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Record Storm Leaves Snow Over Michigan

Up To 21 Inches Fall In Western Region

West Berliners Await Passes for Christmas Visits

Berlin (UPI)—Thousands of West Berliners waited for hours in bitter cold today to obtain passes for Christmas visits to Communist East Berlin for the first time in three years.

Arrangements to permit an estimated 300,000 West Berliners with relatives in the Communist-controlled Eastern sector to cross the Red-built anti-refugee wall for Christmas were completed Tuesday.

Each pass will be good for a one-day visit on any day from 7 a. m. to midnight, starting Thursday and ending Jan. 5.

One man, Dieter Gehrke, 31, a locksmith, said he and his wife wanted to see his wife's mother, "bringing all the food we can carry."

Dam Controversy Ended by Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate today threw in the towel in a red-hot controversy with the House over authorization of the Knowles Dam project in Western Montana.

The action came when the Senate adopted a conference report on a bill authorizing continued development in the nation's major river basins.

The bill, which now goes to President Johnson for his signature, allows work to proceed on projects throughout the country.

Many projects in 11 river basins were threatened with suspension and some were being continued through the advance of local funds.

of snow. Traverse City measured 19 inches. Holland, Mich., got another 13 inches, bringing the total on the ground to two feet.

Roads Clogged The snow clogged secondary roads, forcing schools to close in some areas. High winds fanned the flakes into deep drifts, blocking highways in some areas.

Up to five inches of snow fell in western Pennsylvania during the night, enabling Pittsburgh police to track down a burglar by following his footprints.

Bitter cold was the rule over most of the Eastern two thirds of the nation. Temperatures fell near zero as far south as Oklahoma and Alabama.

At Waynesville, Mo., a couple in a family of four died when an explosion and fire destroyed their home.

The Coast Guard searched for the pilot of a private plane that crashed into the icy waters of Lake Erie near Dunkirk, N. Y. The pilot reported carburetor icing and loss of control before the crash Tuesday night.

Tugboats Held Back Tugboat operators at Cairo, Ill., held back their boats from trips to St. Louis, Mo., when the Weather Bureau said the Mississippi River would fall to record low stages by the weekend.

Skies cleared behind the storm center and temperatures plunged to 26 degrees below zero at Havre, Mont. International Falls, Minn., Bismarck, N.D., and Aberdeen, S.D., the home of the Fischer quint, all reported 25 below.

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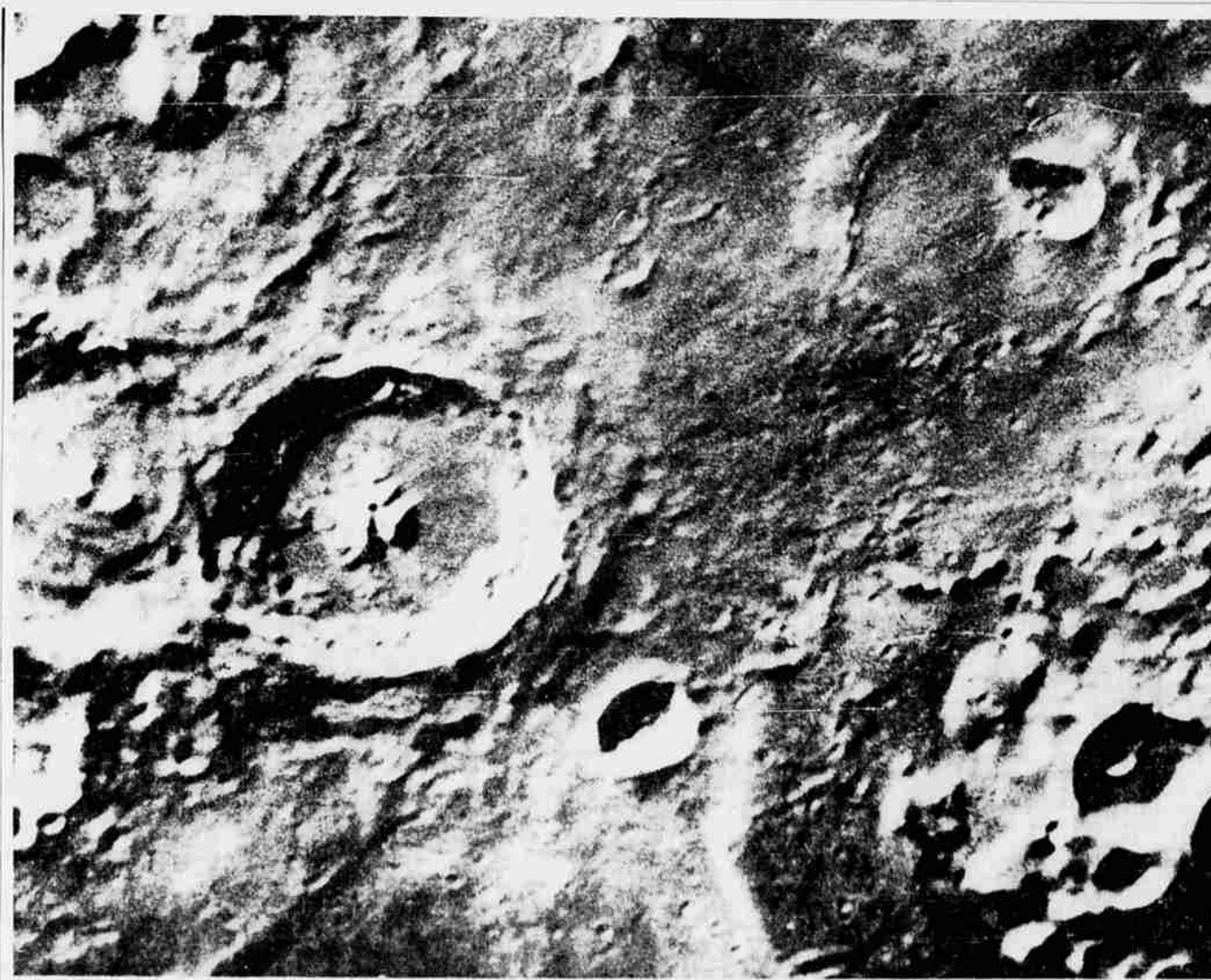
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Fire Destroys Mill Near Klamath Falls Klamath Falls (UPI)—Fire early today destroyed the Ellington Timber Company mill at Pelican City just north of here.

Firemen pumped water from Upper Klamath Lake to keep the blaze from spreading. No immediate damage estimate was given.



A LOOK AT THE MOON — This is the way the moon will look to the first astronauts when they reach 250 miles from a lunar landing. The photo, believed equal or better than any now available of the moon, was taken from about 250,000 miles by lunar-planetary scientists of the Lockheed-California Co. at the new Stony Ridge Observatory in the San Gabriel Mountains near Los Angeles.

Budget Officer for School District Is Appointed by Board

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford School District, was appointed budget officer by the board of education last night.

The appointment is the first step in preparation of a district budget for the 1964-65 school year. It also is the first year a budget officer has been appointed.

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NATO Nuclear Force Plans Set

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson has reviewed plans for a NATO nuclear navy armed with Polaris missiles and ordered full speed ahead on the controversial project, administration officials said today.

One result is that key congressmen soon will be consulted by the administration on details of the proposed "Multi-Lateral Nuclear Force" (MLF), which would consist of 25 surface vessels with a total of 200 missiles.

The legislators are to be given a progress report on negotiations with the Allies.

Arrangements already are being made for a "demonstration" ship to prove that it is practical to operate a warship with a crew drawn from several allied nations. The United States has offered one of its guided missile destroyers for this purpose.

Post Office's Big Day Was Monday, Bradford Reports

Monday was the Medford Post Office's biggest day, Al Bradford, acting postmaster, announced this morning.

The crew, which has pushed schedules up two hours beyond normal, handled 381,000 pieces of mail on the heaviest mailing day in 1962 there were 368,000 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail handled at the Medford Post Office, Bradford said.

The overall volume of mail moving through the Medford Post Office was still a little under last year, however, because it had been running 7 to 8 per cent lighter prior to Monday, Bradford explained.

The plea to patrons to mail early, particularly early in the day, was repeated by Bradford. The late in the day mailing difficulty encountered this year could probably be attributed to the fog, he added.

Not Moving Around People are just not moving around early in the day during the kind of weather Medford is experiencing. The post office is open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily but most of the mail hits the windows after 10 a. m., he said.

The fog is also upsetting the airmail schedules. No mail has moved by air out of Medford or into Medford since last Friday. The airmail is being taken to Klamath Falls by bus and loses little time on its eventual journey through this transfer as planes are operating on schedule in Klamath Falls. Airmail bound for Medford is handled in this same manner, Bradford said.

Crews began operations at the Medford post office at 4 a. m. and all carriers are out on the streets by 8 a. m. The post office will not be open Sunday, Dec. 22, but parcel post deliveries will be made. The branches in Village Variety and Grand View Market will be open Sunday.

The main post office was open from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. last Sunday but the volume of mail was not great and most of it came to the windows late in the afternoon, probably again because of the fog, Bradford assumed.

The service charge for use of the sewer will go into effect when the system officially starts operating.

36 Days of Fog in Medford Are Noted Medford today started its 36th day of fog this season starting Oct. 1, according to the Medford office of the Weather Bureau at the airport. This is one less than normal, the Weather Bureau reported.

While visibility Tuesday night and today was reported as zero at the municipal airport, the Weather Bureau includes all days when fog cuts visibility to one-quarter of a mile or less.

Committee Named To Study Number Of Charity Patients

A committee representing the County Court and Jackson County Welfare Commission will meet with the charitable subcommittee of the Jackson County Medical Society early next year to try to find the answer to the rapidly growing number of charity patients.

The committee consists of County Judge Earl M. Miller, Dr. Edward Sicksels, Medford physician and surgeon and medical advisor to the welfare commission, Welfare Commissioner Mrs. Edward Bolt, Gold Hill, and Welfare Administrator David Kuhn.

The commission, and particularly the County Court, is concerned over the low payment being made to local physicians and hospitals for welfare and other charity patients.

Dr. Sicksels told the group yesterday that many physicians do not charge anything for services rendered charity patients. Both private nursing homes and local hospitals have complained they do not receive enough money for welfare and indigent patients to meet their costs.

Miller said the current fiscal year allocation of \$50,000 for indigent relief is being used up rapidly. He estimated, considering all county funds and contributions, the county government is spending about \$400,000 for local charity this year.

The sewer lines themselves have all been checked. All that remains to be done is to complete the job of filling the lagoons and giving them final tests.

A problem of finding enough water to fill the lagoons is causing a slight delay, Mayor E. O. Graham said. It would be prohibitively expensive to use water from the city's supply, which is purchased from Medford, he explained.

Runoff water from a Medford Irrigation District canal and from Jackson Creek is being used to fill the lagoons. They hold about eight million gallons. It will require about two more days to fill the lagoons and another two days to test them for leaks.

If no problems show up by next Monday, the system will be ready for use, the mayor said.

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Move by LBJ Emphasizes Latin Affairs

President Ready To Meet 'Any' Leaders

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson announced today that he is emphasizing the role of this country's top official on Latin American affairs by making him a special White House assistant as well as assistant secretary of state.

The President, summoning reporters for his second surprise news conference in a week and a half, said the action was intended to bolster U.S. policy in this hemisphere.

U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Thomas C. Mann assumes the new posts.

Indirect Answer Johnson gave an indirect answer when asked whether he would be willing to meet with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. He said he was "ready and willing to meet with any of the world's leaders anytime there is any indication this would be fruitful and productive."

The President said flatly that he expects expenditures to rise next year over the current year's budget. He said the current budget would hit almost \$99 billion as forecast.

Asked if he could "live with" the \$3.2 billion foreign aid money bill now pending in the Senate, the President said that while he was not getting all that he would like he was sure that whatever figure Congress comes up with "will be substantial enough to advance our national interests."

Johnson, wearing a light gray suit and pacing back and forth behind his desk with his hands in his pockets, made these other points:

—He expects to fly to his Texas ranch late Sunday or sometime Monday to spend Christmas with his family. He will go hunting if he can and perhaps "spend a day in the hills communing with myself."

—The leaders of the free world and the Communist bloc must as their "No. 1 obligation learn to live together" so that the world's three billion people will be protected against nuclear holocaust.

—He has been told by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara that the just concluded NATO ministerial meeting in Paris was "a very satisfactory one."

—He does not plan any major change in the space program such as elimination of the "Rover" nuclear rocket program.

No Political Matters —He will not decide until "the time I am a nominee" the question of debating his Republican presidential challenger on television. Nor will he discuss "any political matters" for the time being.

—He told a group of farm organization leaders today that he was hopeful they could come up with proposals for a farm program which will solve problems of rural poverty as well as farmers' income for wheat and cotton.

—He is just as concerned about poverty in urban areas and still looks toward early congressional passage of a tax cut bill next year as the most hopeful step in solving the nation's economic problems.

Legal Opinion on South Talent Vote Expected Today

Whether the Jan. 24 election in the South Talent area will be on continuation of the interim zoning until its expiration date or establishment of permanent zoning must yet be determined, District Attorney Alan Holmes said this morning.

He hopes to have a legal opinion this afternoon, he said. Holmes said he did not know whether a comprehensive development plan for the area is required before an election can be held on permanent zoning. The old law did not require this. There are no case decisions on the new law, he explained.

If a comprehensive plan is required, the Jackson County Planning Commission must complete a comprehensive plan for the South Talent area before the Jan. 24 election; if not, that the election can be held on permanent zoning without such a plan.

The present interim zoning ordinance expires Nov. 1, 1964, but a number of area residents petitioned for an election on zoning before it expires.

A group of South Talent residents favoring the zoning now are working with the planning commission on possible changes in the ordinance to allow a house trailer within the zoned area. They plan to hold another meeting among themselves after the holidays, a spokesman said.

Western Powers Answer Warning

MOSCOW (UPI)—The three Western powers today delivered notes to the Soviet Foreign Office. They were reported to concern Berlin.

One source said the notes from the United States, British and French governments were in answer to a Soviet note of Nov. 21 warning about alleged violations of Russian control procedures on the access routes to Berlin.

The Allied notes were reported to be in reply to a Soviet warning that if American convoys to Berlin violate Russian control procedures, the United States would bear "the entire responsibility for possible undesirable consequences."

The Soviet note was delivered to the American Embassy and urged Washington "not to tolerate a situation when some irresponsible American officer... could spark off dangerous incidents."

Motions In Hoffa Trial To Be Heard NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—U.S. District Judge Frank Wilson will hear motions Friday in the alleged jury-tampering trial of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

Jones, who has a 23-year record of repeated violations involving carrying a concealed weapon, was booked as an ex-convict possessing a firearm. The Eisenhowers arrived here by train on the way to their winter vacation home in Palm Desert, Calif.

NEWS BRIEFS

AUTHORIZATION BILL SENT TO CONGRESS WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congress, hurrying toward a Friday holiday adjournment, sent the \$817 million river basin authorization bill to President Johnson today and began final action on its compromise \$3.3 billion foreign aid measure.

JOHNSON GETS LUMBER MARKING BILL WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House today passed and sent to President Johnson a bill that would require country-of-origin markings on lumber imported into the United States. Canada has said it hopes Johnson will veto the bill.

MENAMARA IN NARROW ESCAPE ABOARD PLANE PARIS (UPI)—A United States Air Force Boeing jet carrying Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara narrowly escaped collision with a Trans World Airlines jet at beffoged Orly Airfield today. A U.S. official said "the secretary had a close call."

WEATHER FORECAST: Valley fog tonight, otherwise, increasing cloudiness with showers Thursday. Low tonight near 32. High Thursday near 50.

Highest Yesterday 44 Lowest This Morning 32 Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:10 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:24 a.m. Moonset tonight 7:05 p.m. First Quarter Dec. 22

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES. SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. AUTO FIRE EXTINGUISHED. An automobile owned by Tony Oakley, Grants Pass, backfired through the carburetor at the Safeway Store parking lot at the Medford Shopping Center yesterday afternoon, igniting gasoline and doing damage to paint on the hood. Firemen were summoned about 3 p. m.