

# TRUMAN CONFIRMS H-BOMB

## Ike Slates Meetings With Churchill, Lodge

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Eisenhower arranged to confer today with the new administration's ambassador-designate to the United Nations and to meet again with Prime Minister Churchill.

The scheduled session with Henry Cabot Lodge, who will be chief of this country's U. N. mission, gave Eisenhower an opportunity to discuss with the former Massachusetts senator the Korean War policy the general has been working on since he returned from the battle zone last month.

Korea and other world problems also are likely to come up for discussion at an Eisenhower meeting with Churchill late in the day.

The British Prime Minister and the President-elect met twice Monday after Churchill's arrival from England. They had no statement after their conferences then and there probably would be none today.

## Plane Missing Near Wyoming

SEATTLE (AP) — A chartered transport plane carrying 37 soldiers on the last leg of their homeward trip from the Far East vanished Wednesday over a mountainous country of Southeast Idaho or Wyoming.

The C-46 carried a crew of four. Most, if not all, of the 37 passengers were veterans of the Korean campaign, returning on hard-earned rotation.

The plane's destination was Fort Jackson, S. C., where the soldiers were to be released for return to their homes in that region.

The plane failed to arrive at Cheyenne, Wyo., for a refueling stop at 5:15 a.m. Its gasoline would have been exhausted at dawn, it left Seattle shortly before midnight.

The big twin-engine transport's last radio report was from over Malad City, Idaho. There was no indication of any trouble. Malad City, in extreme Southeast Idaho, is about 350 miles from Cheyenne.

The only faint hope was that the plane might have landed, with radio out, on one of the small and isolated emergency fields along the rugged route.

If the plane crashed, it would be the first disaster for a plane carrying rotation troops homeward after their arrival here by ship from the Far East.

There have been about a steady stream of such homeward-bound troops from 146 ships that have brought troops here from the Far East in the past two years.

It would be, however, the 11th crash of a military or military chartered plane in the Northwest states, Alaska or Korea since a tragic chain started last Nov. 7 with an Alaska crash of a C-119.

The list of victims of the series of disasters would be raised to about 340.

## Fireman Spoils Infant's Fun

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eighteen-month-old Raymond Kelley was having the time of his life until the fire truck came along and spoiled the day.

Raymond's mother, Mrs. Billie Kelley, accidentally locked herself out of the house. Raymond took over. While his mother pounded frantically and shouted for admittance, Raymond emptied the cupboards, spilled dishes, buttons, paper and food on the floor. Raymond was looking for new fields to conquer when a big guy with a tin hat and an axe confronted him.

The fireman, summoned by Mrs. Kelley, had jimmied a window.



SUB-FREEZING temperatures and a broken water tank combined to set up this hanging tower of icicles at the Ellington Lumber Co. Mill north of Klamath Falls.

# Literature and News

## Tribe Plans Reservation Law Court

By MALE SCARBROUGH

The business of working out the details of establishing and operating a court of law in the Klamath Indian reservation, to handle principally juvenile matters and misdemeanors committed by Indians or in Indian country, will be taken to Portland.

E. J. Diehl, reservation superintendent, and the top men of the tribe's executive committee are scheduled to be in Portland Jan. 20-21-22 to attend a regional Indian office policy meeting.

They will take the proposition of setting up a tribal court with them, to solicit the help of the area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which would have to pass on the setup later, anyway.

**LEGAL COURTS**

Some reservations, notably that of the Warm Springs Indians in Oregon, already operate legal courts, and the Klamaths contemplate setting up a reservation court system to more or less fill a gap between the jurisdiction assumed by local (state) courts and that assumed by the federal government.

At present, the federal government doesn't assume jurisdiction over misdemeanors committed on the reservation, and neither do the state courts. Likewise, neither assume much jurisdiction over delinquent Indian children.

Copies of a code of federal regulations (Title 25—Indians), of law and order regulations as approved by the secretary of Interior Nov. 27, 1935, and of the law and order regulations of the Warm Springs Indians are available for study and probable incorporation into a law and order ordinance the Klamaths will have to pass to get their court working.

**CODES**

They may rewrite some or many provisions of the standard codes to fit local conditions, but first there are a number of problems of jurisdiction to be worked out. Questions of whether the court will have authority over non-Indians committing crimes in Indian country, or whether it will have jurisdiction over deeded land within the reservation.

If the court is activated, the tribe doesn't anticipate building a jail, but would seek to board prisoners in other institutions.

The court would operate until law and order jurisdiction is assumed by the state.

The Tribal Council delegated authority to draw up detailed planning for the court to its executive committee, and the executive committee, meeting yesterday at Klamath Agency, further delegated the job to Diehl, Tribal President Seldon Kirk, Delford Lang and Dibbon Cook.

## Senators OK Morse Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators Wednesday unanimously approved a plan to increase the size of 10 major Senate committees by two members. It is aimed to assure GOP control of all 15 regular, standing committees.

The plan is so drafted too as to make certain that Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore.) will not have the balance of power between Republicans and Democrats on any committee.

Morse is relegated to the minority side with the Democrats insofar as committee influence goes.

Five minor committees would be reduced in size by two members. The plan was to be formally proposed to the Senate late Wednesday.

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## Nude Man Rips Wires

PORTLAND (AP) — A nude workman ripped out telephone, teletype and teletypewriter wires in the Associated Press office in the Journal Building early Wednesday.

He was booked at the city jail as a drunk. He identified himself as Sam Sven, 52, transient.

The man was seen in the office Tuesday night, but he then was clad in coveralls and was mistaken for a repairman. Early Wednesday, Marshall Watke, an editor in the adjoining United Press office, saw him sitting in a chair, nude, and called a watchman who found him asleep and called police.

All but the telephone wires were repaired by 7 a.m.

## Casualties Top 128 Thousand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 128,530 Wednesday, an increase of 292 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notification to families through last Friday reported:

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| New Total        | 20,268  |
| Killed in action | 95,771  |
| Wounded          | 12,990  |
| Missing          | 128,530 |
| Total            | 22,627  |
| Battle deaths    | 9,290   |
| Current missing  | 100,814 |
| New Total        | 1,768   |
| Army             | 1,370   |
| Navy             | 24,578  |
| Air Force        |         |
| Marine Corps     |         |

Following is a breakdown of the casualties by services:

Army 100,814  
Navy 1,768  
Air Force 1,370  
Marine Corps 24,578

In addition, the report said that high wind blew down some trees at Astoria, Coquille and other coastal points.

## Air Crash Study Shows Need For Training, Materiel Check

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Armed Services Committee will tell the Air Force to tighten its program for training and selecting transport pilots as a means of reducing air disasters. Chairman Short (R-Mo.) said today.

He told a reporter the first phase of an inquiry into recent military crashes also had shown a need for more rigid inspection of equipment.

The committee is specifically probing the cause of seven military disasters which cost 33 lives during November and December. These include aviation's worst accident which killed 86 servicemen near Seattle Dec. 20.

Two other crashes in the Far East claimed 55 lives in November, but the Air Force has not completed its investigations.

The inquiry will be continued in a public hearing Tuesday, after which the committee will make specific recommendations, Short said.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, testified yesterday that the military accident rate during 1952 reached an all-time low.

He said the Air Force buildup required the use of new and relatively untested planes, while the Air Force mission required flying in all kinds of weather and at unusually high speeds and altitudes.

Short commented, "The human factor was a big element in all of these accidents. We will recommend a better training program, and particularly the use of more care in changing pilots from one type of plane to another."

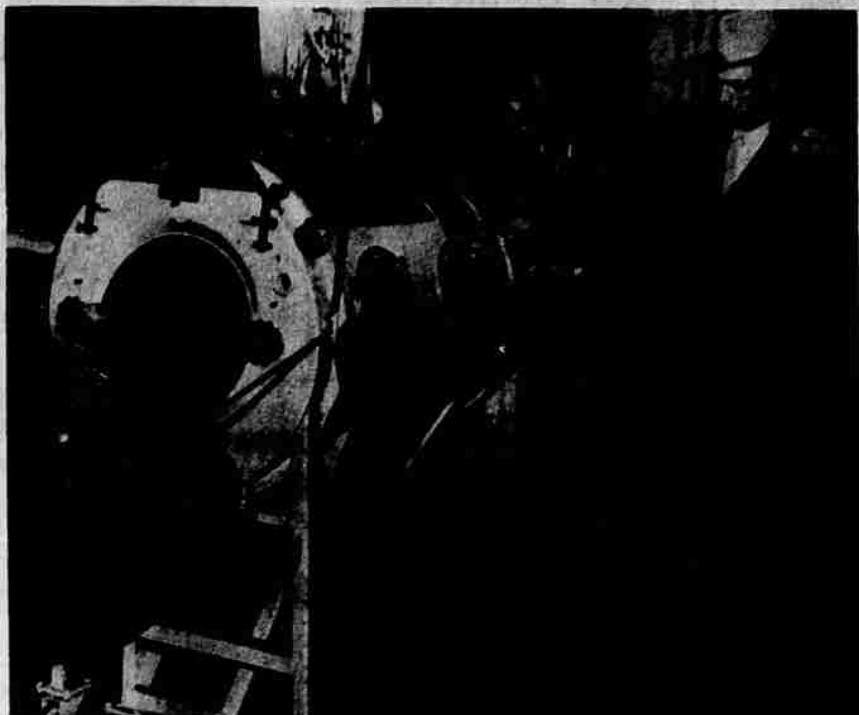
He said the Air Force should require pilots assigned to Alaska and other more difficult runs to fly for longer periods over the terrain as co-pilots before taking over the controls.

Secretary of the Air Force Finletter testified that pilot errors accounted for 51.3 per cent of major accidents in 1952, with equipment failure causing 27.4 per cent and improper maintenance, 6.5 per cent.

Maj. Gen. Victor E. Bertrandias, deputy inspector general of the Air Force, said intelligence agents and technical experts had failed to uncover any evidence of sabotage in the recent disasters.

He also denied that manufacturers were producing inferior equipment and said it all passed rigid inspections.

Short, who however, the committee would recommend the assignment of more inspectors to aircraft factories "to make sure of better equipment."



KLAMATH'S IRON LUNG is on display at the First National Bank here, purchased with funds contributed in memory of a Klamath polio victim, George B. Adler. R.C. Davis of the Emerson Company explains the working of the lung to Alice Vitus, head of the March of Dimes drive.

## Legislature May Find Present Income Enough

By WALLACE MYERS

Henry (Hank) Semon, Klamath's veteran state legislator and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, doesn't think any additional revenues will be necessary providing there aren't too many demands for additional state services.

Semon left here today for Salem to attend the legislative conference before the Legislature convenes Monday. He said he wanted to get to Salem a few days ahead of time to confer with other state leaders and save some legislative time by setting up Ways and Means office staffs and shaping sub-committee structures.

"If we can get off to a running start we may be able to end this session in about 75 days," Semon said.

Semon will be serving as Ways and Means chairman in the House for the eighth time. It will be his 22nd year in the Legislature.

Concerning expenses and revenues, Semon said:

"From all advance information I have been able to gather, it appears there will be ample funds from present revenue sources to provide for present state activities."

"But demand for additional state services may necessitate our seeking new sources of revenue. For instance, I feel certain there are some things we can do for the state as much as \$30 million, from the Department of Higher Education and other state agencies."

"If such requests are granted, it will probably mean we will have to find new revenue sources. We could possibly scrape up enough funds for some additional services but certainly nothing like such a figure as the \$30 million which has been mentioned."

As for possible sources of any new revenues which might be necessary, Semon said:

"I hope we won't need additional revenues. But that is a bridge we will have to cross when we get to it... if we do, and I hope we won't."

Semon said he believed "one of the hottest issues of the legislative session will be the liquor-by-the-drink measure."

"It may be impossible," he added, "for the Legislature to enact a bill that will be suitable to all the various interested groups. For instance, there is one element which wants the bill shaped very liberally; that is, they want to make it comparatively easy for any bar to secure a liquor-by-the-drink license."

"Another element wants a very conservative bill which will provide for relatively few liquor-by-the-drink spots but will at the same time satisfy the mandate of the voters."

"Faced by these two extremes, the Legislature must seek a middle-of-the-road bill... one neither too liberal nor too conservative."

"We face the threat of referendum action from either element if the bill leans too far away from their desires."

## Chamber Plans Highway Meet

A public meeting to study state highway problems is to be conducted by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee at the C. C. here Friday, 2 p.m.

The meeting was announced today by T. B. Walters chairman of the chamber's Highway Committee.

Edward Geary, Klamath County judge and chairman of the State Highway Commission, will be at the meeting to explain the state roads problem and answer questions from the floor.

The proposed sale of an additional \$35 million in state highway bonds will no doubt come in for a good deal of discussion. Two years ago, when the Highway Department asked for a \$75 million bond issue, the Klamath Chamber opposed the plan. The Legislature later approved a \$40 million issue and now the Highway Department is seeking approval of the remaining \$35 million.

Geary said he hoped to paint as clear a picture as possible of the highway situation as pertains to the entire state.

## Beer Thievery 'Unpardonable'

LEWES, England (AP) — To drink someone else's beer is an unforgivable sin — and deserves a punch on the nose, according to an English judge.

Nodman Hyde, 39, was charged in Lewes Court Tuesday with punching Henry Attwood in a saloon after Attwood had grabbed Hyde's glass of beer.

"You appear to have been greatly provoked," Judge Hyde said, "but you are charged with the unpardonable sin of trying to drink someone else's beer."

Then the judge erased the charge — despite Hyde's plea of guilty.



FREMONT JUNIOR HIGH was the destination of these two students this morning. They are Fred Thompson, 820 Pacific Terrace, and Dick Thompson, 1219 Eldorado.

## Claims U.S. Has Better A-Weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman confirmed Wednesday that the United States has unleashed vast new explosive power in tests aimed at producing a hydrogen bomb—and he said even the "hell bomb" may be dwarfed by more awesome atomic weapons.

Truman told the world this country's latest tests in the thermonuclear field—the scientists' way of describing hydrogen bomb research—already have put mankind into a new era of destructive power. And he added in his state of the union message:

**REASON**

"We have no reason to think that the stage we have now reached in the release of atomic energy will be the last. We are being hurried forward, in our mastery of the atom from one discovery to another, toward yet unforeseeable peaks."

Actually, Truman avoided the words "hydrogen bomb" in his brief discussion of the tests last fall at the Eisenhower proving grounds in the Pacific.

He went only a little beyond the guarded language used by the Atomic Energy Commission in announcing the tests, but his phraseology appeared to be significant.

The commission's announcement, however, is spoke only of "thermonuclear weapons research."

That statement led many scientists to conclude that a hydrogen bomb was tested. Dr. Harold C. Urey, who helped develop the original A-bomb, said for example: "It sounds like official language for a successful H-bomb."

**MESSAGE**

Truman, in his "State of the Union" message to Congress Wednesday, said:

"Recently, in the thermonuclear tests at Eniwetok, we have entered another stage in the world-shaking development of atomic energy."

From now on man moves into a new era of destructive power, capable of creating explosions of a new order of magnitude, dwarfing the monstrous clouds of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

A complete report of President Truman's State of the Union address is on the editorial page (6) of today's Herald and News.

## Congressman Plans OPS

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Calling government control programs "fraudulent," Sen. Andrew Schoepel (R-Kas.) said he would do everything in his power to see that OPS is not renewed when it expires on April 30.

Addressing 1,400 delegates to the American National Cattlemen's Association meeting, Schoepel said:

"It is my intention, in the light of existing conditions, to vigorously oppose the renewal of the section of the law concerning price controls because I believe it to be a hoax and a fraud perpetrated on the American people for vote getting purposes."

Schoepel declared that the administration promoted inflation, while "maintaining the myth" that the same inflation was being curbed by controls.

He said "the wise boys in Washington" have not learned that there are two ways to increase beef supplies: one is to increase the number of cattle — that is, to feed the animals less beef for the consumer's table," the senator said.

"They can't seem to get through their heads that when government controls are slapped on live cattle and railroads are threatened, the trade in feeder animals slacks down, live and finished weights slacken off. The feeders with no hope of profit quit business or cut their programs and the nation goes back to too many grass fed beef."

The net result (he) the loss of at least one-third of the potential beef supply of the country."

Schoepel said while retailers are charging the consumer full OPS ceiling prices on beef, "I imagine there isn't a stockman within the sound of my voice who would not be delighted to sell all his cattle at the present OPS ceiling price."

## Air Action Up In Korea War

SEOUL (AP) — American Sabre jets, flying a shield for fighter-bombers striking at the twisted North Korean air system, shot down one Communist MIG-15 and damaged two others Wednesday, the Fifth Air Force reported.

The swept-wing Sabres and Red jet fighters tangled in two running dogfights just south of the winding Yalu River boundary between North Korea and Manchuria. Eight Sabres and 11 MIGs were involved.

The fighter-bombers, including Australian Meteor jets and U. S. Marine Corsairs, ranged widely over Northwest Korea. Pilots reported cutting rail lines, in 56 places near Pyongyang, the Korean Communist capital, Chinnampo, Kangdong, Haeju, Sinchon and Sariwon.

The Navy announced in Tokyo that the U. S. Battleship Missouri returned to the Yellow Sea Tuesday and joined British warships in blasting Communist targets along the Korean West Coast.

The heaviest Chinese thrust on the ground was against Allied positions on Sniper Ridge on the Central Front.