

CALIFORNIA FACES NEW STORM

Portland Police Trace Clues In Child Kidnaping

PORTLAND (AP) — Police tried to find the father of a kidnaped 3-year-old girl Friday, meanwhile pursuing all other clues that might lead to the missing tot.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Whose the news? (The BIG military news, that is.) Watch Indochina — where Mao (Stalin's dog) is massing big armies just over the border in red China. Watch Korea where for nearly seven months we've been negotiating hopefully for a truce to end a war we can't win.

Then—
WATCH THE FAR NORTHERN TIP OF JAPAN — where Russian troops are squatting on adjacent islands in the Kuriles (some of them only 3 1/2 miles from Japanese soil). Just the other day we had to yank our First Cavalry division out of Korea and send it to northern Japan to FACE these Russian troops.

What's the pattern? What's the purpose? Only the Kremlin knows. But if you'll get out your map (or, preferably, your globe) you can make a pattern of your own. It will look something like this: A large part of our present ground force is already tied down in Korea (we won't dare to move it, truce or no truce.) We have one division already tied down in far northern Japan. Suppose the communists strike in Indochina? That will probably tie down MORE of our forces. Suppose they should then strike in Malaya? That will tie down STILL MORE of our strength.

Already we have large forces tied down in Western Europe.

If I were Stalin, it would tickle me almost pink if I could get armed forces of the United States scattered so widely over all the world that they wouldn't be strong enough ANYWHERE to meet an attack in force.

Then—
After you've made this pattern—Half close your eyes and take an appraising look at it. Here is what you will see: Our strength will be scattered around the whole perimeter of a circle that covers half the earth.

STALIN'S STRENGTH WILL BE CONCENTRATED AT THE AXIS OF THE CIRCLE.
He will be able to strike from the center toward any point on the rim. We will have to RUN AROUND THE RIM to meet him. It will be the old military tactic of short inner lines versus long outer lines. We got a taste of that situation in World War I and again in World War II—in both of which Germany was on the inside looking out, and we were on the outside looking in. To be sure, we licked Germany both times, but because of her favorable inner lines position it took longer and cost more.

Stalin already has this favored inner lines position. He is maneuvering, I'd say, to get us scattered all around the outer lines.

There is SOMETHING NEW in war. It came into the world on Hiroshima Day. It is the atom bomb. The atom bomb, plus the long-range bomber to carry it, changes a lot of the old patterns. Our ace in the hole is to move FROM ALL AROUND THE RIM with big bombers and destroy Stalin IN THE MIDDLE with atom bombs.

That is OUR SIDE of the military story.

Ponder this thought:
The decision to move in on Russia (the spider in the center of the web) will be probably the cruelest decision ever taken since the world began. We mustn't move too soon. We mustn't move too late. We must move, if and when we move, AT EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME.

That decision will be too serious to be made by the Pentagon alone. It will be a political decision, as well as a military decision. If and when it is made, it will be made BY THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CLOSE ADVISERS.

Between now and midnight of the first Tuesday after the first Monday of next November, we will choose and elect our NEXT PRESIDENT. Our next President, if it may be, will have to make the fateful decision as to when and how to use The Bomb.

I have just one word to add: As our next President, let's have the best man it is humanly possible to get and let's have back of him the best congress it is humanly possible to get.

Water Dragon Is On Gloomy Side
HONG KONG (AP) — China's New Year — The year of the Water Dragon—begins at midnight Saturday.

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...And It's Been Like This For 56 Days!



IT SO HAPPENS THAT KLAMATH FALLS has had snow on the ground steadily now for 56 days (since Dec. 1) and there's still a heckuva lot of it, as these pictures show. The upper shot is of the city's snow dump, where the stuff, dredged off the streets, is piled. Center picture is of the LeTourneau Tournapull rented from Ned Putnam to assist in the street clearing work. Lower left, Donna Colahan, aged 5, constructs a snowman in her yard at 1003 Upham. And the lower right picture shows how well the city's "shovel off your sidewalks" law is being obeyed on a downtown street.

Strong Winds, Rain Forecast In North Area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The second in a chain of three Pacific storms is scheduled to hit Northern California Friday. The third is due Saturday.

The Weather Bureau said the storms will bring strong winds, rain and, above 3,000 feet, snow. Fourteen inches of snow fell Thursday at Donner Summit in the High Sierra raising the total pack to 20 1/2 inches.

The Red Cross declared Reno and Washoe County, Nevada, a disaster area as the result of last week's blizzard.

This action was taken so Red Cross National Headquarters could reimburse the local chapter for some of the \$4,000 it spent in feeding and housing persons who were stranded there last week.

Rail and highway traffic over the Sierra to Reno still was limited. The main highway routes were closed—U.S. 40 at Colfax and U.S. 50 at Kyburz. The Feather River Canyon Highway 24, was open to Quincy.

Through traffic was crossing between the Sierra and Reno via Red Bluff and Susanville.

Between Susanville and Reno cars were being conveyed and there was no assurance the road could be kept open.

Chains were required on U.S. routes 99, 97, and 109 over the Sierran Mountains in Oregon.

Rail lines were barred. Southern Pacific canceled plans to send its City of San Francisco and overland across the Donner Summit route.

The SP said the westbound overland jet, Ogden, Thursday night and will arrive in Oakland Friday, making it the first through train to travel across Donner since snow closed the line 12 days ago.

Western Pacific passenger trains were operating in the Feather River Canyon.

The weather bureau at Sacramento said there was little immediate danger of flooding by major rivers.

Creeks and streams were on the rise all over Northern and Central California, particularly in the valley area around Merced and Fresno.

A few families were forced to move to high ground.

Rainfall in the past 24 hours has been very heavy in some places. Oroville, in Butte county, reported 2 1/2 inches. Fresno had 1.75, Salinas 1.45, Red Bluff 1.33 and Santa Barbara 1.09.

San Francisco, drenched by the heaviest downpours since way back in the '80s, already has nearly 23 inches, with the normal rainy season scarcely half over. Normal rainfall for the year is around 22 inches.

San Luis Obispo reported 2.70 inches in Thursday's rainstorm.

In the Sierra, snow was packed higher than it has been in many years. Soda Springs has more than 200 inches.

As the storm moved across the Sierra, scattered reports of damage came in. Homes and buildings were wrecked in the Lake Tahoe area, collapsing under heavy snow. A theater and several homes were smashed at Meeks Bay.

Just north of San Francisco, on the Sausalito later, to Golden Gate Bridge a small landslide partly closed the highway. The Northwestern Pacific overnight passenger train to Eureka was derailed three hours by a slide north of San Rafael.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby emerged from a stormy two hours and 40 minute session of the Prisoner Exchange subcommittee to tell newsmen: "We caught hell."

There was no progress, but Nuckols said "at least the communists began today to talk about specifics rather than broad generalities."

Both subcommittees agreed to meet again at 11 a.m. Saturday or 6 p.m. PST Friday in Pannunjon.

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Confessed Murderer Faces Life

Roy Plant pleaded guilty in Circuit Court yesterday afternoon to a charge of second degree murder, and faces a life prison sentence.

Earlier the 42-year-old railroad man had admitted slaying his divorced wife, Lucila Gertrude Plant, at their Esplanade Court apartment last Saturday night.

The slaying was not discovered until Plant called police Wednesday afternoon.

Judge David R. Vandenberg said he would pass sentence Saturday, 10 a.m. A life sentence is mandatory.

Plant, still outwardly calm as he was when he related the details of the woman's death to officers Wednesday night, appeared in Circuit Court, waived grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty. He declined legal counsel, saying: "It wouldn't do any good, now."

Mrs. Plant was stabbed through the heart, and Plant said he used a hunting knife he grabbed up during a violent argument at the apartment. The argument, he said, was over money matters and bills they owed, and Mrs. Plant threatened to leave him again.

He said she had left him on several occasions for varying lengths of time, and twice sued for divorce. She received a divorce decree Dec. 12, but had returned to him earlier this month. They had not remarried.

Mrs. Plant's body is at Wan's Funeral Home. Her son, Alvin Himes, arrived here last night from St. Helens.

British Clash With Egyptians

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — British troops with tank support battled Egyptian police for six hours in Ismailia Friday.

British officials reported 42 Egyptian police and the British soldiers killed in the bloodiest fighting yet in the Suez Canal Zone.

The British counted 58 Egyptians and 13 British soldiers hurt in the battle, which the British initiated to disarm Egyptian auxiliary police.

The British claimed the police were fighting them instead of keeping order.

An embittered Egyptian Cabinet was called into emergency session, and a consideration of breaking off diplomatic relations with the British.

Aussies Faint As Heat Gains

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — More than a dozen people collapsed in Sydney Friday as the city's temperature soared 23.7 degrees in five hours to a ten-year record high of 105.1 early in the afternoon.

The furnace like heat prevented people from seeking refuge at harbor and ocean beaches because the sand was too hot to stand on.

In the rest of New South Wales, where temperatures were even higher, fierce bush fires have destroyed at least 14 homes.

In the central western village of Trida the temperature Thursday reached 124 degrees, only 3.5 degrees below Australia's record at Cloncurry in 1889.

In Victoria, which also has been sweltering in a more than week-old heat wave, the Melbourne temperature reached 110 degrees.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Intermittent snow or rain through tomorrow. Low tonight 25, high tomorrow 38. Low last night 25, High yesterday 35. Precip Jan. 24 .11. Precip since Oct. 1 10.28. Same period last year 10.19. Normal for period 6.25.

U.N. Pleads Dropping Of Air Issue

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Allied truce negotiators suggested Friday that the thorny question of airfield construction be set aside temporarily and staff officers start work immediately on other details of policying a Korean armistice.

Chinese Maj. Gen. Hsieh Fang promised to study the proposal and reply later. He did not say when.

"Basically, this is another effort of the U.N. Command to achieve a realistic armistice as rapidly as possible," said Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, Allied spokesman.

The issue of whether the Communists have the right to build and repair military airfields in North Korea during an armistice has deadlocked truce supervision negotiations since Jan. 9.

Friday Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner asked the Reds to choose one of three possible courses of action:

Continue subcommittee discussions while staff officers start work on points already agreed upon in principle.

Call a temporary recess until the staff officers complete their work.

Turn over the airfield issue to the staff officers for discussion after they agree on other points.

"We are willing to accept your recommendations as to which of the alternative actions the subdelegates should pursue," Turner said. "We submit this course of action in a sincere desire to make progress in these negotiations and bring them to a successful conclusion in a minimum amount of time."

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Snow vs. Ice On Sidewalks Causes Split In Opinion; Chief Says "Clean 'Em!"

By WALLACE MYERS
The city of Klamath Falls right now probably has more law breakers per capita than any municipality since Sodom and Gomorrah.

These many criminals are persons who are breaking the law by failing to clear the snow from their sidewalks.

Wednesday, City Police Chief Orville Hamilton and City Atty. Henry Perkins called attention to a city ordinance requiring snow to be removed from all sidewalks within 24 hours after falling.

The chief said the city was a mass of danger spots and he might order some arrests; the city attorney said persons who suffered injuries because of uncleared walks could sue responsible persons. Both these viewpoints were duly reported in the Herald and News.

We haven't had a minute's peace since. The Korean war, potato price ceilings, taxes and Bubble Dancer Lily St. Cyr's courtroom performances have all taken a back seat in the news gallery. There hasn't been anything like it since the last armada of Flying Saucers sailed over our village.

Hobo Admits Nine Slayings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A 28-year-old bearded hobo, lounging in his county jail cell on a vagrancy charge, calmly wrote a confession that he killed nine men in two and a half years.

Then Lloyd Gomez told surprised officers Thursday, "I'm getting tired of living this way. I'm getting weak. I guess."

Gomez gave robbery as the motive but said his total loot was less than \$65.

Undersheriff Harry Knoll said the accuracy of Gomez' descriptions left little doubt that he was telling the truth.

Authorities last fall undertook a statewide search for a man they suspected of from seven to 12 transient slayings in hobo jungles.

MISTAKE
PENDLETON (AP) — The Pendleton Jaycee distinguished service award banquet Jan. 14 went into the red, Chairman Norman Gorfkle told Jaycee members.

"However, it wasn't through any fault of our own," Gorfkle said. "When we went to pay the bills we found the caterer was charging more per meal than the price of the banquet tickets."

By phone and by foot, we've had a steady and sizzling stream of steamed-up citizens. Comments may be roughly catalogued as Appearances or Appearances.

There's an argument here; to paraphrase an author of many best-sellers, "To clear the snow or not to clear the snow, that is the question."

One section says the law should be rigidly enforced, that the snow should be removed from the walks.

Their opponents say some snow should be left on the walks, that it's safer to walk on snow than on ice. (They claim that in many places where the snow has been removed a thin and treacherous film of ice remains on the walks.)

Both sides have liars. Some attribute their lameness to skidding on ice, others to pulled muscles suffered wading through knee-deep snow.

Police Chief Hamilton is having no truck with either faction. After all, the chief has an oath to live or to die.

He solemnly swore to enforce the laws when he took office. And the law says the snow must be removed from the sidewalks. Next question, please.