

BRING SQUAD EXECUTES BERIA

News

FRANK JENKINS
crack of the year: ... secretary-manager ... Industrial Relations ... addressing the Klamath ... chapter of the National ... association: ... years, the Kremlin com- ... have been promoting Ber- ... SO THEY COULD ... EYE ON HIM. ... entitles them to ... the discoverers of ... also.

page note on this 24th ... December: ... stock market was mostly ... to HIGHER at the open- ... New York exchange this ... as it should be. Can you ... anything meaner than a ... stock brokers going down ... biggest stock exchange in ... on the morning before ... and BIDDING PRICES

is great joy in the world ... especially in America — on ... day of December 1953. For ... Christmas since 1949, the ... not roaring in Korea. ... the guns once stilled, may- ... KEEP them stilled.

put it this way: ... WITH HONOR is the last ... of all mankind.

is sorrow among us also ... day-before-Christmas of ... sorrow arises out of the ... 22 Americans have chosen ... in preference to re- ... the American way of life.

ful survey has been made ... backgrounds of all of them. ... some of the facts turned ... group, the 22 converts to ... mism are quite young — ... of the 22 are not old enough ... and others reached voting ... age captives. . . . As boys, ... probably were classified as ... ers, rather than leaders — ... ers who WOULD NOT AC- ... RESPONSIBILITY. . . . Few ... had held jobs. . . . Several ... had run into trouble with ... as juvenile delinquents.

shall we say it all? ... we might all better say ... "Let him who is with- ... cast the first stone."

day before Christmas is not ... its frivolous side. ... is the motorist who drove ... a gasoline station in Okla- ... which is in the grip of ... spell. He says it was so ... couldn't bear to roll down ... window, so he held up five ... attendant, blessed with the ... spirit, thought he got the ... brought out five pints of You know, is consti- ... dly dry.

ow that's a bad one, but in ... and one has to learn to take ... along with the good. . . . If ... ever reach the point ... we can't laugh at our own ... blemings and imperfections ... (even our minor wickednesses) ... be goners.

RY CHRISTMAS to all.

re Razes ... pply Base

GARY, Alta. (AP) — A flash ... damage estimated at one ... dollars swept through the ... stores building at No. ... Material Base RCAF. In ... Calgary early Thursday ... building was destroyed. ... of the fire is unknown. Se- ... guards had inspected the ... shortly before the out- ... saw nothing amiss. ... fire, which sent flames 20 ... the air, cast an eerie glow ... south part of the city. ... first discovered by mem- ... of the Canadian Pacific Air- ... (repairs) Ltd. security guard.

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Americans Cancel News Meet

Longshore Outcome Due On Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board said Thursday the outcome of a neck-and-neck longshore bargaining election would not be known until Monday, with final results hinging on disposition of 4,405 challenged ballots along 21,244 cast in the two-day balloting.

When the counting of unchal- lenged ballots ended shortly before 2 a. m., the NLRB said the independent International Longshore- men's Assn. was 1,492 votes ahead of the newly formed ILA-AFL.

The actual total vote was 9,060 for the old union, 7,568 for the ILA-AFL, 95 for neither union, 116 void and 4,405 in dispute.

FLAREUP
Inter-union rivalry flared into sporadic pitched battles along the waterfront Wednesday in Brooklyn and Staten Island, where the voting took place. Heavy police reinforcements quelled the distur- bances.

Charles T. Douds, NLRB regional director, said he did not believe either union would call a strike at midnight Thursday night, when an 80-day Taft-Hartley "cooling off" injunction expires.

STRIKE
The old ILA, ousted from the AFL for failure to rid its ranks of racketeers, staged a five-day strike last October which was halted by the Taft-Hartley injunction. The no-strike order was ex- tended later to the ILA-AFL.

Results of the election will de- termine only which union will represent New York-New Jersey long- shoremen, but some 40,000 other dockers along the East Coast have their eyes on the outcome.

Jet Pilot Dies In Crash

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — A diving jet plane carried an Air Force pilot to death near here Wednesday night as he neared Seattle for a Christmas reunion with his parents.

He was identified as 1st Lt. R. F. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kennedy of Seattle. He had been stationed at Fairfax Air Force Base in Kansas.

The T33 jet trainer blew a gaping crater in a farm field as it exploded after what appeared to be a power dive. It hit close to a roller rink and barely missed a barn. One witness said it was "like a bomb going off."

Kennedy had refueled at a California base on a cross-country flight.

Government To Buy Pacific Pears

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department announced Thursday it will shortly offer to buy an unannounced quantity of Pacific Coast winter pears.



IKE JOINS RED CROSS DRIVE — Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield (right), chairman of the Red Cross drive in Government agencies, enrolls President Eisenhower at the White House. He is pinning a Red Cross button in Ike's lapel.

Bruhaus Ends In Shooting

Crux Unzuetti, about 35, was taken to the Klamath Valley Hospital about 1 a. m. this morning suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen.

According to eye witnesses in- terrogated by the city police, an argument developed between Unzuetti and an unidentified Negro in front of the Pastime on Klamath Avenue.

Two men seated in a car parked nearby stated they heard someone say "Don't rush me," a shot followed and a man was seen running to a car parked in front of the K Cafe. He jumped in the driver's seat and took off east on Klamath Avenue at a high rate of speed with no lights.

Unzuetti was rushed to the hospital by Kaler's Ambulance Service and according to the attending physician his condition at noon today was critical.

It is believed Unzuetti is a recent arrival here, his last known address was said to be 719 1/2 King Street, Seattle. He is also reported to have lived at Lakeport, Calif.

No description of the assailant or the car was obtained by eye witnesses, according to police.

"Messiah" To Be Broadcast Here

A world-wide radio broadcast of excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," with Ronald Colman as narrator and featuring a 150-voice choir and 50-piece orchestra, will be heard as a special Christmas program Friday evening from 6 to 7 p. m. over KFLW.

NO SNOW
LONDON (AP) — Christmas Eve brought bright sunshine and mild temperatures—with some mist— to much of Western Europe Thursday. Winter sports enthusiasts growled over the lack of snow.

Post Office Draws Praise For Handling Of Big Mail

"We believe the people of your community should know of the fine job you and your employees have done handling the apparent nation- wide record-breaking volume of holiday mail," read a telegram received this morning by Postmaster Chester L. Langslet from N. R. Abrams, assistant postmaster general in Washington, D.C.

According to Langslet, the local post office is current with its deliveries and dispatching of mail.

"We will provide additional service to patrons on Christmas Day. All gift parcels arriving on Christmas Day will be delivered to the residential and suburban areas. This does not include business or rural routes," Langslet stated.

"The cooperation of the public in using the labels supplied by the Post Office Department to separate local and out-of-town letter mail facilitated the handling of this mass of mail and resulted in saving time and effort in the local office," he continued.

Although there was a 35 per cent increase in business at the Klamath Falls post office this year, the real congestion was not in the building itself, patrons reported, declaring that parking facilities are inadequate. Fear was expressed that next year, if Seventh Street becomes a one-way street as is proposed, there will be even less space available for public parking.

It has been suggested that if half of the space on each side of the post office, which is now given over to lawn, were to be paved and opened up as a 10-minute parking zone for patrons of the post office, at least another 70 automobiles could be accommodated at one time. It was pointed out that this improvement might be included in the paving project which is planned for the purpose of adding to the present loading zone.

Mail volume at the two sub-stations, Lee Hendricks Drug and Schneider Variety Store, both on South Sixth, showed more than a 25 per cent increase over anticipated business, according to Langslet.

North Santiam Highway Opened

SALEM (AP) — The North Santiam Highway was opened Thursday, having been closed Tuesday by a slide west of Big Cliff Dam.

Driving conditions were good over the state, except for a few icy spots at Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs Junction, Meacham and Seneca.

There was sanded packed snow at Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass and Austin.

Korean Trio Tells Of Mind Change

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR
PANMUNJOM (AP)—Twenty-two Americans who disowned home for communism failed to show up today for a news conference they had requested to explain their choice.

Instead, three Koreans—also converts to communism—appeared.

They said the Americans had changed their minds about talking.

The Koreans denied reports that fear instead of belief in communism was holding some of the Americans.

"Look into the matter and see," they urged Indian custodian troops.

The Americans packed for a Christmas Eve trip back to their main prison compound in the neutral zone, leaving the area where they spent the final days of Allied efforts to win them home.

The explanation period ran out Wednesday midnight (10 a. m. Wednesday, EST).

At the main barbed-wire compound, all the former Allied soldiers who have chosen communism will be reunited—22 Americans, 1 Briton, 27 Koreans. They were separated when 250 Koreans attended Allied explanations and the others balked.

The prisoners will observe Christmas with a special menu of beef, chicken, pork, fruit, wine and beer furnished by the Communists.

They also planned special athletic events Christmas afternoon.

The 22 Americans will spend the next 30 days at the main compound. They, like all other prisoners who have refused repatriation, are due to be released Jan. 22 as civilians.

However, their status at that time in the eyes of the U. S. government remained undetermined.

In Washington, the Defense Department said the Americans will remain in open service until then, but no further decision was announced.

A spokesman said open service means their pay will continue to accumulate.



CRITICALLY ILL — Francis A. Nixon, 73, (above), father of Vice President Richard Nixon is in critical condition in Phoenix, Ariz., hospital. En route to his home in Whittier, Calif., with his wife, he was taken from plane suffering from a severe stomach hemorrhage.

Nine Die In Flaming Homes

ELLINGTON, Mo. (AP) — Flames swept through two frame farm houses in southeast Missouri early Thursday, killing nine members of the two families. Eight victims of the Christmas Eve tragedies were children.

Five other persons were injured. The fires, one near Ellington and the other some 60 miles to the southeast near Poplar Bluff four hours earlier, came on the coldest day of the year for this section of Missouri. The temperature was slightly above zero.

Both were attributed by survivors to overheated wood stoves.

Six of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ester died in the fire near Ellington. The parents were seriously burned.

In the blaze nine miles east of Poplar Bluff, Mark Rogers, 34, and two of his three children perished. Three other persons were injured.

Local Man Takes Life

Ernest (Giggere) Koschnick, 51-year-old proprietor of the Town Club, ended his life early Thursday with a gun, according to Sheriff Murray Britton.

The sheriff reported that the club operator was found dead in bed at his home, 1932 Arthur, Britton said. Koschnick had placed the muzzle of a .23-caliber pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

The body was found by the victim's widow, Effie, when she went to his room shortly before 11 a. m. Thursday.

Sheriff Britton said the body was muffled in blankets which apparently deadened the sound of the shot. Koschnick was at his place of business all Wednesday evening and seemed to be in the best of spirits. He went home at 3 a. m. Thursday. He left a note to his wife which stated:

"Hope you are strong — I can't take it anymore."

Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, pronounced Koschnick a suicide victim. The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

Queen Inspects New Zealanders

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II inspected some of her royal New Zealand forces Thursday and looked over a model airplane made by a hospitalized little boy.

The Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, who holds a pilot's license, pronounced the little plane airworthy much to the delight of its 6-year-old maker, Graeme Standidge.

Graeme fell off his bicycle a few days ago, was badly hurt and faced a bleak Christmas in the hospital. The royal couple visited Auckland hospital Thursday, talked to the child and Graeme's expected ordeal turned into the biggest thrill of his life.

Henchmen Die Along With Leader

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union closed the books today on Lavrenty P. Beria. The government announced that the longtime boss of the secret police (MVD) and six of his henchmen were shot by a firing squad yesterday after a secret five-day trial. The Soviet Supreme Court found them guilty of high treason.

Beria, 54, held the Soviet Union's highest honors and had been elevated to the No. 2 Kremlin post of first deputy premier and interior minister after Joseph Stalin died nine months ago. Three months later, in June, Premier Georgi Malenkov's government arrested him and denounced him as a traitor to the state and communism.

FIRST WORD
The execution announcement today was the first disclosure that Beria's trial had been going on since Friday behind locked doors.

The hearing opened two days after the Soviet press published indictments against Beria and announced the names of the six other defendants. The papers at the same time started blasting the seven as the vilest kind of betrayers and reported that mass meetings throughout the country were unanimously calling for their deaths.

In past cases of executed traitors, the bodies have been cremated and disposed of without further announcement.

GUILT PROVEN
The eight-man tribunal, under Marshal Ivan S. Koniev, a World War II hero, passed sentence after "the guilt of all the accused was completely proved in court by the evidence and also by oral and written confessions," the government newspaper Izvestia said.

The official announcement said Beria and those who had conspired with him tried "to put the Ministry of Internal Affairs above the party and the government for the purpose of seizing power" and aimed "for restoration of capitalism."

As early as 1919 Beria "occupied the post of secret agent" in Azerbaijan, acting with groups "under the control of British intelligence organs," the announcement said. It added:

"In the following years up to his arrest, L. P. Beria continued and extended his secret connections with foreign intelligence services."

Some Stores To Be Closed

In order to give their employees the benefit of a three-day holiday, the following men's stores will be closed the day after Christmas: Don's Mens and Boys Wear, Drew's Manstore, Herrman's Mens Store, Oregon Woolen Store, Dick Reeder's Store and Rudy's.

Keith Moon has announced The Town Shop will remain closed the day following Christmas and also on Jan. 2, the day following New Year's Day.

Among appliance stores, East Side Appliance Store, Leach Service Company and Thompson's Kitchen Center stated Wednesday that their places of business would probably be closed on Dec. 26.

Commercial garages in Klamath Falls will be closed, as will Goelzer's, but most drug stores, grocery stores and other outlets will remain open on Saturday.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday except for morning fog. High Friday 45; low Thursday night 29.

High yesterday 36
Low last night 15
Precip last 24 hours 15
Since Oct. 1 5.59
Normal for period 4.15
Name period last year 4.79
A year ago is described as a "fairly good day".

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS		
Shipped Today	Name Day	Last Year
66 cars		42 cars
Total For Season		
4281 cars		4597 cars
1952-54		1952-54

SHOOTING HOURS

December 24
OPEN CLOSE
7:04 a.m. — 4:39 p.m.

December 25
OPEN CLOSE
7:04 a.m. — 4:40 p.m.

State Senator Dean Walker Passes At 64 Following 20 Years In Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — State Sen. Dean H. Walker, 64, a leader in the Oregon Legislature for 20 years, died in a Salem hospital early Thursday of a heart attack.

Walker, an Independence hop grower, was taken to the hospital last Saturday. Death came at 12:20 a. m.

He was the Legislature's outstanding authority on taxation, budget and education matters. He had served as chairman of the ways and means, taxation, and education committees, and usually wrote the Legislature's tax bills.

Walker, a handsome, silver-haired man, had a greater influence than any other legislator, especially in dealing with financial matters. He got that influence because of his wide knowledge of the problem.

He never talked much on the Senate floor, making his influence felt through his key committee posts.

In the 1933 session, he was chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, vice chairman of the Tax Committee, and a member of the Education and Rules Committees.

Columbia University. Walker remained at Oregon through 1918 as graduate manager, and then headed the university physical education department for four years. He also was dean of men for three years.

As head of the physical education department, Walker coached the Oregon basketball team to one title, and helped coach the football team that beat Pennsylvania in the Rose Bowl.

While in Eugene, he was member of the City Council and was in the furniture business.

Walker served in the field artillery in World War I, and had operated a big hop ranch at Independence since coming back from the war.

He was president of the Oregon Hop Growers, and had been a member of the United States Hop Control Board.

Walker belonged to many organizations, including the American Legion, Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Nu, and Kiwanis Club.

He leaves a widow and three children.

Defense ... ded in Death

ER (AP) — Alfred Monroe ... 70, pleaded innocent by ... of self-defense in justice ... Tuesday to a charge of sec- ... three murder.

of Peace Will Nordean ... special session of the grand ... probably will be called in ... to consider the case. ... was charged last Friday ... the murder of Walter E. Wire, ... mpter. He said Wire hit him ... in the Staley home at Sump-