

MEXICAN AIR CRASH KILLS 18

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This being another ho-hum day in the news, the teletype regales us this morning with a tale of the black taffets skirt that blew down Michigan Boulevard in Chicago yesterday in a high wind and was retrieved by a hotel doorman. The dispatch adds: "The owner was nowhere in sight."
Well, if it had been a pair of pants that blew down the Boulevard, it would have been in sight either. When a man loses his pants, his first impulse is to disappear from public view.
I suppose it works the same way with women and skirts.

That suggests a thought. Demagogues are perhaps the greatest menace to our way of life. If we could tame the winds so they'd take orders and blow the pants off every demagogue that gets up in public wouldn't it be wonderful?

Cynical second thought: It wouldn't work. The average demagogue is windier than the wildest Florida hurricane. I reckon on the only defense against demagogues is to teach people to think straight.

The other day an editorial writer for the New York Times went nostalgic and lamented the passing of the Lazy Susan. When the table was equipped with a Lazy Susan, he mourned, the meal was more leisurely. There was no nervous demand for the salt or pepper or some other condiment, followed by a dash to the kitchen to obtain the needed seasoning. For the benefit of the younger generation, it should be explained that a Lazy Susan was a revolving jigger placed in the center of the table. When you wanted salt or pepper or vinegar or a dash of grated horse radish, or even a second or third helping of the chicken gravy, you spun the thing around until the desired commodity was directly in front of you and then you helped yourself. Thus the conversation was enabled to flow on unimpeded.

The Lazy Susan lament touched off the Oregonian, and one of its stable of writers shed a scalding tear over the passing of the old-time hall tree with its abundance of pegs for coats and hats and its umbrella rack with a metal pan at the bottom to catch the drippings from wet bumbushes deposited therein.
Living in Portland, he would think of that.

At this point, Graham Dean of the Ashland Tidings reached for his typewriter.
Another phase of life of some 40 years ago, which is now missing, he added sadly, is the coal range in the kitchen, where the semi-weekly baking of bread was turned out with crisp, deliciously browned crusts. He went on, drooling a little, perhaps:
"Home-baked bread was mighty good, especially if you could hit the kitchen just after the bread had been taken from the oven and manage to get a fresh 'heel,' load it down with butter, top it off with a thick coating of sugar and then retire to the back steps to eat one of the finest delicacies ever concocted in an American kitchen."

Shucks, Graham, that was back in the days when nobody thought of his (or her) figure and calories hadn't been invented yet and the doctors weren't everlastingly yelling that putting on an extra ten pounds was equivalent to alerting the undertaker.

The thing I want to weep over is the old-fashioned cream pitcher holding at least a quart of the stuff that then rose all by itself to the top of the milk without benefit of separators. It was so thick that it poured from the spout at about the speed of sorghum molasses on a chilly morning, and the pitcher was apt to be filled at least three times in the course of an ordinary meal.
Ah me, those were the days when strawberries were worth eating.

French Mop Up River Delta

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French reported they inflicted 131 casualties on the Communist-led Vietminh Friday, but only 15 of those killed were on the bloodied battlefield at Dien Bien Phu, the surrounded French Union fortress in northwest Indochina.
A mop up operation in the Red River Delta accounted for 116 of the enemy killed, wounded and captured. The fighting took place near Sonlay, center of a big U.S.-financed agricultural project to aid the Vietnamese. The French used tanks, armored cars and mobile artillery to smash the rebels in that sector, which is only about 35 miles northwest of Hanoi.

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DAYS UNTIL THE
BLOODMOBILE VISITS
KLAMATH COUNTY



SAFEGUARDING KLAMATH FALLS young school children on the way to school this morning at Ninth and High Streets, was Officer Carl Jennings. The school girls are Judy Ann Hall, Inez Wilbur and Joan Hamilton.

U.S. Plans for EDC Suffer Setback From French Delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has suffered a new setback in its hopes for early French action to create a European Defense Community as the capstone of Western defense in Europe.
French parliamentary debate will begin at least a month later than American officials had expected following the conclusion of the Berlin Big Four conference last month. It will not get under way until after the April 26 opening of the Geneva conference on Asian problems—a fact which may cost far more time in the long run.
Changes in the Bonn constitution were approved after a week of wrangling in which initial French opposition was overcome. The Big Three high commissioners approved constitutional changes to permit West Germany to raise a 500,000-man army, while barring actual conscription until EDC is ratified by all six nations.
So far, only the Netherlands and Belgium have completed ratification.

Legal Tangle Delays Case

A legal tangle Friday was delaying the trial of Willie Eugene Beahrs, 24, charged with the theft of rock crusher parts from the W. D. Miller Construction Company.
When Deputy District Attorney Robert Kerr attempted to read the prosecution's case late Thursday, Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg halted the proceedings.
The judge told Kerr he had failed to prove essential facts in the case. He specifically referred to the lack of evidence proving the corporate existence of the W. D. Miller Construction Co. and the value of the property allegedly stolen.
When the trial before a jury was resumed Friday morning, Mrs. W. D. Miller, secretary of the construction company was called to the witness stand. When she was unable to produce corporate records of the firm, Judge Vandenberg called another recess.
Defense Attorney Donald A. W. Piper objected to introduction of two documents offered in evidence by the prosecution.
Judge Vandenberg explained his action in refusing the state to rest its case with the statement that at that juncture the prosecution had failed to offer sufficient evidence to support the charge of petty larceny against Beahrs.

Attorney Piper claims his client took the parts believing they had been discarded as junk.
It was reported that Kerr was attempting to obtain records of the incorporation of the W. D. Miller Construction Company from Salem. The company's own records are in custody of an accountant who is out of the city.

Spring Opening Prize Planned

Drawing for the grand prize of \$100.00 cash in the Klamath Merchants Association's Spring Opening "treasure chest" event will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in front of the Chamber of Commerce office at 223 Main Street.
Individual awards of merchandise gifts will be made by all participating stores, and these winners will be announced in store windows as they are unveiled for Spring Opening Friday evening.
Merchants have been giving out serially numbered tickets — completely free of any obligation — and numbers for merchandise gift winners will be drawing from ticket stubs deposited in stores at 5:30 Friday.
Tickets on the grand award will still be available until 1:00 p.m. Saturday. All merchants are reminded by Helen Clugston, opening chairman, that ticket stubs must be taken to the Chamber of Commerce promptly at 1:00 for the drawing.

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Pay Raise Offered In Dock Strike

NEW YORK (AP) — The shipping industry has sought to get longshoremen back to work on the strike-crippled waterfront here by offering them a package increase of 10 cents an hour and about \$1,730,000 in retroactive pay and welfare benefits.
The bid received a cool reception from both the striking International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA) and the rival AFL-ILA, many of whose members are working.

The employers gave the longshoremen until next Wednesday to accept the offer.

The strike—now in its 22nd day—looked a graver turn late yesterday when ILA officials instructed the 4,000 Port of New York tugboat crewmen, who are ILA members, to respect picket lines of the union's pier strikers.
A tugboat tieup would make the docking and sailing of liners and freighters hazardous. Union leaders, however, indicated there would be no interference with harbor barges and tankers carrying fuel, food and other commodities vital to the metropolitan area.

Workers in other North Atlantic ports from Portland, Maine, to Hampton Roads, Va., failed yesterday to strike in sympathy, as had been expected by ILA leaders here. Scores of incoming ships have been diverted from New York to other ports.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner sent a telegram to President Eisenhower yesterday urging him to intervene in the strike.

Murray Snyder, a White House press secretary, said Wagner was advised by the Labor Department that Secretary Mitchell could take no action in the strike because the issue is pending in federal courts.

A rise of 25¢ in the number of AFL-ILA men working was reported yesterday on the rain-swept waterfront. The New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission said 2,712 men were on the job. A normal weekday turnout is 30,000.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
40 cars	64 cars
Total For Season	
9367 cars	10,234 cars
1963-64	1962-63

Some French officials argue that French endorsement of EDC now would work against Russian acceptance of any proposals for settling the French-Communist war in Indochina. American and French government leaders contend privately it would not work this way.

Conference Set for Final Revision of Tax Cut Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A cut of about a billion dollars yearly on a wide range of federal excise or sales taxes seemed assured Friday with Senate passage of a \$1,034,000,000 reduction bill.
The cuts will take effect next Thursday.

The Senate approved the bill last night 76-8 after two days of lively debate filled with political overtones in a congressional election year.

It was sent to a Senate-House conference which cannot take place before next Monday afternoon, since both branches are in recess until then.

But Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), head of the Senate negotiators, said in an interview Tuesday he is confident the conferees will act speedily and rush the measure to President Eisenhower. The deadline for the President's signature is next Wednesday midnight.

IDENTICAL CUTS
Both branches voted identical cuts on many items, so they are certain to be in the final conference version.

They include fur, jewelry, handbags and luggage, cosmetics, sporting goods, train-bus-plane passenger fares, telephone bills, telegraph charges, mechanical pens and pencils, lighters and electric light bulbs.
Millikin and other Republican leaders predicted the President will sign the bill, although the administration urged against the excise cuts.

The billion dollar loss in revenue will add that much to the \$2,000,000,000 deficit already forecast for the new financial year starting July 1.

The bill also extends for a year, to April 1, 1965, a series of 1961 increases in major excises. These will bring in \$1,077,000,000 in added revenue. But the President had counted on this in figuring his next year's budget. Involved are automobiles and trucks, gasoline, tobacco, liquor and beer.

The House voted reductions for admissions to horse and dog tracks and to night clubs and other cabarets, and for club dues, saddle deposit boxes and pistols. The Senate rejected these. They will have to be thrashed out in conference.

DISPUTED CUTS
The two biggest items in dispute will be a 100-million-dollar slash voted by the Senate on such household appliances as refrigerators, stoves and electric irons and a \$5-million-dollar cut through wiping out of the admissions tax on movie tickets and others costing less than 60 cents. The House voted to cut the admissions levy from 20 to 10 per cent.

Some congressional sources indicated one likely compromise on this might be to eliminate the reduction on appliances but to accept the Senate provision on the less-pricey tickets.
Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) and Williams (R-De.) won a surprising amount of support in the Senate for a move to knock out all of the cuts in the bill except the 217 million on admissions.

They charged it was irresponsible to cut taxes heavily in the present, perilous world situation and with the budget unbalanced this year and next.

Byrd argued that a highly secret Armed Services Committee briefing Thursday on the nation's defenses indicated the country may be facing heavier spending for its protection in a hydrogen bomb, jet plane age.

The Byrd-Williams amendment lost 54-35.

Valentine denies any knowledge of the affair, he added.

United Fund Committees Appointed

Elton Smith, president of the local United Fund, appointed two committees vital to the organization at Thursday evening's Board of Directors' meeting.

Named to head the budget admissions and quota committee was L. Orin Slemore. Committee members are Walt Franklin, Mrs. Arnold Gralapp, Harold Gieger, Myrtle Wimer, C. D. Long, J. Thomson, E. M. Chilcote and W. S. McBride. The three latter members replace Mrs. Ted DeMerritt, Paul Landry and Elton Smith whose terms expired.

The budget admissions and quota committee has announced that all agencies who intend to be included in the combined drive must submit their budgets to the United Fund office not later than June 1.

The executive committee, also appointed at the first 1964 board meeting, includes the United Fund officers, Elton W. Smith, president; Roy W. Murphy, first vice-president; Robert Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. Earl Sheridan, secretary; Harold Ashley, treasurer.

Also appointed to the committee are S. G. Bowles, Andrew Collier, Harold Gieger, C. D. Long, Cal Peyton, J. Thomson, Russ Tisdale, Dr. F. E. Trotman and Myrtle Wimer.

President Smith presented the problem of payroll deduction and pledge collection to the group. According to Smith, a problem arises when firms fail to sign new employees to the payroll deduction plan.

Definite action on the problem is pending the acceptance by individual firms.

A motion was made and carried to pay the some 23 agencies served by United Fund monthly, with \$2,000 to be retained in the treasury for emergencies and operating expenses.

The treasurer's report indicates a balance in the United Fund account of \$27,629.91. The balance on February 28 after 50 per cent of all the agencies' budgets had been paid was \$25,887.90. Additional deposits to March 23 were \$2,210.31. Minus disbursements for operating costs and taxes, the balance on hand is \$27,429.91.

President Smith urged all United Fund board members, agency directors and their officers to attend the State District Conference on Chests which will be held in Bend April 23 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

5 Americans Aboard Lost In Disaster

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican airliner crashed and burned in the night on Pico Peak, 16 miles north of Monterrey. All 18 persons aboard perished. Five were from the United States.

U. S. Consul General William Ainslie identified the American passengers as James L. McCormick, his son, George McCormick, and Donald T. McCormick, all of Amarillo, Tex.; Burton Farmer of Guthrie, Okla., and James A. Johnson, an employee of the Penoles Mining Co., whose home town was not learned.

The plane, operated by the Mexican-owned Aero Naves Line, was on a flight to Monterrey from the Pacific Coast resort of Mazatlan. Flying conditions had been rough.

The burned out wreckage was sighted from the air at daybreak in an isolated mountain area near the village of Puente de Morales. The mountains are in the Sierra de Salinas Range, which lies almost the approach to Monterrey airport.

Spud Support Plans Told

More complete information has been received by county agent C. A. Henderson from the secretary of agriculture regarding Section 32 assistance in disposal of the remainder of the 1963 potato crop. Apparently this situation has been brought about by indications from growers that they plan on planting a smaller potato acreage in 1964.

The report on the national situation indicates that this decrease may be from 8 to 10 per cent, and that the planted acreage will be fairly close to the recent acreage guides issued by the Department of Agriculture. A few leading potato areas however, including Maine, Long Island, Idaho, North Dakota and Oregon, are states which should reduce their planting intentions in order to be within the planting guides.

The order says that limited purchases under Section 32 funds and payment for diversion to the flour and starch program, operated through Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee offices, will be the extent of government participation. Since these reports indicate that the government will purchase some potatoes for starch and flour manufacture and make a diversion payment of 35 cents per cwt. to the grower, further information has been requested as to whether or not this provision will apply to potatoes sold for livestock feed. Information available as yet is not too conclusive.

Police Seek Dog Poisoners

State police and sheriff's deputies were searching for dog poisoners Friday who caused the death of at least seven canines in the past few days.

Dr. H. A. Leonard, president of the Klamath County Humane Society, received reports that six dogs were poisoned in Bonanza and two in Klamath Falls. One of the Klamath Falls dogs recovered.

Investigators are checking basin drug stores to determine whether any sales of strychnine had been made. This poison was found in the bodies of all the effected dogs.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Kerr said that persons convicted of poisoning dogs are liable to a three years prison term.

McKay Backs Power Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration has plans to give up the federal reclamation program or the Bonneville Power Administration, Secretary of Interior McKay said Thursday night.

In an address to the American Power Assn., and in a news conference, McKay also reaffirmed the administration's partnership policy for hydroelectric development.

He said the government will continue to build multi-purpose dams in the West, and will encourage private industry to construct smaller projects.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday with high of 54. Low Friday night 28.
High yesterday 50
Low last night 23
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 11.79
Same period last year 11.65
Normal for period 9.19

MUSIC BROADCAST
KFLW will broadcast a half hour tape recording featuring Athena Lampropoulos tonight at 9:30 to 10 p.m. This is a community service, sponsored by Eick's, for those who were unable to hear her concert Wednesday evening at Mills School auditorium.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY came through with this print from an old negative and the information that the bearded gentleman sitting in the buggy is "Press" Dorris of early day ranching fame down around the line and east of the present site of the town of Dorris. From the looks of things his crew was engaged on a fence stringing job as those rolls in the foreground are obviously barbed wire, along with a keg or two of nails. The blacksmith was just getting ready to do something with the horseshoe held in his tongs and the rest of 'em were busy watching the cameraman.