

# 5 UNHURT IN PLANE COLLISION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
FOR a few hours yesterday, the government of the United States operated in the black. A lot of taxpayers paid their last-quarter bills, and for a little while the till was full of money. Then an interest payment on the national debt came due—and BLOOEY! We were back in the red again.

IN case it interests you, the nation's debt amounts to the tidy sum of 259 BILLIONS, plus a few odd millions (the exact figure this morning was \$259,397,000,000).

The interest payment that same due amounted to \$496,231,000. (In case these big figures leave you woozy, as they do this writer, that is just under a half billion dollars.)

Anyway, they help us to understand why our old uncle in the strapped breeches and the goatie has to dig up a lot of money—and even then, with the bills pouring in as they are, can't stay out of the red for more than a few hours at a time.

IT will do us no harm to remember that a lot of these big bills were incurred back in the free and easy days when we were leaving everything to papa and not bothering our heads with silly details like who will pay the bills when they come due.

The great trouble with dancing gaily down the primrose path is that the time comes inevitably when the piper has to be paid.

A DEBT amounting to 259 BILLION dollars is quite a debt. Still, it isn't an impossible debt. Our Uncle Samuel is still a good man, and many a good man has been head over heels in debt! BUT HAS WORKED HIS WAY OUT.

This is the thing we mustn't forget. It takes WORK to get out of debt. You can't just laugh it off.

HERE is an interesting prediction in the news of this morning:

The scientists tell us that commercial use of atomic power will be possible in as little as five years if the government gives the go-ahead signal.

We're inclined to make the mistake of thinking of atomic power as a dreadful ogre whose sole capacity is DESTRUCTION. That isn't necessarily true. If we have sense enough to devise a way to keep everybody from using atomic power for destruction, there will be practically no limits to the benefits we can derive from it.

DEBT or no debt, quarrels or no quarrels, we are living in a fascinating world these days.

For example: Johns Hopkins University scientists announce the ACCIDENTAL discovery of a new method of radio reception by means of a piece of frozen metal about the size of a common pin.

The metal is columbium nitride made SUPERCONDUCTIVE by lowering its temperature to about 435 degrees below zero. On this tiny gadget, the Johns Hopkins researchers have been able to hear local programs clearly without the use of any power source and without tubes or antenna. They are cautious, asserting only that "perhaps in another two or three months we will be able to tell what we have." Already, however, predictions are being made that the new discovery may lead to a revolutionary new means of long-distance radio transmission and reception.

IMAGINE listening to local programs, WITHOUT power, tubes or antenna, on a jigger whose working innards depend only on a piece of frozen metal the size of a pin!

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## Bilbo Denies Drug Complicity

### Quick Coal Peace Hopes Fade Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A sharp split among soft coal operators over whether to negotiate now for a new contract with John L. Lewis dashed hopes today for a quick nation-wide peace between the industry and its miners.

Producers whose pits yield 60 per cent of the country's coal held themselves ready to deal with the United Mine Workers chief "at any convenient date," without waiting for a supreme court decision on his legal troubles arising from the November walkout.

South Breaks  
But the powerful Southern Coal Producers association, whose mines produce a third of the 600,000,000-ton annual supply, broke away from the majority with a decision to hold aloof until the courts have had their say.

Far western mine owners indicated they would go along with the southerners. The high court will hear on January 14 Lewis' appeal from \$3,510,000 in fines against himself and the United Mine Workers, imposed after the UMW chief ignored a district court order to head off the recent 17-day strike.

Differences  
Long-smoldering differences between the southern association, biggest single producing unit in the national negotiating committee, and the remainder of the industry broke into the open at a nine-hour meeting yesterday.

### Reds Reject Atom Proposal

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 20 (AP)—The United Nations atomic energy commission today approved "in principle" the United States atomic control plan after Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko announced dramatically that he was withdrawing from the discussions.

Gromyko did not leave the council chamber as he did last April during discussion of the Iranian case in the security council, but he made it clear that his silence was not a mere abstention. Despite personal appeals from Great Britain and China for his cooperation, Gromyko flatly refused to vote.

The commission already had rejected a Soviet demand that action on the U. S. atomic plan be postponed and a Polish proposal that the American plan be sent to the commission's political committee without recommendation.

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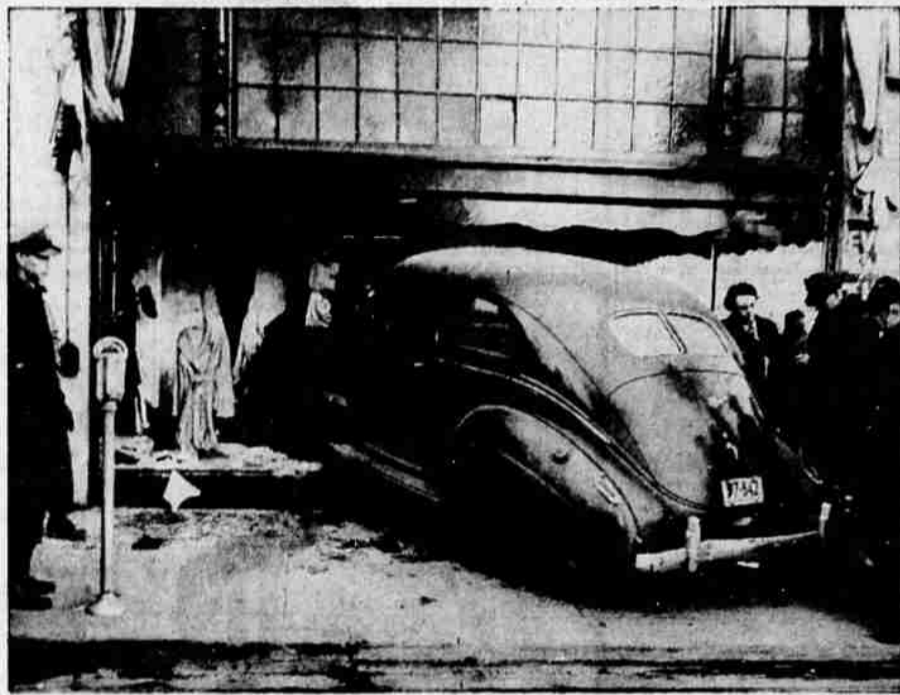
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### Christmas Show Window Takes Beating



This happened in Medford yesterday morning. The car, driven by Leonora T. Brails of Ashland, was in a collision at Central and Sixth streets in the nearby town. After the crash, it veered over the sidewalk, and right into the window of the Evans Sports shop, with the above results.

### Yule Mailing Heavy Here

Business at the post office is picking up once more after a mid-week slump in parcel mailing. This morning the lobby was crowded with last-minute mailers, standing in line carrying heaps of bundles.

According to Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins, the peak of mailing is expected to be reached Monday when the accumulated mail from Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday morning will be handled by the postoffice staff. Surprisingly enough, Hawkins said, he packages his year are coming in in very good condition, thus far there have been few if any incidents where packages have become unwrapped or mangled after being mailed.

### Boiled Beans, In Boston, Too

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Boiled beans in Boston of all places. This is what the state prison publication, "The Mentor," had to say about it:

"xxx boiled beans are an unforgivable sacrilege upon the succulent atom and a libel to the fair city of Boston whose bean fame is celebrated in every corner of this earth."

Warden Francis J. W. Langan ruefully admitted today that it was true. Prisoners have been served boiled beans instead of the traditional Boston baked beans.

### License Plate Sales Drop Off

The sale of 1947 auto licenses, heavy earlier this week, has dropped off sharply at the license bureau in the courthouse, but police officers have been instructed that 1946 licenses will be void at midnight December 31.

For the first time since early in the war Oregon is putting out two plates, front and back, for each car. The plates are aluminum color with black numerals.

Cost is \$5.25 at the bureau here, including 25 cents for a temporary sticker, but only \$5 if license applications are sent direct to the secretary of state in Salem. All plates are mailed from Salem.

### Sacred Heart Mass To Be Broadcast

For the first time, the midnight mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church will be broadcast over radio station KFLW on Tuesday, Christmas Eve. The special feature will be on the air from 11:45 p. m. to 1 a. m., with the first 15 minutes devoted to music by the church choir, directed by John O'Connor. The Rev. Father Timothy P. Casey will celebrate the mass.

## Students Give \$500 Check To Munday, Hero Of Blaze

Henry V. (Pete) Munday, who was badly burned while helping his wife and two children get out of a flaming house last Sunday morning, today received a check for \$500 from the student body of Klamath Union high school. The money was handed him by Ben Larson and Helen Eckert, student body officers.

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### Police Find Death Car

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Automobile headlights shining at the bottom of a deep canyon in the Siskiyou mountains led state police yesterday to the body of Ernest Ray Holt, 39, 19659 Des Moines way, Seattle.

Police said the body was near a wrecked automobile that apparently plunged from the Pacific highway Wednesday night a few miles south of Ashland as the man drove north. The wreck was not discovered until darkness enabled police to see the headlights.

Papers on the body identified Holt as a vice president of the AFL-United Clay Workers union, Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler, Ashland, said.

### Light Judges To Make City Tour

Suburban householders, especially, were reminded by the Junior chamber of commerce committee today that judges will make their rounds Saturday and Sunday nights in the outdoor Christmas lighting contest.

This is the first year the suburbs have been included, and all residents of the nearby areas north, west, south and east—were urged to participate. There is still time to make lighting displays, it was pointed out, and a simple display in good taste is as likely to win a prize as an elaborate one.

### Lake 'O Woods Ice Skating Good

The road to Lake O' The Woods is open, according to Ed Morse, caretaker for the Home Owners association, and can be driven without chains to east side homes.

Morse reports that the lake is frozen over and that ice skating is excellent at the present time.

The road to the west side cabins has not been opened due to a heavy crust of snow, and is impassable at the present time.

### Smith Drafts New Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), co-author of the war labor disputes act, today outlined a peacetime strike control program that would ban closed shops and provide indirectly for compulsory arbitration.

Smith sketched out details of his proposed measure during a conference with President Truman yesterday but declined to say what, if any, reaction it met at the White House.

### Admits He Took Money From Doctor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Clashing testimony about payment of \$1500 in a narcotics case held the Bilbo investigation wide open today as the stormy public hearings recessed for the Christmas holiday.

"I have nothing to hide," Senator Theodore S. Bilbo (D-Miss.) told the senate war investigating committee yesterday as he denied repeatedly any knowledge of payments reported to have been made to him by a doctor for helping get a narcotics permit for a Natchez, Miss., man.

Bilbo also offered to open his private files to investigators seeking information on the narcotics allegation, or "anything else that has come up in these hearings."

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) announced after Bilbo's testimony that the hearings were "recessed subject to call of the chair." But Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) told a reporter later that additional testimony definitely will be necessary.

"It looks like the first Monday after Christmas (December 30)," Ferguson said, adding that the final decision is up to Mead.

### Anti-Red Riot Flares In Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 20 (AP) A series of anti-communist demonstrations last night—during which mobs stoned the party's headquarters, burned a Russian flag, wrecked election billboards and beat a guardsman—followed an announcement that Brazil was withdrawing the second secretary from her Moscow embassy, at Russia's request.

Foreign Minister Raul Fernandes said yesterday that Ambassador Pometel Brandao in Moscow had agreed to release his second secretary, Joao Batista Soares de Pina, but said he believed the secretary was not responsible for a street fight in which he was reported to have been involved.

The foreign minister said he had asked for an official report on the incident and expressed fear the secretary "may have been imprisoned and mistreated."

### Merrill Holds Yule Festival

MERRILL, Dec. 20 — Santa gave over 1000 sacks of candy, nuts and other goodies to Merrill youngsters Thursday night when Merrill held its annual community Christmas party at the high school gym.

All of the organizations in Merrill cooperated to get the big Christmas tree which centered the evening's festivities. Ray Van Meter was Santa Claus.

On the program were the high school girls' glee club, directed by Mrs. George Elliott, and the second grade elementary class, directed by Mrs. Luther McAnulty.

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### Ashtland Radio Station Burns

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP) The building and equipment of radio station KWIN, operated by the Rogue Valley Broadcasting company, was completely destroyed by fire today.

The station had begun broadcasting on an 18-hour daily schedule last July. Bob Reinhold, station manager, said the fire apparently began in the control room.

### School Building Gets Green Light

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The office of temporary controls ordered its first relaxation of non-housing construction restrictions under the new housing program today, to permit building of urgently needed primary and junior high school facilities.

The civilian production administration division of OTC said the new policy will permit construction of new school buildings if present classroom facilities are insufficient to allow full instruction for a school's enrollment in one daily session.

Heretofore, CPA said, it generally approved such building only if available facilities were insufficient even when two complete sessions were held in the same school daily.

The agency said the relaxation is possible "because of increased production of construction materials."

### Tule Wreck Injures One

TULELAKE, Dec. 20—David Forrester, 42, of Tulelake, was injured early Friday morning when the car in which he was driving smashed into the rear of a vehicle driven by Horace Alcorn, 20, also of Tulelake, at the railroad crossing at Hatfield.

The Alcorn car, according to California highway patrolmen, was parked between the first and second railroad tracks waiting for a switch engine to get off the road, when Forrester came suddenly up behind and crashed into the rear of the vehicle. The Alcorn car was knocked about 100 feet down the tracks by the force of the blow, officers said.

Forrester suffered a severe gash on his forehead and five broken ribs and a possible fractured breastbone. The Klamath city ambulance called to the scene of the crash and Forrester was taken to Hillsdale hospital for treatment. Alcorn was uninjured.

Police stated that Forrester had been picked up in Tulelake earlier and given a sobriety examination. He was charged with drunken driving after the accident in a complaint signed by Gerald Willso, California state patrolman, who investigated the wreck.

Damage to each car is approximately \$600, police said. Forrester was driving a 1940 Chevrolet sedan and Alcorn was in a brand new 1946 Mercury convertible coupe.

### Ground Crews Search Plane

SEATTLE, Dec. 20 (AP) — Search parties fanned out through the rugged country south of Mount Rainier again today in the continuing hunt for a marine corps transport plane missing since December 17 with 32 aboard.

The search extended into the Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams areas. Planes from McChord field were ready to enter the quest again today if the weather cleared and navy aircraft was to photograph the region around Toledo when visibility permitted. One party was near Wilkeson, Pierce county, to check reports that the plane had been heard December 10.

Fog shrouded the hills and the use of search planes, and army, navy and coast guard officers met at the Sand Point naval air station here to plan future action. They asserted the search would be continued as long as there was hope the plane could be found.

Several feet of snow covered much of the ground in the search area.

### Experts Predict Atomic Power Within Five Years

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Commercial use of atomic energy within five years was predicted today by a group of New England experts providing the government with the "green light" to industry.

Atomic generation of electric power, they said, could be accomplished at an original cost comparable to present modern methods and eventually for much less.

These views were expressed in a report by a New England council committee headed by Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the developers of the atom bomb.

Although no atomic power plants have been built, they said, "there now seems to be no question, from the purely technical standpoint, about the possibility of generating large amounts of power from the heat liberated during the operation of atomic piles."

Many factors, they added, would affect the speed with which the atom is put to commercial use—among them government financial support for research and development, full release of technical information commensurate with security and

### Airliners Land Safely After Crash

ABERDEEN, Md., Dec. 20 (AP) Split-second reactions by two pilots were credited today with saving the lives of 85 passengers and crew members of two Miami-bound airliners which collided 2000 feet in the air near here in an accident unprecedented in American commercial air travel.

None of the passengers suffered so much as a scratch, although both planes were damaged in the collision, which occurred in clear weather shortly after dark last night.

The co-pilot of one, a big, four-engined DC-4 eastern airlines craft carrying 56 passengers, said he saw the other, a two-engined Universal Airlines C-47, approaching from the left three or four miles north of Aberdeen. He pulled his ship up at the last instant and scraped over the top of the Universal plane, eastern officials said.

Seconds Count  
The co-pilot, R. Brown, of Miami, said he had "just a second or two" in which to avert disaster. The pilot of this plane, J. B. Kuhn, also of Miami, told a reporter, "Brown saved the day."

A three-by-five-foot hole was ripped in the tail section of the larger plane, while the Universal liner, carrying 82 passengers and a crew of three on a charter flight, had a hole driven into the upper portion of the fuselage, its escape hatch wrenched free and its radio and hydraulic system knocked out of commission.

Despite the damage, Henry Morris, of Cambridge, Mass., pilot of the Universal ship, reportedly had overtaken the Aberdeen proving ground field, while the eastern plane was landed uneventfully by Kuhn before waiting crash-wagons and fire-engines at National airport, Washington, D. C.

The four-engined DC-4, cruising at about 230 miles an hour, apparently had overtaken the slower aircraft.

The Universal plane, bound for San Juan, Puerto Rico, via Miami, left Newark airport at 5:08 p. m. EST. The Eastern airliner departed at 5:13 p. m. from the same field, on a scheduled non-stop run to Miami.

Occupants of both planes, mostly vacationists and business men, reported little or any confusion at the time of their narrow escape, and most said they had been unaware of the extent of their danger. All, however, had lavish praises for crew members.

### Women Fliers Play Santa

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 20 (CP)—Two United States women fliers, en route from Seattle, Wash., to Fairbanks, Alaska, with two light planes, left here today on the next leg of their trip north. The planes are loaded with Christmas toys for the northern city.

The pilots are Colin Hunter and Virginia Hill, ex-members of the American WASPs (women's air force service pilots). They are instructors at airports near Seattle but are on leave of absence to deliver the planes to owners in Alaska.

Winter storms in the mountains delayed the fliers at Kimberley, B. C., last week but they reached Calgary Sunday. They planned 250-mile hops on the northern route and hoped to reach their destination in plenty of time for Christmas.

### Shopping Days Left

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