

900 SURVIVORS PLUCKED FROM SEA

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FIREMAN DIES IN WAREHOUSE BLAZE — Firemen are shown pouring water on a burning warehouse at Hammond, Ind., which was ripped by an explosion which killed at least one fireman and injured 15 other persons. Firemen were

pouring water on the warehouse when the explosion roared through the huge building. Windows were blown out of stores three blocks away. (UPI)

Fire, Explosions Shatter Cruiser Off Gibraltar

About 100 Feared Dead in Disaster

GIBRALTAR (UPI)—Radio reports said rescue ships today picked up about 900 survivors after fire and explosions ripped through the Greek liner Lakonia cruising with 1,036 persons aboard in the Atlantic 500 miles off the Moroccan coast.

About 100 persons were feared dead in the disaster. Three of the passengers aboard were Americans, most of the rest were Britons.

A broadcast by the coastal radio station at Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands reported this afternoon that approximately 900 survivors had been rescued from the relatively calm Atlantic waters and added that rescue operations were "practically at an end."

Planes Dispatched

The U.S. Air Force dispatched rescue planes from the Azores and Germany. An Air Force rescue spokesman at Ramstein, Germany, said one of the U.S. pilots reported sighting "about 100 bodies" in the water. He said the planes reported that all survivors appeared to have been picked up.

"Our reports from the scene described the 100 or so bodies as lifeless," the Air Force spokesman said. "They said the bodies were in life jackets."

The Canary Islands broadcast said the last person to leave the Lakonia was the Greek skipper of the luxury vessel, M. Zarbis. The ship was ablaze 500 miles off the coast of Morocco.

Sea Mercifully Calm

Many of the survivors were believed injured or suffering from exposure after hours spent in a mercifully calm sea awaiting rescue.

There was no confirmation from the British admiralty of the ship's owners of the Tenerife radio rescue report.

The 20,314-ton luxury liner was carrying 651 passengers and 385 crew members on a Christmas holiday cruise from England to the Portuguese island of Madeira when fire broke out shortly before midnight.

The flames spread so quickly that all but a relative handful of those aboard abandoned ship quickly, either by lifeboat or leaping into the water with life jackets.

Reach Survivors

Four small vessels, one of them an American freighter, were the first to reach the scene and plucked hundreds of survivors from the water.

Early reports said the rescue ships probably would head for Casablanca, on the Moroccan Atlantic coast. But the Argentine ship Salta, reported to have been headed for Funchal, Madeira, 16 hours sailing time away, and it was believed others might steam for the same port.

Senator Hits Cut Of SP Rail Service

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's public utility commissioner today was urged to enter objections before the Interstate Commerce Commission to Southern Pacific company's proposed elimination of Shasta daylight train service during the winter months.

Sen. Edward F. Bradley, D-Eugene, urged commissioner Jonel C. Hill to act "on behalf of the Oregon citizens to be affected by this arbitrary cutting of passenger service."

The railroad recently announced it wanted to eliminate its Shasta daylight passenger service between Portland and San Francisco during the winter months.

Fadeley said the railroad's request "will result in a detriment to Oregon and the Willamette Valley economically insofar as tourist and business travel is concerned, not to mention lost employment opportunities."

Fadeley charged "Southern Pacific Company just doesn't care about passenger travel and would be very happy if there was no passenger travel on its trains."

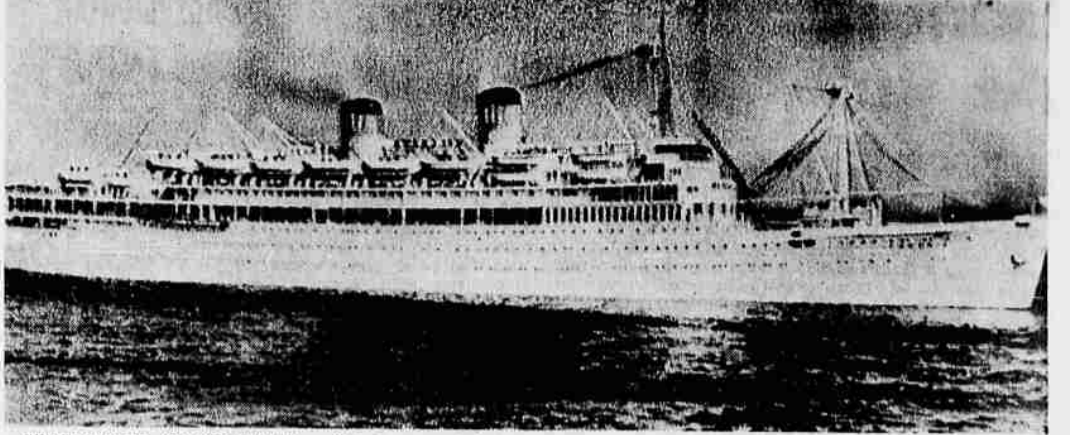
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GREEK LINER ABLAZE AT SEA — This is a recent photo of the Greek liner Lakonia which sent out an SOS late Sunday that it was ablaze and exploding. Radio reports this

morning indicated that more than 600 persons had been rescued. (UPI)

Foreign Aid Continues To Snarl Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Irate Republicans balked Democratic efforts to win an immediate House test today on a foreign aid fight that has snarled the adjournment of Congress for Christmas.

They mustered enough votes to block consideration of the measure until Tuesday.

House Democratic leaders needed a two-thirds vote of the House to waive a normal one-day waiting period before consideration of the Russian trade credit amendment involved in the \$3 billion aid appropriation.

On a roll call, they didn't quite get it.

The vote was 202 for proceeding today and 105 against it.

Leaders Confident

Congressional leaders meantime had rounded up every available member and were confident that despite a overnight snarl they had the votes to settle the aid issue on terms acceptable to the President.

Not only the foreign aid money bill but Johnson's prestige was at stake in the showdown fight. A key Democratic leader, House Whip Hale Boggs of Louisiana, confidently claimed enough strength to win the battle over the \$3 billion appropriation bill.

The rules group convened with every member on hand except Reps. Richard Bolling, D-Mo., H. Allen Smith, D-Calif., and Clarence J. Brown, R-Ohio.

Salad Oil King Gets Indictment

NEWARK, N.J. (UPI)—Salad oil king Anthony (Tino) De Angelis was indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of transporting forged warehouse receipts for \$40 million worth of edible oils across state lines.

The 18-count indictment against De Angelis, president of the bankrupt Allied Crude Vegetable Oil Refining Corp., was presented to U.S. District Court Judge Anthony T. Augelli.

It charged that the 48-year-old executive took across state lines forged warehouse receipts of American Express Warehouse Ltd., of Bayonne, N.J., in whose tanks Allied Crude's oils were stored.

The forgeries were made from Oct. 14 to 19, the indictment charged.

Books By, About Kennedy Sell Well

PORTLAND (UPI)—Book stores reported today that shelves were virtually empty of books about or by the late President John F. Kennedy.

A spokesman for J. K. Gill's said the demand was "beyond anything we've had in recent years."

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12 Oregonians Die During Weekend

Traffic Deaths Show Decrease During December

By United Press International
Twelve persons died as a result of accidents in Oregon during the pre-Christmas week end. There were 10 traffic deaths and two persons died by drowning.

The traffic fatalities brought to 28 the number of persons killed on Oregon highways so far this month, compared with 35 for the first 23 days of December last year. So far in 1963 there have been 542 persons killed in Oregon traffic, 69 more than in the same period a year ago.

Thomas Purcell, 18, Cottage Grove, was fatally injured when his sports car went off State Highway 226 four miles north of Cottage Grove Sunday.

Lyle McClure of Silverton was killed in a two-car collision on State Highway 22, about 20 miles southwest of McMinnville, Sunday.

Air Force T. Sgt. Jack Owens, 35, drowned in Agency Lake 30 miles north of Klamath Falls Sunday. He fell into the water from a small boat while hunting waterfowl. He was stationed at Kingsley Field near Klamath Falls.

Ernest Kellen, 23, Rockaway, drowned in the Trask River eight miles east of Tillamook Sunday. He fell into the water when his eight-foot boat capsized.

Three persons lost their lives in a two-car accident east of Portland Saturday. The victims were Guy Gornell, 71, Boring and his wife, Ina, and Robert Currie, 23, Portland.

Mrs. Margaret Groshanz, 78, Springfield, was struck and killed by a car in Springfield Saturday.

James Herrington, 35, Eagle Point, was killed in a two-car collision on U. S. Highway 199 five miles north of Cave Junction Saturday.

Jacob Rosenberg, 37, Astoria, died when his car plunged off State Highway 202 into the Youngs River three miles east of Astoria Saturday.

George Helm, 22, Bend, was killed when the car in which he was riding slammed into a tree on U. S. Highway 97 five miles south of Bend Saturday.

Brian Hanson, 2, Fortuna, Calif., died in a Medford hospital Friday night from injuries suffered in a one-car accident near Cave Junction Friday.

Land Sales Fraud Cases Under Study

PORTLAND (UPI)—Federal Judge John F. Kilkenny today took under advisement motions to set aside mail fraud and conspiracy convictions of three men.

The convictions were returned recently by a jury in Pendleton. The motions were filed by Richard D. Walker, 41, Los Angeles; John M. Phillips, 38, Evanston, Ill.; and Jack Cherbo, 37, Chicago. They claimed there was insufficient evidence at the trial to sustain conviction and that the court erred by allowing prejudicial and improper statements and evidence.

MILK TO BE TOPIC

SALEM (UPI)—The State Agriculture Department will propose at a hearing here Dec. 30 that all transfers of milk quotas under the market pool be reported to the department by the handler who represents the producer.

Jeannette Freeman Caused Near-Riot, Warden Discloses

By ZAN STARK
United Press International
SALEM (UPI)—A near-riot by five women prisoners erupted at the State Penitentiary Nov. 18 when condemned child slayer Jeannette June Freeman was placed in isolation after trying to drown organ music from the prison chapel by blasting her cell radio at top volume.

Warden Clarence Gladden said as a result two tables were smashed, 76 windows were shattered, bedding in several cells was filled with glass, a wash basin was torn from a cellblock wall, and mirrors, lotion bottles and other personal effects were smashed.

Passionate Letter Found
During the cleanup, prison authorities found a passionate three-page letter from Miss Freeman to another woman prisoner.

DA Preparing Zoning Resolution

The district attorney's office is preparing a resolution and order for the Jan. 24 election on permanent zoning for the South Talent area today, District Attorney Alan Holmes said this morning.

The resolution and order will be in the hands of the county court tomorrow. The court's next regular meeting is Friday.

Holmes told six representatives from the area this morning that the county court could legally delay the election until after the present interim zoning ordinance expires on Nov. 1, 1964. This might give the Jackson County Planning Commission time to complete a comprehensive area development plan.

The representatives of the South Talent Improvement Association which met with the district attorney today favor zoning, but feel permanent zoning would be useless without a development plan. They were meeting with the district attorney to see if anything could be done legally to postpone the election.

Holmes emphasized that the county court can call the election without waiting for the completion of the plan.

HEARINGS SCHEDULED

SALEM (UPI)—The public utility commission has scheduled a series of hearings on proposals by the Union Pacific Railroad and Railway Express Agency to withdraw their agents from Wasco and Grass Valley in Sherman County, it was announced today.

Johnson Ends Month's Mourning for Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI)—"Let us here on this Christmas night determine that John Kennedy did not live or die in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that we may all achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of peace on earth, good will toward all men."

With these words, spoken from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at dusk Sunday, President Johnson ended the nation's month of mourning for President Kennedy.

Flags all over the nation fly at full staff today for the first time since Kennedy was shot down in Dallas Nov. 22. The black banners that darkened the door of the White House Candles Lighted

are gone. Thousands of candles, lighted in memory of the late Chief Executive, flickered in the winter wind as Johnson evoked

memories of Kennedy and of the martyred Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address.

Lights Candle
Standing bare-headed in the cold, Johnson lighted a candle from fire carried from the eternal flame that burns over the slain President's grave across the Potomac in Arlington National Cemetery.

Johnson's talk was brief and rang with the phrases sounded at Gettysburg 100 years and one month ago.

"We have been bent in sorrow but not in abasement," he said. "We buried Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy, but we did not bury their dreams or visions."

"Thirty days and a few hours ago, John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, died a martyr's death. The world will not forget what he did here. He will live in our hearts which will be his shrine," the President said.

1 SHOPPING DAY LEFT
CHRISTMAS SEALS Fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES
CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES

Violent Explosion Occurs During Fire

HAMMOND, Ind. (UPI)—An explosion described as "something like an atomic bomb" roared through a huge burning warehouse storing anti-freeze early today. One fireman was killed and 15 persons were injured.

For a time it was feared several firemen might have been caught in the flaming debris but all were accounted for.

The firemen were pouring water on the Illiana Transit Warehouse when the pre-dawn explosion blasted the building

Foundation Gives Beekman House Picture to Court

The Jackson County Court this morning received a framed picture of the restored home of early day banker C. C. Beekman today from officials of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation.

In presenting the picture, Elliott Becken and Jack Sutton thanked the county court for its efforts in helping save the historic landmark from auction by the University of Oregon and labor and money the foundation gave for refurbishing the building.

This is the third such picture presented by the foundation. One has been sent of the Portland office of the U. S. National Bank of Portland to thank it for donating exterior paint for the building. Another went to the business office of the University of Oregon, Eugene.

Sutton, who is local coordinator for the urban renewal program for Jackson County, said the preliminary phase of the proposed study has yet to be approved by federal officials. Key to the program is rehabilitation and commercial use of the old U. S. Hotel in Jacksonville. This would be required before much progress can be made in the urban renewal program, he said.

Victims Identified

The hospitalized were identified as Paul Kochis, Robert Alexander, Fred Vahst, Robert Jens, Fred Smolen, Jack Wilson, Asst. Chief John Novulich, Michael Sanders and Fred Kocel.

The fire was brought under control about 7:30 a.m. CST. An official of the firm said the warehouse, a one-story building of steel and corrugated metal construction, contained an undetermined quantity of anti-freeze and soap. The official said he had no idea what caused the explosion or what the damage would amount to.

Observers said the warehouse was a total loss and only a shell was standing. The explosion collapsed a section about 50 yards long. The warehouse covered 60,000 square feet.

State's Teachers Get \$262 More

PORTLAND (UPI)—The average annual salary for Oregon teachers is \$262 higher than it was a year ago, the research department of the Oregon Education Association announced today.

A survey showed the state's 18,947 classroom teachers averaged \$6,281 this year, compared to \$6,019 in 1962-63.

Average salaries for administrators went up \$420 from \$8,938 to \$9,358.

The OEA also reported that school systems added 793 teachers and 44 administrators to their staffs this year. It was a 4 per cent increase over last year.

Air Force Launches Secret Satellite

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI)—A secret satellite, believed to be of the type used in numerous capsule recoveries over the Pacific, was launched Saturday by the Air Force.

As is customary, the Air Force announced only that the satellite was launched by an improved Thor-Agena booster rocket—the same employed on the Discoverer series.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Tuesday. But with night and morning patches of valley fog. Low tonight 28-33. High Tuesday 31-42.
Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest This Morning 27
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:42 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:38 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 12:57 a.m.
First Quarter today 11:55 a.m.
The waxing Moon that appears to be leading the planets, Jupiter, through the sky tonight will be totally eclipsed early next Monday morning and that Eclipse will be visible throughout North America.

Dixie Battered By Heavy Snowfall

By United Press International
A Christmas week storm pummeled the Southland today with paralyzing snows up to 14 inches deep and record cold.

The storm ranging from the Southern plains to the Atlantic seaboard on the second day of winter brought parts of Dixie some of its worst winter weather of the century.

The snow, ice and cold were blamed for at least 45 deaths in Southern states. There were 27 weather-linked traffic fatalities, 13 deaths in cold bites, and 5 deaths from miscellaneous weather-related causes. Fourteen of the weather fatalities were in Louisiana.

The storm crippled traffic in such cities as Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville in Tennessee and in Atlanta, Ga., and Jackson, Miss. Louisiana state police cautioned motorists to stay off the highways until Christmas unless driving was absolutely necessary. Arkansas closed 12 inches of snow and ranked as the heaviest in three years.

The storm headed northeast and New York City girded for a five-inch snowfall. In the nation's North, temperatures

spiraled downwards to more than 20 degrees below zero. Heavy snow warnings were issued from eastern Tennessee and Kentucky northeastward across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, southern Ohio and Indiana.

The weather man said the winds would decrease tonight and become west to southwest 25 to 35 knots Tuesday.

Rain, heavy at times, was forecast for Western Oregon.

The mercury dipped below freezing at a few points in Eastern Oregon and got down to 29 at Medford early today but temperatures generally were mild.

Gusty Winds Hit Northwest Coast

By United Press International
A gusty storm packing gale force winds struck off the Northwest coast today.

Gale warnings were flying off Oregon and whole gale warnings off Washington to south to southeast winds up to 48 knots from Astoria south and up to 58 knots to the north.

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NEWS BRIEFS
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

HEAVY GUNFIRE HEARD IN NICOSIA

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)—Heavy automatic and rifle fire crackled again today in Nicosia, where at least four persons since Saturday. There were no immediate reports of casualties since Saturday. There were no immediate reports of casualties in the latest gun battles.

SEAMEN RESCUED FROM FREIGHTER

PORT AU BASQUES, Nfld. (UPI)—Eighteen seamen from the storm-swamped French freighter Douala were rescued from two lifeboats Sunday after surviving 30 hours adrift in the icy Atlantic.

POPE EXPECTED TO STRESS PEACE

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI, directing his first Christmas message to the world today, was expected to stress peace and Christian unity as the dual goals of his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land next month.

COMMUNISTS WELCOME WEST BERLINERS

BERLIN (UPI)—Communist guards politely welcomed West Berlin Christmas visitors through the wall today but apparently used their submachine guns on an East German refugee to halt his flight West.