

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Food for thought: According to the U.S. (federal) Office of Education, the United States of America ALREADY needs 225,000 new public school classrooms to relieve over-crowding. It estimates the capital cost of these new facilities at \$10,700,000,000 (ten BILLION, seven hundred million dollars.)

So much for the present. Now for a look at the future.

The U.S. (federal) Office of Education says that a grand total of 600,000 new classrooms at a cost of 18 BILLION dollars, will be needed by 1960.

The year 1960 is only eight years off.

If you're anything like me, you get hazy when somebody begins to pile billions one on top of another. Like a child building a tottery tower with its new Christmas building blocks.

Let's get more specific. Every time government spends a billion dollars, it takes about seven dollars OUT OF YOUR POCKET.

On that basis, to build the public school classrooms we need now would cost you personally about \$10. If you're the breadwinner for a family of four, it would cost you around \$260.

So much for the present. By 1960, it will cost you about \$125 personally to catch up on our new classroom needs. Or, if you're still the breadwinner in 1960 for a family of four, it will cost you a little over \$500.

We all believe in schools. So, I suppose, we'll shrug our shoulders and say if it has to be, it has to be. Besides, in these days, a little matter of 70 bucks here or 125 bucks there from now isn't such a much. It merely means doing without say a suit of clothes and maybe a good pair of shoes.

But wait. We're talking here only of the capital cost of building new facilities. Let's dig a little deeper.

The National Tax Foundation, a private, non-profit research organization, tells us the FEDERAL tax load now amounts to \$431 for every man, woman and child in the United States. When state and local taxes are added, the per capita tax burden amounts to \$514 per year.

This \$70 per person needed RIGHT NOW for new public school classrooms and the \$156 per person that will be needed by 1960 will have to be piled on top of the \$514 per person we're already piling up for taxes.

That puts a somewhat different face on it.

Let's add some more figures. In the past two years, the Tax Foundation says, federal per capita taxes have GONE UP 59 per cent. State tax receipts have gone up about 25 per cent and local tax receipts have gone up 18 per cent. So, you see, we have to assume that by 1960 total per capita taxes will be quite a little more than \$514 per person.

Here's how I'm driving at: As of now, we're using our school plants some eight or nine hours per day, FIVE DAYS per week and NINE MONTHS per year. A factory run on that basis would go broke in short order. Private business finds that it has to use its CAPITAL PLANT throughout, at least most of the 24 hours as is humanly possible.

I'm wondering if we aren't going to have to use our public school plant more hours out of the day, more days out of the week and more months out of the year than we've been doing in the past.

I know that idea isn't popular. But, after all, facts are facts and dollars are dollars. With the burden of taxation rising fantastically, I can't help wondering if we're going to be able to go on at all using the capital plant of our public school system as INCOMPLETELY as we've been doing in the past.

**Japs to Study Alaska Timber**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Japanese technicians will spend a month in Southeast Alaska to look into possibilities of timber development in the Tongass National Forest, an embassy spokesman said Tuesday.

Masao Sawaki, second secretary of the Japanese embassy here, told a newsmen that if the survey proves satisfactory, it is hoped construction of a sawmill by Japanese interests can get under way this summer.

Ira Mason, chief of the Forest Service's timber management division, indicated he believed this estimate was too optimistic.

## U.N. Troops Recapture Hill Posts

By GEORGE A. MEARTHUR  
SEOUL (AP) — Counterattacking Allied troops today regained frozen equipment near Chosin on the Western Front. The posts were captured by a reinforced Chinese Communist company last night.

An Eighth Army briefing officer said about 30 Communists were killed and 100 wounded in the vicious Red attack by about 25 men. Allied defenders withdrew after an hour of fighting but stormed back with reinforcements to recapture the positions.

Ally air activity was hampered by heavy clouds over most of North Korea. Marine and Air Force planes hit Communist positions near the West and West-Central Fronts, but results were unobserved.

**SNOW**  
Snow, rain and sleet fell along the front today. Temperatures ranged from 6 to 13 degrees above zero.

The Reds hurled five minor attacks on the Kumhwa Ridge area of the Central Front last night but the remainder of the 155-mile battle front was relatively quiet.

Allied troops best back about 40 Chinese who attacked Pinpoint, key height on Sniper Ridge near Kumhwa, in a 10-minute battle late yesterday.

The Communists hurried other light attacks on the south slope of Jane Russell Knob of Triangle Hill and on Rocky Point, jutting east of Sniper Ridge. Allies repulsed both jabs.

**BIG GUNS**  
Communist big guns continued a steady bombardment of the Western Front. The Eighth Army estimated the Reds fired nearly 5,000 rounds in the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Allied warplanes, flying through heavy clouds and snow in some areas, concentrated on Communist front-line positions yesterday.

The Far East Air Force said 11 B29 Superfort bombers from Okinawa last night dumped 110 tons of explosives on a Chinese Communist military headquarters at Taegam, near the North Korean capital Pyongyang.

Crewmen reported the 95-acre installation, including more than 100 buildings, was destroyed by explosions and a huge fire.

**Allyes Send Goods to Reds**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman reported to Congress Tuesday that Great Britain, France and Italy have shipped \$2,500,000 worth of strategic materials behind the Iron Curtain but he is nevertheless ordering U. S. economic and military aid continued to the three countries.

Truman acted under a 1951 law which requires that U. S. aid be cut off to any country shipping strategic materials to the Soviet Union unless the President decides it would be in the interest of American security to continue it.

Truman said in letters to the chairman of Congressional committees concerned with the problem that the United States will continue to supply strategic materials to Britain, France and Italy have sent to the Soviet bloc were contracted for before the law went into effect.

All three countries have committed to send additional strategic materials to Soviet bloc countries, as have Denmark and Western Germany, the President said, adding:

"I further shipments of this kind take place. The United States government will examine such cases on their merits and determine the appropriate action in the light of all the circumstances."

Truman said Britain, France and Italy are making vital contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and that to discontinue American aid would strike a severe blow at the Mutual Security program.

**Sports Bulletin**  
RECORD  
MIAMI Fla. (AP) — Jackie Tony Desjardis tied the all time world riding record in the fourth race at Tropical Park Tuesday when he topped home his 25th winner of the year.

**Scientists Study 'Hen Talk'**  
By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE  
AP Science Reporter  
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chickens talk, in a cluck-and-squawk code of remarkable meanings, two scientists reported today.

"Hawk coming," "Dog or danger around," "The baby chick says an equivalent of, 'Hey, mom, I'm lost,' and the hen can say, 'Come here,' or 'Dinner's ready.'"

The study of chickens' language even suggests a scientific method of chicken stealing-of which more in a moment.

The sound signals of chickens were analyzed by Dr. Nicholas Collas, zoologist now at Cornell University, and Prof. Martin Jons of the University of Wisconsin, in research at Wisconsin.

The chicken "talk" was recorded by an electronic machine, the spectrograph, which translates sounds into wavy lines on paper. The lines give an objective record of the frequencies and intensity.

Prof. Jons made the recordings and Dr. Collas made the interpretations, described today to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

# The News and Views

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HEAD TABLE at the Bob Thompson testimonial dinner here last night offered this lineup (l to r): Mayor Diamond Flynn, Medford, Mrs. Robert (Kathleen) Thompson, Mayor Thompson, Vern Owens, Mrs. Owens, Buzz Larkin, Lou Serruys and Mrs. Larkin.

## Bridges Loses 200 Attend Dinner For Retiring Mayor Thompson

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Harry Bridges, longshore labor leader, and two co-defendants Tuesday again were denied a rehearing of an appeal of their 1950 conviction on perjury-conspiracy charges.

In refusing the rehearing for the second time, the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals said the Bridges' case was no different from any other case.

Bridges was convicted of lying that he was not a Communist when he obtained his U. S. citizenship in 1945.

Henry Schmidt and John R. Robertson, Bridges' union aides, were convicted of conspiracy in aiding him.

Attorneys for Bridges, a native of Australia, notified the circuit court last November they would carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

## Stephens Wins Service Award

E. Layton Stephens, manager of the U. S. Reclamation Bureau's Klamath Project, has been honored with the Interior Department's highest honor, its Distinguished Service Award.

In selecting Stephens for the award this year, Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman said it was "in recognition of a lifetime of service devoted to the concepts of federal reclamation, characterized by outstanding contributions to the development and utilization of the resources of the Klamath Basin."

Chapman continued with this background of Stephens: "In 1929, at the age of 15, Mr. Stephens worked for a month with the Bureau of Reclamation as a teamster on the construction of Clear Lake Dam. He returned to

long debated. With an assist from Red Bussman, Semon presented the mayor with a lantern, hockey stick and large rubber ball for use on the golf course.

Mayor Flynn, of Medford, got off the slickest trick of the evening when he with touching seriousness presented Thompson with a big diamond. Thompson was apparently flabbergasted at the apparent value of the gift until he finally realized it was little more than a large chunk of glass.

Dr. C. J. Cox pointed out that Thompson would no longer have City Council meetings on Monday evening and gave the mayor a certificate of appreciation signed by many of the persons attending the dinner.

Ex-mayor Johnny Houston led several songs with Frank Tucker at the piano. A parody on Jimmie Bells, written by Bob West, featured six "soloists" who were Mess, Lois Serruys, Bill Spangler, Miley Ramsby, Lillian Hill and Diamond Flynn.

The mayor's wife, Kathleen, wowed the crowd with several stories about Thompson. She said she might have consented for her husband to seek reelection if her life as the mayor's wife hadn't been so uneventful.

"The only time I was ever asked to do anything," she said, "was when they invited me to pour at the opening of the city-county rest rooms."

TOKYO (AP) — Behind-the-lines troops in Korea will need two additional points for rotation home after Jan. 1.

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It added that rotation requirements after January would depend upon replacements.

"The decision to retain the rotation criteria at 36 (points) for Zone A (front line) is in line with the previously announced policy of giving primary consideration to troops in the forward combat zone who are daily exposed to the greatest dangers and hardships," the statement added.

## Ike Plugs For Europe Army

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Powers, Europe (AP) — President Eisenhower said Tuesday he is more convinced than ever that Western Europe must quickly build up its defenses.

"My often expressed views on this matter are not only unchanged but reinforced," Eisenhower said in a New Year's message to Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander in Europe.

Eisenhower, who served as the first supreme Allied commander in Europe, said he could see no alternative to a quick buildup.

Eisenhower also told Ridgway "we can hope that this year will mark decisive progress toward essential goals."

The statement appeared to back up Ridgway's own demands for increasing right now Western Europe's "dangerously inadequate" defenses.

At the North Atlantic Council meeting here two weeks ago, Allied ministers cut in half Ridgway's 1953 budget for building airbases and other military installations in Europe. Ridgway criticized the action severely.

The brood hen clucks as she walks, summoning her chicks to follow her, Dr. Collas said. She gives about two clucks per second. When the hen discovers food, she clucks rapidly, about four clucks a second, to call her chicks to join the feast.

At night, when she roosts, she gives a purring sound, lasting about 1 1/2 seconds, to bring all chicks under her wing.

If a hawk appears, chickens have an alarm scream, loud and raucous, that sends chicks running to shelter.

But if it's danger from the ground, a dog or a man, the warning is loud, repeated calls of a bit different frequency. The hen also seems to give an alerting call, low and rather brief and harsh, that makes chicks stop and freeze, Dr. Collas said. This is a rapidly pulsed call.

As tests of the meaning of the various calls, the experimenters used recording or artificial sounds that showed the same spectrograph lines as did different signal calls of real chickens.

Tapping a pencil on a wooden table or cardboard box was like the "come here" clucking call, and attracted young chicks.

And that is your tip on how to proceed with some scientific chicken-stealing.

**REDS EXECUTED**  
TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Six convicted Red agents were executed here Tuesday, bringing to 67 the number put to death since Nov. 26.

## Northwest Battered By High Winds

By The Associated Press  
High winds that whipped up Eastern seas kept the Columbia River bar at Astoria closed Tuesday while power company crews sought to restore service along the Oregon coast.

Six ships were anchored in the harbor at Astoria awaiting favorable weather to get to sea. Four others were due from Portland.

Bar pilots expressed hope that ship movements could be resumed by afternoon as winds began moderating.

The Cape Disappointment weather station reported wind in gusts up to 70 miles an hour Monday night. The Pacific Power and Light Co. said the blow knocked out the service in an area from Arch Cape north to the Columbia.

**POWER OUT**  
Edmond was without power for five hours Monday night when a tree top ripped out a line. A burned out insulator interrupted power service at Warrenton. West Coast Air Lines was unable to land one plane at Astoria Monday night because of danger from fallen power lines. Service was back on schedule Tuesday.

A 9-foot tide Monday backed waters of Elk Creek to Highway 101 at Cannon Beach and a similar occurrence was considered likely Tuesday. Heavy rains drenched the Coast. Brookings reported more than an inch of rain. Baker in Eastern Oregon had two inches of new snow.

The Weather Bureau continued storm warnings on the coast at 10 a.m. Tuesday for another 24 hours.

## Drouth Caused By Sunspots

PORTLAND (AP) — Because there haven't been as many sunspots as usual in the last three years, there is a drouth-hit region circling the world in the North Temperate zone. That is what Irving P. Krick of Denver, widely known as a rain-maker, said here Monday.

Krick explained it this way in an introductory paper presented at a great storm sweeping across the face of the sun. They cause variations in the amount of the sun's energy reaching the earth. As the sun's effect on the earth's atmosphere varies, the usual paths of the earth's air masses vary.

The Pacific Northwest where rain clouds usually come in from the ocean in the fall, this year—because of the sunspot—has clear skies in the autumn. As a result the river levels fell and there wasn't enough power generated by the region's great hydroelectric plants to meet the demand. And the cause, said Krick, was a lack of sunspots.

While the Pacific Northwest's rain clouds failed to appear, parts of Canada and California had unusually heavy rain. Krick also said the result of altered paths for the air masses. The change from the usual was apparent elsewhere, too, he said.

Krick said sunspot activity runs in cycles and it is supposed that a normal number will return and put rainfall back on its normal basis.

Krick was here to address a joint session of the Northwest Scientific Association and the Oregon Academy of Science.



E. LAYTON STEPHENS

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## 'Politics' Holds Back Jury Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Justice Department official said Tuesday that "a number" of Americans known to have been heavily involved in spying and other Communist activity in the past are still employed by the United Nations.

Roy M. Cohn, special assistant to Attorney General McGranery, also testified the Justice Department gave a clean bill of health to some "very bad" subversives on the U. N. staff.

Cohn, testifying before a House Judiciary Subcommittee, said the continued presence of David Weintraub, as director of economic stabilization and development for the U. N., is "absolutely disgraceful."

Cohn said Weintraub "holds a large and powerful position, molding world opinion. . . . Although he has admitted hiring not one, but three, four, five or more persons who have turned out to be thoroughly disloyal."

**REPORTS**  
The House subcommittee is looking into reports that the State and Justice Departments hampered a New York federal grand jury's investigation of suspected American Communists employed by the U. N.

Cohn described McGranery as a stout backer of the inquiry. He said his boss told him the situation at the U. N. was "shocking and disgraceful."

But Cohn said lesser officials of the Justice Department tried to delay the investigation and the State Department "deliberately" blasted on the record—the evidence demands it.

Cohn said the jury's report was held up last fall, over his objections, partly because of fear in Washington it might be used "as political football."

He said the decision was taken at a conference presided over by Attorney General McGranery.

Cohn said his own arguments for releasing the report in October were over-ruled at a high-level conference presided over by McGranery.

**DECISION**  
Cohn said the decision favoring delay of the report was reached by Charles Murray, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, Deputy Attorney General Ross Malone, and Myles Lane, the U. S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Cohn said someone—he couldn't remember who—brought up the suggestion that if the New York grand jury came out with its report at that time, the month before the presidential election, "it would be used as a political football and pulled apart."

The subcommittee is following up reports that the State and Justice Departments interfered with the grand jury after its hunt for U. S. citizens with Red leanings who were in the hire of the U. N.

Cohn said he told his colleagues: "We have a job to do; we can't be affected one way or another by the election."

**ELECTION**  
He said the election issue was one of several factors which caused the officials to direct Lane to try to delay the grand jury from making its report until its term expired in December.

The possibility that Secretary of State Acheson might be called as a witness arose Monday.

Rep. Keating (R-NY) told re-

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**SHOOTING HOURS**  
December 31  
Open 7:06 a.m.  
Close 3:42 p.m.

## Brodie Twin Has Surgery

CHICAGO (AP) — Rodney Dee Brodie, born a Siamese twin, Tuesday underwent the first of a series of plastic surgical procedures designed to remove him from the critical list and to start him toward a normal life.

Doctors said a large flap of scalp was placed over his brain, covering it approximately 75 per cent.

The 15-month-old boy apparently tolerated the operation "fairly well."

His condition was described as good as could be expected after the operation.

The skin flap will provide a normal, permanent covering over Rodney's brain, which was left exposed when he was separated from his Siamese twin brother in a history-making operation Dec. 17.

The skin covering is a type under which some sort of supporting structure might be inserted at a future date.

The operation lasted two hours and 15 minutes.

## Weather

**FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California:** Considerable cloudiness with snow flurries. Cooler tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 26, high tomorrow 33.  
High yesterday 34  
Low last night 28  
Precip yesterday .19  
Precip since Oct. 1 5.13  
Same period last year 8.76  
Normal for period 4.54

MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS, 2333 Wentland, was taking a turn around the block when the cameraman spotted her this morning.