these matters," he said. "What we have accomplished has been done by close cooperation between the eight-man city council, this office, and the city employees."

"I have a great respect for the career people in city government," he said, "they have done a great job."

Among the most important actions which have taken place during his work in city government, Snider cited the development of the park and recreation program ("A response to public need"), and the decision about the location of the Interstate 5 freeway through Medford.

"I favored the present site of the freeway," he recalled, "and I think it has been, and will be, good for our community."

Snider said he was still concerned about conditions in the core area of the city.

Minor Temblor Rattles Windows in Northwest

Seattle—(UP)—A minor earthquake shook the Pacific Northwest Monday, rattling windows from Portland, Ore., to Wenatchee, but there were no reports of damage.

Residents of the region, mindful of the quake that did widespread damage and caused several deaths on April 14, 1949, flooded newspaper, radio and police station switchboards, but the shake was a mere nudge compared to that one.

Dr. Howard Coombs, University of Washington seismologist, said the temblor registered an intensity of 4 on the

Mercalli scale of 12. "Minor but moderately strong," he said.

Coombs' equipment clocked the temblor at 12:49:46 p.m., with a range from 50 to 60 miles.

The seismograph at Mt. St. Michael's at Spokane registered the quake at 12:50:25 p.m. as "moderately strong." That reading lasted eight minutes and showed the center 225 to 230 miles distant.

Persons in Wenatchee, 90 air-miles east of here, said their windows rattled, and scattered reports also were received from Portland, where the quake was barely felt.

West Warned To Stay Out of Spat With Red China

Premier Speaks at New Year Eve Ball

Moscow—(UP)—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a half-peaceful, half-bellacose New Year's toast, warned the West today to stay out of his spat with Communist China.

The premier also said the Cuban crisis proved that the Soviet army should be given "new modern weapons." He did not elaborate, but he warned that any Western attack on the Soviet Union would trigger a retaliation causing the West's destruction "in a matter of hours—short hours."

In Expansive Mood—Khrushchev made his comments to 1,500 members of the Soviet elite and the Moscow diplomatic corps at the annual Kremlin New Year's Eve ball. He was in a gay and expansive mood and did not give the signal for the party to break up until 3:30 a.m.

Prior to the lavish banquet in modernistic Palace of Congresses and the grand ball in the St. George Hall of the Kremlin palace, Khrushchev and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent a New Year's message to President Kennedy, expressing the hope for a "great improvement in relations" during 1963.

Year of Joint Efforts—The message, one of many sent to world leaders, said the two Soviet leaders "hope it will be a year of joint efforts radically to improve the international situation in the interests of all humanity." The message wished Kennedy, his family and all Americans best wishes in the new year.

In a message to Cuba, Khrushchev and Brezhnev praised Premier Fidel Castro and pledged Russia's full support to his nation.

In his rambling toast at the ball, Khrushchev admitted there were differences in the Communist world, but he said the Communist nations will stand together if capitalists try to "bully in."

He said, "But when some capitalist tries to put his nose in our differences, then we will fight against him together."

Slick Pavement Is Blamed for Mishaps

Fog, slick pavements and excessive New Year's celebrating combined last night to produce an unusual number of vehicle accidents in the city.

Icy conditions early this morning on sections of the Interstate 5 freeway overpass through Medford were responsible for at least four crashes within about an hour, city police said.

Officers began halting traffic at both ends of the overpass around 9 o'clock this morning following a rash of accidents. Motorists were permitted to drive on through but were urged to exercise extreme caution.

Public works department crews began sanding the overpass about 9 o'clock this morning.

Three persons were injured in five separate crashes last night and early this morning, according to police. One driver was cited for failure to leave information at the scene of an accident and was lodged in county jail on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, police said.

QUITS WELFARE POST—Salem—(UP)—Dr. James Stewart, medical care division director of the Public Welfare Commission, stepped down Monday to take over today as Washington county health officer.