

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS CALIFORNIA

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Korean peace conference which is approaching the 23rd day of January. The only condition required for a peace agreement is that the Americans come to the conference table. There can be no other condition.

That's the red side of the story. The U.S. Ambassador Dean Rusk in December, he said wouldn't meet with the reds until they retract a charge of espionage made by them against the government. They haven't retracted anything.

The question: Will the irresistible force meet the immovable body? And, if so, what will happen?

This bears on the situation: In a speech last night, U.S. Secretary Dulles said: "The United States has made a basic decision to meet any future communist aggression by relying primarily on INSTANT MASS REACTION."

President Eisenhower, commenting on the Dulles statement, says: "The only thing that is fundamental is only stating a fundamental truth."

In Washington this morning, President Eisenhower tells news- men (our fancy new name for reporters) he believes his farm program is workable and practical. As whether it is POLITICALLY FEASIBLE in this election year, says we'll find out about that.

He adds that he is convinced a program of flexible supports and price supports in times of scarcity to encourage production of low price supports in times of surplus to encourage consumption) is RIGHT.

In this statement that, regarding its POLITICAL feasibility, believes his farm program is RIGHT. President Eisenhower is a glorious company.

In 1899, when the Civil War clouds were already gathering on the horizon, Henry Clay made a speech in which AS A KENTUCKY he declared himself against slavery. A friend warned him that his speech would ruin his chances as a politician.

He answered: "Sir, I would rather be RIGHT than President."

In his second inaugural address (March 4, 1885) Abraham Lincoln said: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the RIGHT, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to reach the work we are in. . ."

If there is anything this nation needs at this moment more than any other thing, it is men who have the courage and the determination to do that which is RIGHT rather than that which is politically expedient.

Crew Okay After Crash
LARSON AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AP) — A big C-124 Globemaster II collapsed into its nose on runway landing here early Wednesday, but the nine crew members aboard got out safely through the escape hatches.

BULLETIN
NO CHANGE
SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — The NCAA football rules committee refused Wednesday to make any changes in college football's one-planet system. All proposals of liberalizing the limited substitution rule — 31 of them — were turned down by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Early story in sports section.

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Snowslides Trap Scores In Austria

By RICHARD O'REGAN
VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Thousands of rescue workers battled cold and deep snow Wednesday in hopes of finding the 74 persons listed as missing in the avalanche-stricken mountains of west Austria and Switzerland.

The two nations plus Bavaria Germany already have counted 104 dead in the vast thundering snowslides that began Monday and it was feared the toll would rise even higher.

Only minor slides that caused no damage were reported Tuesday night and colder weather brought the hope that the danger had passed. A Vienna weather official warned, however, that west Austria's average temperatures were still above normal, posing the threat of more avalanches there.

The tragic count of dead and injured from the slides that followed the winter's worst blizzards was: Austria—79 known dead, 70 missing. Switzerland—19 dead, 4 missing. Germany—6 dead.

The center of the tragedy was the 12-mile Walster Valley of west Austria, near the Swiss frontier. There, hundreds of rescue skiers from Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein worked frantically seeking the dead and injured in seven villages all but wiped out by two massive avalanches.

Reports from the devastated area said 38 persons are believed dead in the valley, 68 are missing and at least 62 have been injured. In some villages only one or two houses remained standing.

The U.S. Army loaded three big cargo helicopters with medicines, doctors and a dog team for the stricken area. The aircraft, after delivering their cargo, will fly injured out.

A Swiss helicopter already had arrived with medicines, clothing and food at the village of Ludesch, the rescue headquarters at the head of the valley.

Rescue work continued, too, in Dalaas, also in the Voralberg sector, where eight persons were still missing. A huge snowslide yesterday swept over the railroad station and a delayed train waiting at the platform there. Five persons died under the snow and 36 others, some injured, were rescued.

Elsewhere in the Voralberg and in the Ziller Valley of the Tyrol, hundreds of police continued searches in stricken villages. Countless Austrians, tourists and mountain rescue squads aided.

In Germany's Bavarian Alps, a three-day snowfall halted and no new slides were reported.

Swiss authorities said the danger of new avalanches was receding but many mountain hamlets were still isolated from the earlier scattered slides. Railway traffic was back to normal.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday, High Thursday 28; low Wednesday night 20.
High yesterday 25
Low last night 13
Precip last 24 hours .01
Since Oct. 1 6.55
Normal for period 5.30
Same period last year 6.61



NEW OFFICERS of the Klamath Falls Shrine Club got together last night to talk over plans for the coming year. Pictured here, left to right, are Jerry Thomas, secretary; Bill DePew, vice president and Mark Smith, president. Ernie Bubbs, treasurer, was not able to attend the meeting. Directors for the coming year are Willard Ward, Oliver Moon, Elmer Balsiger and Jake Renie, outgoing president.



CHARLES H. FOSTER

Foster Will Seek Office

LAKEVIEW — Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster announced today that he would be a candidate for election to succeed himself as Circuit Judge of the 14th Judicial District (Lake County) in the forthcoming primary election on May 21.

Judge Foster was appointed to the bench last July by Governor Patterson to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Hon. Chas. H. Combs. His appointive term runs through 1954.

Judge Foster is a native son of Klamath Falls and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Foster of 1871 Portland Street. He was born and raised in Klamath Falls graduating from Klamath Union High School in 1940. Since being admitted to practice law in 1949 he and his wife and two sons have made their home in Lakeview. Mrs. Foster is the former Patsy Jo Larson also of Klamath Falls and is the daughter of Maudie Larson of 1218 Pine Street.

Judge Foster at the age of 31 is the youngest Circuit Judge in the State of Oregon and one of the youngest ever appointed to the Circuit Bench of Oregon.

Falling Window Hits Pedestrian

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 45-pound steel-rimmed window plummeted 19 floors to a crowded Market street sidewalk yesterday, but only one pedestrian was hurt.

"I'm very lucky, very, very lucky," said Edward J. G. Barbara, 68, who sustained a broken shoulder when the window bounced into him from the sidewalk.

John Kort, 42-year-old window washer, said the frame snapped its hinges as he opened it.

Draft Call Asks 18,000 Men
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army Wednesday issued a draft call for 18,000 men in March.

Jet Fighter Crashes Into Homes In Long Beach; Six Die In Flaming Holocaust

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Shrouded in rain clouds, an Air Force jet fighter plane rocketed into a Signal Hill residential district late yesterday, demolishing two homes and exploded, set fire to a third home and damaged a fourth. Six persons died and four were injured, two so seriously they may not recover.

In addition, an elderly man, horrified at what he saw, suffered a heart attack and died.

The hurtling plane ripped out telephone lines and broke gas mains that erupted into geysers of flame. Blazing jet fuel cascaded over what an instant before had been a quiet neighborhood in the oil producing area, which is completely surrounded by the city of Long Beach.

The pilot, Maj. Robert A. Blair of Omaha, Neb., was among the dead. A boy perished in the street where he was playing.

"There were flames everywhere, in the houses, spread across the street and shooting from gas mains," said Mrs. Dorothy McCormick, who said she was almost knocked off a chair in her home by the blast.

The P-86 Sabre jet was one of two returning to the Long Beach Municipal Airport from Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., when they were enveloped in dense clouds. Both jets raced out to sea, then swept in under the clouds. One made it to the airport, but Maj. Blair's craft sheared off the top of a fir tree in front of a home for convalescents. This house was not damaged, but next door the home of Mrs. Shirley Roberts was demolished and she and her infant son Douglas were killed.

The plane exploded with this impact and disintegrated into a 200-foot roaring path of flame as it lashed crazily into two other homes. The jet's blazing fuel dropped onto a fourth residence and burned part of it.

The other dead were Mrs. Shirley Ledbetter, 25; Stephen Louis Shoup, 11; Mrs. Grace Miller, 63, and Ernest C. Bailey, 72, who suffered the heart attack.

The injured are Edward Ledbetter, 24, and his son, Edward Lynn, 4 months, both critically burned and not expected to survive; Mrs. Nancy King, 18, who occupied the other half of a duplex with the Ledbetters, and her daughter, Sherry Lynn King, 2½ months.

Who Said There Was A Recession?

NEW YORK (AP) — Newlywed Portia Rubirosa and Barbara Hutton are scheduled to fly to Palm Beach today in the privacy of a chartered 88-passenger Constellation.

An Eastern Airlines spokesman said yesterday that the former Dominican diplomat and his heiress wife hired the plane at a cost of \$4,500. The spokesman said the party will include Rubirosa's secretary and a domestic.

The plane will carry a regular crew of six—pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer, a steward and two stewardesses.

Deer Causes City Confusion
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A small buck deer came to the city from the hills yesterday, munched a chicken coop, freed the chickens, kicked a newspaper photographer in the face—and wound up in the zoo.

Seymour Snaer, San Francisco Examiner cameraman who accompanied police to the scene, went to a hospital with a severe lip cut. The frantic householder, Mrs. Adele Giobbia, 78, rounded up her chickens after police finally captured the deer.

By RUTH KING
TULELAKE—Deer coming down into the Lava Beds National Monument for winter feed from the high-into areas, are moving in orderly numbers according to Trevenon Wright, Alturas, assistant game manager of the California State Department of Fish and Game.

The animals appear in good flesh and are moving into plenty of browse that should see them through the winter unless snow gets extremely heavy.

Motorists traveling Highway 130, particularly at night, are amazed at the number of "eyes" along the right-of-way in the lava beds area, but as yet there is no heavy concentration of animals except in the Doublehead and Clear Lake districts, because of the mild winter. No count has as yet been made of the interstate deer herd.

Wildlife officials working out of Alturas are at present concerned with the antelope count to determine the reasons for the heavy kid loss that has been cutting down numbers in the past two or three years, Wright stated.

An aerial survey is now under way with two additional men on the staff. About one-third of the wide area in Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou counties has been covered but it is yet too early to determine the results, according to Wright.

Potential increase among antelopes is 1½ to 2 kids per doe but this has dropped to about 1 kid per female. The young die after birth.

A number of reasons, predatory animal kills, type of range, encroachment of livestock and overgrazing were all mentioned by Wright for the drop in numbers of mature animals.

Counts on deer and antelope are also being made in Oregon and Nevada.

Porterfield Reports:

Spud King Has Fine Trip East, But Finds Things Are Different In Chicago

(Editor's Note: This is the second of the reports from Kiwanis sponsored Rex Porterfield, 4-H spud king, on his trip to Washington, D. C. to meet Secretary of Agriculture Benson. This was written after Rex had left San Francisco in company with his brother and Bryant Williams.)

By REX PORTERFIELD
The telephone started ringing at 6 a.m. It seemed like we had just gone to sleep. Had a little trouble figuring out what to wear but finally decided to put on my slacks and jacket. About that time, Bryant (Williams) said, "Hurry up, boys," and then we started.

By the time we got checked out and our bags and spuds checked at the United Air Lines for Chicago, we had only 12 minutes to get breakfast; a glass of milk and one doughnut, oh yes, and some orange juice.

Trying to catch these buses is more work than chasing calves. A least you know what a calf will do. The bus driver had trouble with the motor and we thought we would have to walk on, but we didn't.

Korea Talks To Resume

PANMUNJOM (AP) — U. S. Envoy Kenneth Young said Wednesday allied and Red Liaison officers will meet Thursday in the first step toward resuming talks to set up a Korean peace conference — apparently on Red terms.

The Communists asked Monday for the low-level meeting—but only to discuss a date for reopening preliminary talks broken off Dec. 12 by the United States.

The Allies replied Tuesday with a note asking that the staff officers discuss both date and conditions for resuming the conference. The Reds answered with a new note Wednesday.

When he first announced that the officers would meet Young said they would discuss the conditions. He did not release the text of the Red note, but paraphrased it this way: "(The Reds) agree to a meeting...to agree on the date for political discussions regarding a political (peace) conference."

Portland Gets Wet Snowfall

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wet snow fell in the Portland area early Wednesday and the Weather Bureau said more could be expected at night and Thursday morning.

But other Western Oregon communities have forecasts of rain and continued cold. Occasional snow is predicted for areas east of the Cascade Mountains.

Most of the snow which fell in Portland melted almost as fast as it hit the ground but it whitened higher elevations for some time.

Nearly all Oregon weather stations recorded below-freezing temperatures Wednesday morning. Burns with 9 above zero was the coldest point. Other low readings: Bend 10, Lakeview 11, Ontario 22, Pendleton and Roseburg 24, Salem 27, Eugene 28, Portland 30 and Newport 31.

FAIR

ELMIRA, N. Y. (AP) — Police Sgt. Bernard P. De Member was invited this week to address a Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting on traffic safety. Yesterday he arrested George P. Clapp on a charge of speeding through a school zone.

Clapp, program chairman of the PTA group, was the one who had invited De Member to speak.

Rain, Snow, Hail Plaster Sunny Clime

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California was shaken by an earthquake and showered by rain, hail and snow yesterday in a spectacular combination of natural phenomena.

The quake, rated by seismologists as a major shock, jolted cities from the Mexican border to Sacramento, 500 miles north. There were no injuries, but electric wires were snapped and plaster shattered in numerous buildings.

A crack was opened on the 24th floor of the City Hall here, and an inside wall of a bank building was cracked in Bakersfield. Telephone lines were broken at Tehachapi, where 10 lives were lost in the destructive 1952 quake.

A 12-inch gas line over the Tehachapi Mountains between Taft and the Ridge Route was broken but operations were not affected.

HEAVY SHOCK
The Caltech seismograph recorded the quake for more than a minute, beginning at 3:34:08 p.m. Seismologists said it was of 5.75 to 6.25 magnitude on a scale of 10. In Berkeley, University of California seismological equipment recorded the quake for 15 minutes.

In most localities, the quake was evidenced only by swaying chandeliers and rattling crockery. The epicenter was placed by scientists as the Garlock Fault, between Tehachapi, Mojave and Fort Tejon.

The storm in southern California accompanied by thunder and lightning, brought more than half an inch of rain to Los Angeles and nearly an inch and a half at some beach communities. Snow glazed the mountains and even the foothills above Altadena and La Graciosa. Hail pelted Glendale, the Palos Verdes peninsula and other sections, and lightning caused some minor damage.

SNOW HITS
Snow on the Ridge Route north of here stalled 125 cars and closed that highway. Three snowbound families were brought in from the Ridge Route by highway patrolmen.

In mountain recreational areas, Crestline reported 10 inches of snow, Idlewild 8, Lake Arrowhead 6 and Big Bar 5.

The storm, starting Monday, was the first of 1954 and followed one of the driest years in Weather Bureau history.

Troops Clash In Indochina

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — French army headquarters reported fresh skirmishes Wednesday with Viet-minh troops around Dien Bien Phu. Fighter planes and bombers hammered at rebel concentrations there on the northern border of Laos for the 20th straight day.

French-Vietminh troops killed 11 of the Communist-led rebels in a clash five miles southwest of Dien Bien Phu, the heavily-fortified plain in the Thai country of northwestern Indochina.

French army sources have reported 12,000 troops of the Viet-minh's "Iron Division" No. 31, reinforced by a thousand men from two other divisions, pressing closer steadily to the plain in a wide encircling movement.

Chains Needed On Some Roads

SALEM (AP) — Motorists should carry chains because of packed snow at Timberline Lodge, Ochoco Summit and Brothers, the Oregon Highway Commission advised Wednesday.

The commission reported icy spots at Government Camp, Santiam Pass, Williams Pass, Chemain, By Lakeview, Meacham and Basque.

All other points reported either bare pavement or sanded snow.

Klamath Wins Donor Contest

Klamath County won the December "Bottle Buster" award issued monthly by the American Red Cross for contributing the most blood in county in the state. "Take" here was 491 pints, with Lincoln County coming in second with 401.

This county also ranked sixth in the counties of the Portland region, participating in the blood donation program in the last six months of 1953. The count is made according to goals set on county population and assigned by regional headquarters.

Klamath county collected 79 per cent of the assigned quota, which according to Virginia Dinn is a good showing because of the widely scattered population. Some counties in the state dropped far below the given quotas.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

| Shipped | Same Day |
|------------------|-----------|
| Texas | Last Year |
| 56 cars | 55 cars |
| Total For Season | |
| 5472 cars | 6115 cars |
| 1953-54 | 1952-53 |



WITH THE WORD that it was snowing in Portland this morning we couldn't resist the temptation to send the photographer out to get a picture of a nice sunny scene here in the Klamath Basin Banana Belt. So he came up with this shot of the Upper Lake looking over the Car-Ad-Co plant. (At least it was sunny then.)