

# SOUTH DAKOTA SNOWED UNDER



**NEW OFFICERS** of the Oregon Tech student body are shown above. They are (l to r): Leroy Pettit, Walton, treasurer; Robert Newbill, Redmond, vice president; Lyle Read, Corvallis, president; and (seated) Phyllis Hoyez, Lakeview, secretary.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Paris:—The United Nations political committee gave the United States a vote of confidence today by rejecting Russian charges that the U.S. is supporting anti-Kremlin plotters on Soviet soil.

**Let's explain.**  
A week or so ago Moscow charged that (by our propaganda and otherwise) we are stirring up a revolt in Russia against the communist oligarchy in the Kremlin. We denied it indignantly. Now our friends in the UN back us up and tell the world that OF COURSE we aren't doing anything like that.

Well, when you come right down to it, we ARE doing it. EXACTLY what we're doing. If we weren't, we'd be saps. The communist government of Russia is foul and terrible. If we can weaken its support among Russian citizens, we may be able to save the world from a bath of blood.

What it means is that under the old standards these men were found not mentally fit to fight. Politics being politics, nobody even questioned their fitness to VOTE.

**Washington:**  
The cases of some 300,000 men—who previously failed to meet mental standards for military service—will be reopened by draft boards, starting next month. Congress lowered minimum mental standards when it revised the draft act last summer.

Philadelphia:  
A 45-year-old Camden, New Jersey man is in jail today because he tried to ROB A FEDERAL AGENT.

Washington:  
Joseph Vissarionovich Djughashvili—better known as Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, premier of the Soviet Union—became 72 years old today.

Washington:  
The Soviet press observed the day with announcements of the award of Stalin prizes for STRONGHOOD TO PEACE AMONG THE PEOPLES.

Washington:  
If that's what you really want, Joe, here's a tip:  
Disband your huge armies. Let go your iron grip on your satellite nations and give them back their independence and their freedom. Call off your secret police. Let your people think their own thoughts and speak them out loud. Break up your big "collective" farms, give your muzhiks a few acres apiece and turn 'em loose on your slave labor camps and let the slaves go free. Try BEING FRIENDS with the rest of the world instead of spending your all to CONQUER the rest of the world. You'd be surprised what a boost that would give to the cause of "peace among the peoples" if you'd

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## Crippling Weather Moves Over Much of Nation Today

**By The Associated Press**  
More crippling weather in the form of snow, rain, sleet and cold hit wide areas of the country today.

Fresh snow and cold struck the snow-covered and chilled mid-continent.

Heavy rain and winds of gale force swept over much of the Eastern states and into parts of the South.

Transportation in hundreds of cities was disrupted after nearly a week of near record snowfalls.

Severe wintry weather has hit areas from the Pacific Northwest to the Atlantic seaboard for a week—and the winter season does not start officially until tomorrow.

**Hercules To Work Tionesta**  
Tionesta, Calif., in the far western end of Modoc county, isn't the ghost town it used to be.

The Hercules Powder Co. stump crew is moving in.

Fionesta once was a booming lumber town, the second largest in Modoc county, but that was several years ago when the Shaw Lumber Co. was operating there. After the Shaw outfit moved out it was reduced to just a couple of families.

But now about 45 men, a mobile unit housed in trailers, is moving in and probably will stay all winter, according to George Bosseret, Hercules manager at the Klamath Falls plant.

The stump crew obtains material for experimental work at the company's chemical derivation plant here. It moves to Tionesta from California's Sierra valley.

**Children To Attend Party**  
Children of members of the Elks lodge are to be held Sunday afternoon with a Christmas party at the armory, starting at 2 p.m.

**Weather**  
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Cloudy today. Occasional snow flurries tonight. Partial clearing Saturday. High today 35. Low tonight 21. High Saturday 30. Low Saturday 13. High Sunday 32. Low Sunday 19.

**Kirkland Steps In As OTI Hoop Chief; O'Connell Takes Over Intramural Post**  
Skeet O'Connell steps out and Art Kirkland steps in as head basketball coach at Oregon Tech effective Monday, Oretch Director Winston Purvine told the Herald and News today.

Purvine emphasized that the shake-up took place to give more supervision to the school's vast intramural sports program.

The stormy, frigid weather of the last week has caused 249 deaths.

Chicago, with more snow this season than for a normal winter of four months, was battling a serious transportation problem. Similar situations were reported in a number of midwestern cities.

In Washington, hit by heavy snow and ice, District of Columbia commissioners banned all cars without skid chains or snow tires from operating along 150 miles of heavily traveled streets.

Two vigorous storm centers were reported by the U.S. weather bureau today, one in the vicinity of Chicago, the second near New York City.

The storms brought rain and snow over wide areas from the Mississippi valley eastward to the Atlantic coast.

Snow fell over much of the Great Lakes region and the upper Mississippi valley and in northern New England.

Rain pelleted areas to the south and east, with heavy falls in the Middle Atlantic states, and in some sections of the Atlantic seaboard.

Southwest winds of nearly 40 miles an hour, with gusts of 40 to 50, were reported in New York City.

Temperatures rose in the rain belt. In New York it was 33 early today, a climb of more than 30 degrees in 24 hours.

But there were sub-zero readings again today in the northern plains, with a low of 26 below at Bismarck, N.D., and -22 at Miles City, Mont.

The sub-zero blasts moved eastward and a cold wave was predicted for most of the north central region tonight and tomorrow.

**Woman Dies Of Exposure**  
EVELETH, Minn.—An Eveleth housewife was found dead of exposure late yesterday. 24 hours after she and her husband became lost in deep woods on a search for their Christmas tree.

The body of Mrs. Arne Maki, 42, was found in an improvised lean-to by firemen from nearby Virginia. They had taken a sled into the woods to rescue her. Maki, 40, was treated at the hospital for severe frostbite.

Dr. J. Arnold Malmsstrom, deputy St. Louis county coroner, said the couple drove their car onto a side road 40 miles north of Eveleth late Wednesday. They walked into the woods and became lost as darkness fell.

Maki started a fire against the subzero cold and set up a shelter of branches. At daylight yesterday she wanted to continue to find the way out. But Mrs. Maki said she couldn't move.

## Alies Demand POW Count

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## U.N. Planes Cut Tracks In Korea

SEATTLE, (AP)—Allied fighter planes swept across northwest Korea in misty weather today and blasted open gaping cuts in Communist rail lines.

U. S. fifth air force Shooting Stars, Thunderjets and Mustangs, and Marine Corsairs scored cuts south of the big rail centers of Sinanju and Kunu.

American Sabre jets thundered northward to their Mig hunting grounds along the Yalu river but were not challenged.

The quiet of the ground fronts was broken by two small, sharp fights in the early morning hours near the Punch Bowl on the Eastern front. Attacking Red units twice tried to probe Allied lines and were twice beaten back.

The first attack came about midnight. Forty Reds made the attack but gave it up after they had been under fire half an hour. Four hours later another bunch of Communist infantrymen tried again, and again pulled out after fighting half an hour.

Elsewhere along the freezing 145 mile front, the U. S. eighth army said in its evening communique, there was "no significant activity."

B-29 light bombers strafed, bombed and fire-bombed Communist vehicles Thursday night. Pilots reported more than 110 damaged.

Naval aviators said their bombs exploded a convoy of eight trucks in a burst of flame and smoke, towering 800 feet into the air.

## Tax Scandal Suspect Eyed

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald refused today to testify to a house committee investigating tax scandals.

Grunewald said he was acting on advice of his attorney.

"The Dutchman," a mysterious man-about-Washington, was called before a house ways and means subcommittee for questioning as to whether he knows anything about an alleged \$500,000 "tax fix" shake-down attempt.

He and his attorney, William P. Maloney, have been sparring with the committee for days over when and under what circumstances Grunewald would testify.

Maloney, a former justice department lawyer now in private practice, had insisted Grunewald should not give testimony except in a public hearing. The committee even in the face of threats of contempt action against Grunewald.

## Cold Slows Spud Hauls

Cold weather is still slowing shipments of potatoes from here, according to a spokesman here.

A heavy stream of cars has been counted out by the state department of agriculture's office so far this month.

However, yesterday's 53 cars—one of the biggest days this month—was about half the shipments which were going outbound at the end of November.

According to spud inspection figures, November 30 saw 93 cars checked out.

Meanwhile, spud prices are reported still running at an extremely favorable \$3.90 to \$4.25, with some cartoned shipments for military use reportedly higher.

## Thousands Said Left Off Red List



**LITTLE SALLY WENZ** (above), 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wenz, appears to have found her Christmas tree. She doesn't appear belligerent but we imagine she's ready to offer strong argument to any other claimant.

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—The Allies today demanded the Reds account for more than 1000 American and other missing U.N. soldiers and "an unbelievable number" of South Koreans not listed as prisoners of war.

The demand was made in a stiffly worded note. It was handed to a Red liaison officer in Panmunjom shortly after Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway appealed to Communist officials to open the gates of North Korean prison camps to the international Red Cross.

These developments came as the Allies offered to give up all islands off the North Korean coast in a move to hasten agreement on an armistice.

The Allied note demanded a complete explanation of "wide discrepancies" between the number of Allied prisoners listed by the Communists and the number the Allies assert the Reds may hold.

The note did not reject the Red list of 11,559 prisoners.

The U.N. note today said "more than 1000 of the U.N. personnel named as POW's" in earlier broadcasts by Communist radios "are missing from the roster submitted" Tuesday.

Other new names have been used since then on Red China's official Peiping radio. They were broadcast with purported Christmas greetings from Allied prisoners to the folks at home.

The official Red roster named 3196 Americans, 1219 other U.N. soldiers and 7142 South Koreans. The Allies said they hold 132,472 Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

Friday's U.N. note did not say how many of the unaccounted for 1000 were Americans.

The trace subcommittee on exchange of prisoners will meet Saturday for the first time since Tuesday. The question of what happened to the missing men undoubtedly will be the key to that session.

"It's putting the people back into the horse and buggy days," said one Pierre implement dealer.

"We're selling boxes faster than at any time since trucks became common. They move out as quick as we can unload 'em."

Stock sales pavilion operators report an unusually heavy demand for horses, largely missing from the South Dakota scene since farms and ranches were mechanized.

Despite howling snowstorms and severe temperatures for the past 16 days, no deaths attributed to the weather have been reported.

State officials say also the loss of livestock has been surprisingly low.

"X's" trapped in the snow are signals for airmen to land at remote farms and ranches for emergency errands. The fliers carry food, fuel and medicine. Livestock men have also called for cottonseed cake for cattle which are unable to forage in the deepening drifts.

**Stores To Open For Night Trade**  
Most all Klamath Falls stores will be open again tonight, Friday, until 9:00 p.m. for Christmas shopping.

Merchants have been open the past three Friday evenings to accommodate big crowds. Tonight will be the final evening opening of the season.

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## Silver Moon Mystery Eyed

NEOSHO, Mo., (AP)—Who—or what—is behind the Silver Moon Mystery?

Baffled authorities, seeking the answer, acknowledge they have made little progress in solving a series of weird events at the Ozark farm community of Silver Moon near here.

Here are some of the things that have occurred:

Cattle turned out of pastures.

A harness was stolen from one barn and returned mysteriously later.

Owen Allen, 31-year-old bachelor farmer, reported he had been stripped, bound and gagged twice in three days. Friends found him tied to his bed both mornings with belling wire.

He told authorities both incidents occurred as he went to his barn to milk the cows. He said he knew of no reason for the attacks by three men who threw a gunny sack over his head, bound him and carried him into his house.

County Prosecutor George Henry says he can find no reason for the strange events.

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Hardest hit are the villages of Keyahapa, Millboro and Clearfield in Tripp county near the Nebraska border. These communities with a total population of 100, were isolated for two weeks because of blocked roads.

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**MONEY NEEDED**  
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Train service has not, however, been crippled for long periods. It was two years ago. Trains are getting through, but seldom on schedule. A Chicago and North Western passenger reached Pierre from Huron late yesterday 12 hours late for the trip of about 100 miles. It was pulled by two steam locomotives, pushed by a diesel unit.

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## Fate Of Eleven Missing In Ship Fire Unsolved

ASTORIA, (AP)—The fate of 11 persons missing in a fire which swept a ship anchored in the mouth of the Columbia river, still was not determined.

One hundred three others, including 22 passengers and 80 crew members were rescued by the coast guard shortly after flames whipped through the mid section of the Danish vessel, Erria, early yesterday.

Firemen said the fire started from sparks from a shorted electric cable, a few minutes later a hold was on fire.

Survivors said crew members ran from cabin to cabin pounding on doors and ordering passengers to lifeboat stations.

Four of the eight lifeboats were lowered, the first with women and children and the others with men. Three boats burned and one was not launched by the flames.

The coast guard station, only a mile away, rushed tug to the scene to pick up the lifeboats.

One survivor, E. L. Blythe of Portland, said "there was no panic, but most of the passengers left their luggage behind. Some of them were in night clothing and overcoats."

The 462-foot boat, bound for Liverpool via New York, was towed late yesterday out of the channel. It was listing at a 25 degree angle.

Coastguardmen who boarded the vessel briefly yesterday, said there was no sign of life in the smoking red-hot mid-ship section.

The missing were believed trapped there or drowned.

John Ray, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Ray of Vancouver, B. C., said he and a number of others were trapped in the ship's lounge by the flames.

The adults shoved him through a port hole but were unable to climb through themselves. He said he saw two of the men's hair catch fire.

The boy was one of two persons injured. He suffered a heel injury. A crew member was knocked unconscious in a fall. Both were released from the hospital after treatment.

The remaining survivors were housed temporarily at the John Jacob Astor hotel. The Red Cross provided clothing and food.

The replacement value of the ship was set at \$3,000,000 by George J. Gmelch, traffic manager for the East Asiatic line. He said, however, that there would be some salvage even if the ship had to be scrapped.

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Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediation service director, ended his efforts to negotiate a settlement.

He told reporters he was sending the case to the White House as hopeless—leaving it up to the president to decide on the next step to try to avert a threatened New Year's Day strike in the vital steel industry.

Mr. Truman apparently has two sources to take.

One is to invoke the Taft-Hartley act, with its provisions for an 80-day court injunction prohibiting a walkout.

This, however, would probably shelve the unsettled steel dispute until March, with the possibility that John L. Lewis may be threatening a nationwide coal strike then.

His second course would be to refer the steel crisis to the wage stabilization board for a recommended settlement.

However, it was considered highly unlikely the board could complete its process before CIO President Philip Murray's Jan. 1 strike deadline.

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