

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL HITS 523

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Indochina this morning, the French are rushing plans for a firm defense of the Red River delta. The delta of the Red River—its soil as rich as the delta of the Mississippi, or our own fabulously productive Tule Lake basin—is the breadbasket of French Indochina.

It contains two large cities, much-in-the-news Hanoi—located some 50 miles back up the estuary of the Red from the sea-coast—and Haiphong, at the mouth of the Red River, on the Gulf of Tonkin, which leads into the South China sea, on the eastern side of which lie the Philippine Islands.

The Red River delta is the key to victory in the Indochina war. If the French lose it, they're goners in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile—

THE VIETMINH (the red-Chinese-backed communist rebels) ARE MOVING FOUR DIVISIONS INTO POSITION FOR WHAT THE FRENCH BELIEVE MAY BE AN ALL-OUT DRIVE ON THE DELTA OF THE RED.

Watch it. It may be the show-down.

The situation poses some grave questions for us. Shall we intervene on behalf of the French MORE EFFECTIVELY than we have intervened so far? If so, we have two choices. We can go in FOR BLOOD with air and naval forces.

Or— We can send ground forces into the jungle.

There is this difference: When you go in with air and/or naval forces, you can pull out at your discretion. When you go in with ground forces, there are only two ways to get out: 1. Take a bad licking and get out any way you can to save what's left. 2. LICK THE ENEMY.

The first is unthinkable. As to the second, Korea has taught us that licking the communist enemy on the ground in Asia is a big job. Maybe it's bigger than we can afford to tackle.

Why should we go into Southeast Asia at all? Well, there are the Philippines. In an ill-starred moment a half century ago, we flirted with the idea of IMPERIALISM. Having whipped Spain, we took the Philippines and made a colony of them. Eventually, our American common sense reasserted itself and we gave them back to the Filipinos. That was everlastingly RIGHT, but it poses this question: Having given their country back to the Filipinos, shall we now let it be swallowed up by the communists?

There is another course: We could say to the French: "We're sorry, gentlemen, but you're in the wrong. You'd better give Indochina back to the Indochinese." We could say to the British: "YOU'RE in the wrong. You'd better give Malaya and the rest of Southeast Asia in which you still have a toehold back to the Southeast Asians."

We could then set ourselves in the Philippines and say to ALL the Southeast Asian peoples: "Herein-after we shall defend your right to RUN YOUR OWN AFFAIRS. After all, we were the first nation in the world to throw off the yoke of imperialism and run OUR own affairs."

That might inspire the people of Southeast Asia that they would arise in their might and stop Asian communism in its present tracks. They're pretty good fighters when they believe in what they're fighting for.

This is the point: These are grave days in which grave decisions must be made. Let's hope that we have men among us with the stamina to make the RIGHT decisions.

Midwest Hit By Rainfall

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain fell in Midwest and Western states Tuesday but fair weather was reported in most other parts of the country.

Thunderstorms and showers hit wide areas of the North Central states, from Iowa and Northern Missouri eastward across Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Indiana into Michigan and Ohio. Severe thunderstorms struck Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and into Michigan Monday afternoon.

In the far Northwest a new storm from the Pacific carried showers inland as far as Idaho and Western Montana. Snow was reported in the higher elevations of Western Montana. Nearly 2 1/2 inches of rain fell in Tampa, Fla., in the past 24 hours.

PURGE

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Nationalist China's defense ministry said Tuesday the mutilated bodies of 52 persons, all of them lashed with wire to boards, have been pulled from the sea off the China coast in the past five days. The ministry said the men, women and children apparently were victims of a new Communist purge on the mainland.

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LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE FOLD of candidates for Queen of the 1954 Klamath Basin Roundup are Alice Graves (left), Langell Valley, and Elisabeth (Liz) Sexton, Bonanza.

Langell Valley, Bonanza Girls Enter Race For Klamath Basin Roundup Queen

The contagion of registration fever has spread to Langell Valley and Bonanza, bringing two more candidates for queen of the 1954 Klamath Basin Roundup.

The girls are Alice Graves, Langell Valley, and Elisabeth Sexton, Bonanza. Their signing brings the total of queen candidates to eight, with Merrill Henley, Klamath Falls, Chiloquin and possibly some smaller communities in the Basin still to be heard from in the remaining 10 days until the registration deadline (June 10).

The Langell Valley lass is 18 years old, a junior at Bonanza High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graves who live on a ranch about two miles west of Alsea.

Alice really qualified as a cowgirl—and the qualification is singular: she has one cow, an Angus, and the yearly income from the sale of calves produced.

She has her own horse, too, a five year old black and white pinto gelding, named, of course, Paint. She'll ride him in the queen contest June 13.

Hobby time for Alice is dominated by horsemanship. In addition she sings—Western and popular songs—dances, participates in anything outdoors and most sports, basketball (and her height makes her a favorite center), baseball, roller skating, even makes an attempt at swimming, but so far, she admits, it is an attempt.

On her father's ranch, where hay, grain and livestock are the principal products, Alice lends a helping hand. At branding time, she's right in there pitching—or riding, rather—to help in the annual chore.

Alice had her first horse when she was two and a half years old; she started riding at three.

"No one taught me," she said. "They put me on a horse and let me go."

Alice's scholastic activities include service as student body secretary this year, with reelection to the post for next year; vice president of the junior class; membership in the glee club and the Girls Athletic Association.

She and a sister, Mary Jo, 20, rode in the Fourth of July parade last year and in the grand entry at the rodeo.

Signing up with Alice was Elisabeth Sexton—or Liz as everyone at Bonanza High School, where she is a student, knows her.

Liz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sexton. Their home is one mile east of Bonanza.

Liz doesn't have a ranch to roam, or stock of their own to ride for, but she doesn't need an excuse to ride—she just rides, and has as long as she can remember.

When she is needed, however, she hies it to the G.P. Wu ranch and helps round up cattle, ride for strays or whatever.

As was the case with Alice, Liz wasn't taught to ride formally. In her own words: "Dad put me on a horse; either I stayed on or I fell off—so I stuck!"

Her horse, too is a pinto—six years old from the high desert near Lakeview, named Lady. She won't ride her in the queen contest, though.

Liz divides her hobby time among horsemanship, which is first and foremost; roller skating, dancing, baseball, basketball, swimming and singing, both popular and Western songs. She is a member of the Glee Club and president of the sophomore class.

The girls will compete against the other six queen candidates in the horsemanship trials at the fairgrounds June 13, when they will be judged 60 points on horsemanship, poise and personality ratings—20 points each—will be given at the Queen's Ball at the armory July 4.

Queen candidates to date include Betty Scala, Midland; Beverly Scott, Malin; Jean Reinmiller, Tulake; Donna Anderson Stover, Tulake; Darlene Winebarger, Mt. Hebron, California; Marcia Wilson, Fort Klamath.

Registration at either Charlie Reed Saddlery, The Town Shop or Drews Manstorer, closes June 10. On June 12 the potential queens will be taken on an outing to Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Poole's ranch above Chiloquin.

Selection Of Jury In Bawdyhouse Killing Opens

Selection of a jury for the trial of Raymond J. Bodinet, 31-year-old Portland brick mason, for armed robbery January 8, in connection with a parlor house hold-up and fatal shooting started Tuesday in Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's court.

Interrogation of the first four veniremen by District Attorney Frank Alderson was brief. However, Defense Counsel A. C. Yaden questioned the prospective jurors at length.

The defense attorney inquired particularly as to whether the veniremen had the impression that a "reform wave" was in progress in Klamath Falls. He also asked whether the veniremen believed an "example should be made of someone."

Alderson confined himself to the stock questions asked all prospective jurors, such as whether they would return a verdict of guilty if the state proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

The district attorney did offer an objection when Yaden first raised the "reform" question. He was overruled by Judge Vandenberg.

The trial climaxes a series of sensational developments since Bodinet was arrested at Myrtle's parlor house after his alleged partner in a purported holdup, Edwin Coyle, 28, was fatally wounded by Policeman James O'Neal. The officer stated Coyle menaced him with a pistol.

After Coyle fell with a bullet wound in his chest, Bodinet, who also was reported to have been armed with a pistol, surrendered.

Police were called to the parlor house after four women, including Elizabeth Caldwell, colored maid, were bound and gagged by the robbers. Mrs. Caldwell escaped her bonds and summoned police.

Subsequently, District Attorney Alderson launched a vice crusade. He appeared before the city council and demanded that four parlor houses which had been operating here for years be closed.

It also was brought to light during the vice probe that the parlor houses were making contributions to the city. These donations, listed at city hall under "account 307," were used for civic improvements.

Before the Bodinet case was called, Judge Vandenberg took under advisement demurrers filed by Attorney George Proctor in the cases of Dewey Rex Morelock, charged with non-support of a minor child, and Clyde Durkin, accused of a sex offense involving a minor. Proctor claims the indictments against his clients are defective.

It was expected a jury would be impaneled late Tuesday afternoon in the Bodinet case.

New Stars Found In Sky

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A University of California astronomer reported Tuesday he had found a group of runaway supergiant stars in a spiral arm of the Milky Way relatively close to the earth.

There vast heavenly bodies, each many times larger than the sun, are no hazard to earthlings but they appear to be running away from each other at high speed compared to similar stars in other arms of the galaxy, said Dr. Harold F. Weaver.

The galactic supergiants are interesting, Dr. Weaver added, because they highlight the shape of the spiral arm. They give off a bluish light.

Other galactic arms also are highlighted by blue giants which are moving away from each other more slowly, the astronomer said. They do not exist anywhere else in the Milky Way except in the spiral arms.

Dr. Weaver's finding that the blue giants are specific inhabitants of the galactic arms means that astronomers now will have good markers to look for in figuring out the structure of the Milky Way.

One twister cut a 20-mile swath, leveling scores of farm buildings from Stark, Kan. to Fort Scott, Kan.

HOME

PARIS (AP) — Lt. Genevieve de Galard Terraube, the heroine of Dien Bien Phu, returned smiling Tuesday to her native France. "I am happy to be home and I am happy to see my mother," she said, speaking into a battery of radio and television microphones.

Tornadoes Cause Damage To Farms

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Several tornadoes skipped through eastern Kansas and western Missouri Monday, causing heavy farm damage in a few areas but no personal injuries.

The combat center declined to speculate on the nature of the objects and said no attempt was made to intercept them. Spokesmen said eight reports were received, all within an 11-minute period starting at 9:07 p.m.

Observers said the object was flat and was flying north on a line parallel with the earth.

At Moses Lake, Fred Blackstone, a commercial pilot, said the object he spotted had a tail of reddish fire. Justin Corley of Spokane, an Air Force veteran, said the object he saw east of Spokane glowed like a light bulb.

Coast Guard Chief Named

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice Adm. Alfred Carroll Richmond, Tuesday assumed the top post in the Coast Guard after 32 years in the service.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey administered the oath as commandant of the Coast Guard to Richmond in a ceremony at the Treasury. In peacetime, the Coast Guard operates as an agency of the Treasury.

At the same ceremony, Humphrey swore in Rear Adm. James A. Hirschfield as assistant commandant.

Richmond, a native of Waterloo, Iowa, succeeds Vice Adm. Merlin O'Neill, who is retiring after approximately 4 1/2 years as commandant.

Injured Soldier Lifted Off Peak By Helicopter

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A Brooklyn soldier injured May 16 in a fall on towering Mt. McKinley was evacuated by Air Force helicopter early today and flown here for hospitalization.

Doctors said the soldier, Pfc. George Argus, whose hip was broken in a 1,000-foot fall that killed a companion, was alive but unconscious when lifted from the mountain by a helicopter pilot who "squeezed every inch out of the altimeter" to reach him on the ice of Muldrow Glacier.

He was reached at about the 6,500-foot level of the 20,699-foot peak, the tallest in North America. Argus was flown in the helicopter to Panahama, a small mining community at the foot of the mountain, where he was placed in a small Air Force plane and taken to Minchumina. A two-engine plane met the party there to fly him to Fairbanks.

The helicopter, piloted by Capt. Ralph Searle of the 74th Rescue Squadron, returned to the mountain to begin evacuation of eight members of the rescue party who brought him down the ice-covered mountain.

Argus' hip was broken May 16, when he and three companions tumbled down the treacherous mountain slope. George Thayer, 27, of Reedsboro, Vt., was killed by the others, Morton Wood and Les Viereck, escaped without serious injury.

Wood and Viereck left Argus in an improvised tent May 23 and worked their way down the mountain to report the accident.

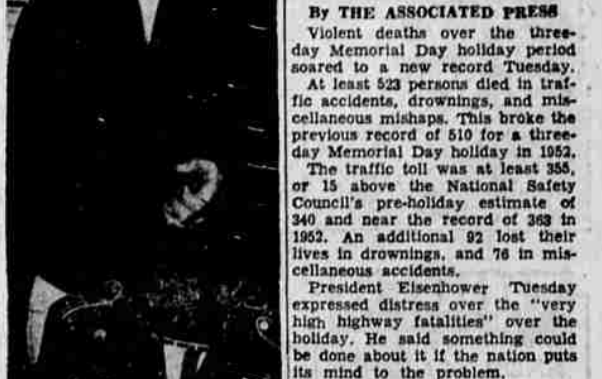
Dr. John McCall, a University of Alaska geologist, and Frank Milan of the Air Force Aero-Medical Laboratory at Ladd Air Force Base, led the rescue party that reached Argus early Sunday.

The rescuers were described as completely exhausted by their ordeal. Because of his injury, Argus was strapped to a sled and members of the rescue party took turns lifting him over dangerous crevasses.

A doctor flew overhead in an Air Force plane giving medical advice as the party made its way to the point where the helicopter was able to make contact.

The daring helicopter rescue was affected in the arctic twilight of an Alaska summer. While the Air Force said helicopters normally do not function properly above 5,000 feet, Searle said he "squeezed every inch out of the altimeter" and managed to reach Argus and the rescue party on the glacier.

355 Traffic Fatalities Mar Holiday



By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violent deaths over the three-day Memorial Day holiday period soared to a new record Tuesday. At least 523 persons died in traffic accidents, drownings, and miscellaneous mishaps. This broke the previous record of 510 for a three-day Memorial Day holiday in 1952.

The traffic toll was at least 355, or 15 above the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate of 340 and near the record of 358 in 1952. An additional 92 lost their lives in drownings, and 76 in miscellaneous accidents.

President Eisenhower Tuesday expressed distress over the "very high highway fatalities" over the holiday. He said something could be done about it if the nation puts its mind to the problem.

1950 TRAFFIC RECORD

The violent death total compared with 385 in the two-day holiday last year and the record Memorial Day total of 571 in a four-day period in 1950.

An Associated Press survey of violent deaths was taken from 6 p.m. May 14 to midnight May 17, the same time span as the Memorial Day holiday, and showed a total of 243 traffic deaths, 50 drownings and 66 miscellaneous deaths for a total of 359.

The toll by states—traffic, drownings and miscellaneous:

Alabama 9 8 1; Arizona 5 0 0; Arkansas 0 2 0; California 37 4 6; Colorado 3 0 2; Connecticut 5 1 1; Delaware 2 0 0; Florida 10 2 0; Georgia 7 0 0; Idaho 2 0 2; Illinois 31 3 6; Indiana 12 1 1; Iowa 2 2 1; Kansas 1 3 3; Kentucky 10 3 1; Louisiana 9 1 2; Maine 3 0 0; Maryland 3 1 0; Massachusetts 4 2 4; Michigan 20 9 0; Minnesota 5 4 0; Mississippi 0 1 0; Missouri 9 3 4; Montana 3 0 0; Nebraska 1 0 4; Nevada 1 0 1; New Hampshire 2 3 0; New Jersey 6 3 3; New Mexico 9 3 1; New York 13 4 3; North Carolina 11 4 0; North Dakota 2 0 0; Ohio 18 0 6; Oklahoma 8 1 1; Oregon 8 0 1; Pennsylvania 11 3 4; South Carolina 4 1 0; Tennessee 8 2 0; Texas 14 2 2; Utah 2 1 0; Vermont 1 0 2; Virginia 5 5 0; Washington 5 0 0; West Virginia 9 0 0; Wisconsin 5 3 2; Wyoming 2 2 0; District of Columbia 1 0 0.

Sky Mystery Back Again

MCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AP) — Mysterious objects described by one observer as resembling a flying light globe were sighted in the sky over various parts of the Pacific Northwest Monday night.

The Air Force Combat Operations Center confirmed the flying whatsits were spotted at points as widely separated as Spokane, Pasco, Moses Lake, Yakima and Ellensburg in Washington and at Portland and Redmond in Oregon.

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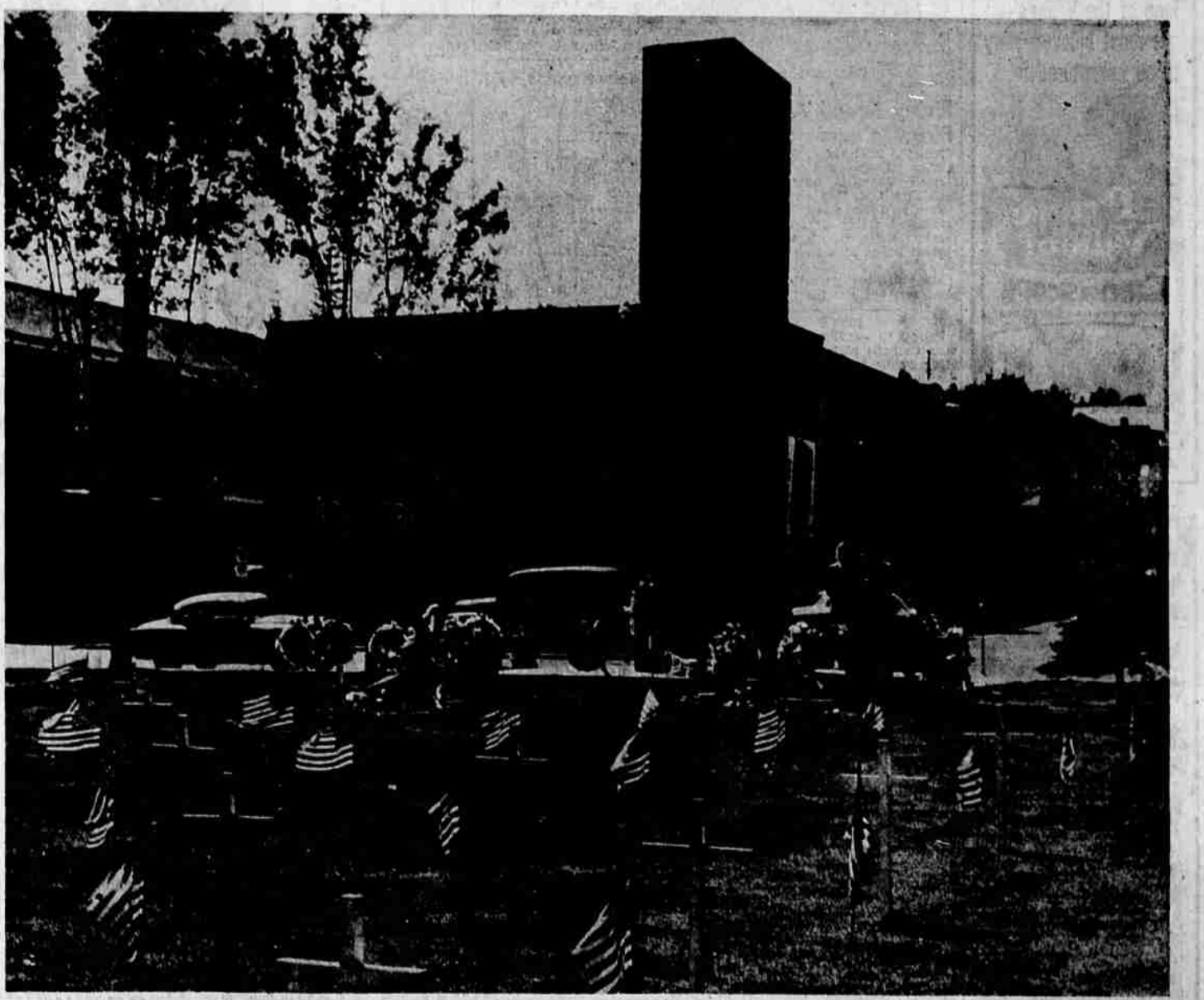
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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair and warmer through Wednesday. High Wednesday 76, low tonight 35.

High yesterday — 69
Low last night — 37
Precipitation last 24 hours — .7
Since Oct. 1 — 13.17
Same period last year — 14.12
Normal for period — 11.23



FLANDERS FIELD IN MINIATURE was laid out yesterday on the courthouse lawn as veterans organizations marked Memorial Day in conjunction with the unveiling and dedication of the new veterans' memorial shaft. A sizeable crowd attended the ceremonies and heard speaker of the day George Alder of the First Christian Church, give the address. Despite a raw wind many turned out to see the parade which wound down Main Street; Following the ceremonies at the shaft the American Legion drum corps, past and present, staged a reunion.