

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In his Christmas message, which was broadcast by Radio Free Europe, President Eisenhower spoke of prayers for FREEDOM in Eastern Europe.

It roused the ire of Communist Party Boss Khrushchev, who called it "crude interference in the internal affairs of communist nations," and added:

"To pray for a change of regime in the PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES only leads to incitement of passions and a stepping up of the armaments race."

Comment?
Let William Shakespeare provide it (Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 2):
"Let the tailed jade wince; our withers are unwrung."

One can hardly blame Khrushchev for blowing his top when the leader of the free world expresses the hope that the people of the communist despotisms may eventually gain their freedom.

Having been smart enough to battle his way to the top of the communist party heap, he must be smart enough to know that Russia's greatest weakness lies in the fact that communism is so foul that in time it must fall of the weight of its own foulness.

Khrushchev speaks of the communist "people's democracies." Shakespeare handles that one pretty well, too. He says, in Romeo and Juliet:

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."

The Bard of Avon might have added:

A skunk by any other name would smell as foul.

Today's political note:
President Eisenhower for a second term is being discussed by Pennsylvania Republican leaders at a meeting today in Harrisburg, the state capital. The GOP state chairman says there is a lot of Republican sentiment to put Eisenhower on the party ballot in Pennsylvania's Presidential preference primary next April.

Why?
The answer is simple.
The GOP politicians would like to ride into office on Ike's coat-tails.

I can think of nothing that would be more wonderful — for our country and the world — than Ike's complete return to robust health — thus enabling him to become a candidate for a second term.

But the decision is his AND HIS ALONE — because it is HIS LIFE that is at stake. I can't work up much enthusiasm for the Republican politicians who are trying to shove him into a motion picture EARLY for the state of his health to be known so that they can ride into office on his bandwagon.

Speaking of Republican politicians, Senator John Butler of Maryland predicts this morning that congress will vote as early as April or May to cut income taxes. He figures the cut may be as much as 10 per cent and says that a tax reduction measure will probably be the only important new bill passed in the coming session.

Fine, Senator.
Feeling as you do, I assume that you will assume leadership of a determined movement to CUT SPENDING by at least 10 per cent.

Or will you?
Cynical note in the news:
The British foreign office in London says today that 190 World War 2 Valentine (British) tanks have been given to Belgium in the last four months. The idea was to melt them down, scrap them as raw material for Belgian steel mills or to convert them into tractors to be used in tilling Belgian farms.

Instead, many of them have been reconditioned in Belgium and sent to Egypt to be used in STIRRING UP A NEW WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
Foreign aid has its quirks and its angles.

San Joaquin River Rises

MODESTO (UP) — San Joaquin River rose slightly today along the West Side of Stanislaus County, inundating additional farmlands.

Three families were evacuated from a gravel pit near Grayson late yesterday as water slopped over in the area. Road crews worked through the night to the south in an attempt to save the road and bridge at Catfish Camp.

Livestock on Dairy Island was evacuated as the river gushed flood waters into a slough.

At Hills Ferry, the river still was running over its banks near its junction with Merced River. The flow was about two inches above flood stage. Livestock and farm families had evacuated the area earlier.



SHOOTING HOURS OREGON
December 30
OPEN CLOSE
7:06 4:43

CALIFORNIA
December 30
OPEN CLOSE
7:04 4:41



WRITING AN ORDER this morning at the Wilson Title and Abstract Co., 311 Main Street, when the 9 o'clock photographer came by were Madeline Dupuy, Malin, and Pete Byer, 1518 Crescent Street, employees of the firm.

Local Red Cross Authority Begins Flood Relief Drive

Following convincing evidence that the people of Oregon are anxious to help in the current flood disaster in this state and in California, authorization for conducting an immediate special Red Cross disaster fund appeal has been received from Walker L. Milner, area manager of the American Red Cross, Pacific Area Office, San Francisco.

The authorization and appeal for the drive was received by Otto Smith, disaster chairman of the Klamath County Chapter, Red Cross.

Smith, in announcing the plan to ask for voluntary contributions, said that no quota has been assigned. All contributions may be sent or left at Red Cross headquarters, in the Klamath County Library building, Third and Klamath streets or dropped into the "Disaster Bucket," which will be circulated among local civic organizations.

Bonn Leader Cites Policy

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Adenauer said Thursday West German policy in 1955 will give priority to reunification of Germany, European unity and fighting Communist infiltration.

In a year-end message to his Christian Democratic Party (CDU), Adenauer declared: "Communism still is the greatest danger threatening the freedom and culture of all free nations."

He emphatically rejected any idea of neutralizing Germany as the price of reunification.

"Reunification in a neutralized, therefore isolated, Germany would be reunification under Communist symbols," he warned.

The Soviet Union wants to extend its "so-called progress" to West Germany, he said, and it aims at the bolshevization of the whole of Germany.

"The friendly gestures and coexistence propaganda, the Soviet leaders have not given up in the least their thoughts of victory and Communist mastery of the world," Adenauer declared.

"Neutralization of Germany would not only be the beginning of the end of all German, but also of all European, freedom," he said.

Adenauer called on churches, political parties and civic institutions to throw up a spiritual bulwark against Communist infiltration.

For this, he said, a knowledge of dialectical materialism and Communist methods is necessary.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday except patchy low cloudiness and fog, clearing at night. High Friday 25-29; low Thursday night 5-15.

High yesterday 23
Low last night 8
Precip. last 24 hours .02
Precip. since Oct. 1 10.95
Normal period last year 1.99
Normal for period 4.53

President Relaxes; Turns To Landscape Painting

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — The sun played hide-and-seek behind rain clouds Thursday and President Eisenhower turned to indoor painting of a Colorado mountain scene.

The President came to Key West from Washington Wednesday to soak up some sunshine and build his strength for resumption of a full work load next month. He got in some outdoor activity—even hitting a few golf shots—shortly after arriving, and that pleased his doctors.

But it rained most of the night, and the skies were still overcast when Eisenhower got out of bed. But after breakfast, while he painted in the first floor study of his naval base living quarters, the sun came out.

ACTIVITY
The President's activity on government business was at a minimum Thursday. Following doctors' orders to get more exercise, he started right in Wednesday after his return from the capital.

After lunch and a nap, he practiced golf shots for about 30 minutes on the baseball diamond close by his living quarters on the naval base here. Then he took an hour-long stroll, visiting a dock where a number of submarines were moored.

He showed special interest in one of the subs, the Amberjack, which right after World War II was skippered by his naval aide Cmdr. Edward L. Beach. Beach, who was along on the walk, described

Russian Leader Accuses Ike Of 'Interfering' With Satellites

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California Counts 56 Dead

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Construction crews moved into flood-ravaged areas of Northern California today, starting rebuilding levees and clearing up debris left in the grim Christmas week floods.

At the same time, representatives of federal and state agencies and of private groups fanned out over the state to assess the damage from the torrential rains and floods.

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Plane Crash Claims Two

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (AP) — Two men were killed Thursday when a two-engine private plane exploded, crashed and burned in the Guernsey County hills about a mile northwest of nearby Londonderry, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Names of the victims were not immediately reported. The Cambridge post of the State Patrol identified the plane as the property of the Gulf Refining Co. Its route was believed to be Tulsa, Okla., to Pittsburgh.

Fire trucks and an ambulance raced across rainswept roads to the scene where the patrol said two bodies were removed from the wreckage.

Engle Requests Land Details

WASHINGTON (UP) — Chairman Clair Engle (D-Calif.) asked Defense Department officials today to testify before the House Interior Committee next week on military use of public lands.

He said there has been "increasing concern throughout the western states" over continued expansion of the area of public lands withdrawn from general use. And, he said, he understands that defense agencies are asking for withdrawal of another 4,000,000 acres.

"Two such proposed withdrawals in my own area—the Saline gunnery range in the Death Valley area, and the Fallon gunnery range in northwestern Nevada—have generated extreme controversy," he said in a letter to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson.

"The probable impact of these and other such withdrawals on future multiple resource utilization—to include forage for grazing, water, wildlife and minerals and materials—has brought into sharp focus the need for an early emphasis into current withdrawal policies and procedures," he added.

Engle said the military has taken over an area of public lands equal to the areas of Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire and Delaware. Further withdrawals planned, he said, would equal more than the area of New Jersey and Rhode Island.

The hearing will be held next Wednesday and Thursday, Engle told Wilson he intends only to go into general defense policies during the two days. Later, a hearing may be scheduled on specific withdrawals by the Army, Air Force

Pelican Bay Ski Bids Asked

Sealed bids will be received by the forest supervisor, room 315, Post Office Building, at 2 p.m., PST, March 1, for developing, operating and maintaining skiing facilities near Pelican Bay at the junction of Westside Highway and Lake of the Woods Road, Rogue River National Forest. It was announced this week by J. V. Smith, acting supervisor.

The successful bidder will be required to provide service buildings, a ski lift, water supply and other improvements at an estimated cost of approximately \$50,000. Bid will be awarded to the best qualified applicant who bids the highest percentage of net sales as permit fee. No bid of less than 1 per cent of net sales will be considered, with a minimum annual fee of \$100.

Bid forms and full information concerning the permit and submission of bids should be obtained from Bob Cooper, district ranger, Klamath Falls or from the forest supervisor at Medford.

Soil Banking Okay Voiced

PORTLAND (AP) — Four top Western Grange leaders voiced tentative approval Wednesday of the soil bank plan, but announced opposition to a proposed rate cut on dressed meals shipped west of the Midwest.

Henry Christensen, Colorado Grange master, disclosed the decisions after a session with Grange masters of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

He said they could not give specific endorsement of the soil bank plan that the Eisenhower administration is expected to introduce at the coming congressional session, because details are not known.

But he said they feel they "can go along with the proposed soil bank plan as a last resort—provided more land is not brought in through reclamation and irrigation to replace the soil bank area."

The soil bank plan is intended to remove surplus farm lands from production with farmers getting payments for retiring the land.

Christensen also said Grange members of his state oppose flexible price supports "because they flex farm prices down to 75 per cent of parity while prices of the things we buy have gone up to 130 per cent of parity."

Khrushchev Dismisses Open Skies Inspection

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikita Khrushchev Thursday accused President Eisenhower of "crude interference" in the affairs of Communist nations, and dismissed his open skies arms inspection as "nothing more than military intelligence."

He boasted that the Soviet hydrogen bomb "can be considerably increased in power." At the same time he criticized Secretary of State Dulles as "advocating massive retaliation and other absurdities."

The Communist Party chief spoke for two hours before the Supreme Soviet (Parliament).

"Some Western politicians have a strange idea of the Geneva spirit," he asserted. "They want us to disarm our army and also to disarm morally and politically."

Khrushchev said he spoke critically of Eisenhower "most unwillingly" because he respected the President "too much." But, he declared, the President's Christmas message to the people of Eastern European Communist nations "is quite incompatible with the Geneva spirit."

Oregon Sets Flood Area Restoration

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The long road to restoration of Oregon's flood-hit areas was being plotted Thursday.

Gov. Paul Patterson asked President Eisenhower for \$1,550,000 in federal funds. He promised that all available state, county, and local funds would be used.

While local road systems, especially in the southwestern part of the state were hard hit, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said the state system suffered only about \$250,000 damage. Of this, about \$100,000 was to the Coast Highway, he said.

The Coast Highway was reopened Thursday as Coquille River flood waters receded. The highway had been closed by water between Coquille and Bandon.

The Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, plagued by innumerable slides, remained closed except for emergency traffic.

The Umpqua Highway also was still closed Thursday. Other routes remaining closed, the Highway Commission said, were the Fowers secondary, Cascade, Elkton-Suberlin, Cascade and Corvallis-Eastside Highway.

VAST EXPANSES
Vast expanses of water still spread out over lowland fields but the danger of more flooding appeared definitely ended for the present.

Not a single river reporting station had rain in the 24 hours to 4:30 a. m. Thursday, and cold temperatures put an end to any snow melt.

The Coquille River was down six feet from its crest. The Willamette at Corvallis dropped 3.1 feet in 24 hours and dropped 1.6 feet at Portland.

Billy Neal, 6, one of the three survivors of the slide at Remote which claimed five lives Monday, was released from the hospital. He went to the home of an aunt, Mrs. Albert Strain, in Roseburg.

While the general return of evacuees to their flood-hit homes continued, there were many families who waited for a further drop in the water—or who had to look for new homes.

DEMANDS
Relief agencies were making on-the-spot checks to estimate the demands to be placed upon them and to prepare to meet them. The Red Cross was preparing to spend five million dollars in the California-Oregon flood region. Civil defense workers took over much of the task of surveying damage.

Gov. Patterson, in advising the President Wednesday that he was going to ask for federal rehabilitation money, said 1,600 homes, farms and businesses had suffered damage.

Red Charges

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Eisenhower got word Thursday of criticism fired at him by Nikita Khrushchev, Russia's Communist Party boss, but had no comment.

In Moscow, Khrushchev accused the President and Secretary of State Dulles of "crude interference" in Eastern Europe affairs through broadcasts of his Christmas message in that area.

crude interference in the internal affairs of those countries and only leads to inciting passions and the armaments race," said the stocky Communist leader, as 1,400 members of the Supreme Soviet listened at a session.

As U.S. officials could see in the first time any major U.S. leader had used such critical language about President Eisenhower since the summit conference in Geneva, in fact since the Bulgarian regime took over in February after Georgi K. Malenkov quit.

REPEATS STATEMENT
Khrushchev repeated the statement he made in India after the recent H-bomb test explosion in the Soviet Union—that the new Russian weapon "was equivalent to many million tons of ordinary explosives."

He said that although "we do not want to boast about our military and technical strength," he wanted to remind the West about the test explosion.

"The power of this weapon was equivalent to many million tons of ordinary explosives and it can be considerably increased," he added. "People who are trying to increase tension should remember the results of this test."

(The telephone line over which part of this story was dictated was broken by the Soviet censor for five minutes after mention was made of Khrushchev's statement about the H-bomb.)

Khrushchev followed Premier Bulganin to the rostrum. Both speeches bristled with attacks on "Western colonialism."

CONTENTIONS
On the Middle East Khrushchev put forth these contentions:

1. The Baghdad Pact violated the Geneva spirit, and was signed almost before the ink on the Geneva agreement was dry. Turkey is "mistakenly linking her fate with the aggressive Baghdad Pact."

2. The Soviet Union sympathizes with the desire of Arab nations to win and maintain independence. Jordan is the latest example of Western efforts to involve Arabs "in an aggressive military bloc."

3. "From the first day of its existence, the State of Israel has been taking a hostile, threatening position toward its neighbors. Imperialists are behind Israel, trying to exploit it against the Arabs for their own benefit."

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Advance Gift Letters Arrive

March of Dimes campaign chairman Jay Krohsh announced today that advance gift letters are coming in to drive headquarters with donations to the drive. These advance gift letters were mailed to all the homes of Klamath County earlier this month.

Krohsh also reported that the drives drive this year will be kicked off on January 3. The drive leader said that his three special events co-chairmen — U.S. Marine S-1st, Harold D. Morts, U.S. Air Force T-Sgt. James B. Shrum and U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Larry Cuffell — will stage many special events during the month-long drive.

The following firms have donated to the advance gift section of the drive. Asphalt Paving Co., Ellingson Lumber Co., J.C. Penney Co., Pinniger and Watkins, Wards Funeral Home, Parker Pontiac Co., Home Lumber and Supply Co., Oregon Technical Institute and Specialized Service Co.

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NEWEST BUSINESS addition to the Town and Country Shopping Center on South Sixth Street is Bing's Cafe, opened to the public on December 21. The formal opening is planned for the first of the year. Owners and operators of the coffee shop and dining room are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bingham, well known to restaurant patrons in Klamath Falls. Above—Bingham greets customers behind the check counter. (Story on Page Two)