

# In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In the dining room of the San Francisco hostelry in which this is written, there is a tableful of Koreans. In stature, they are short and chunky. Linguistically, they speak English, a easy, idiomatic English. So well-grounded are they in our tongue that they THINK in English. This is indicated by the fact that they use it in their conversations among themselves, seldom dropping into their own language.

In manner, they are hearty and cheerful and give out on the slightest provocation with care-free laughs that bubble up from their lower diaphragms.

They are obviously enjoying life.

Well, why shouldn't they be happy? They are over here learning by observation of our country and our government how to run their country and their government.

And we are paying the bills. People the world over are inclined to be happy and cheerful when somebody else is picking up the check.

But—Speaking a trifle cynically—I can't help wondering if they can learn much of REAL value from us about how to run the affairs of an ancient state like Korea.

Korea is old and worn and exhausted. Extravagant rulers have been milking the people for taxes for thousands of years and spending the money on such trappings of royalty as palaces and monuments. The poor devils of Koreans who pay the taxes are earning their tax money in the crudest of ways, with a minimum of machinery and a maximum of strong back labor.

In Korea, as in all of Asia, the good things of life are for the smart people, those who know how to wangle situations to their own benefit—in other words, the POLITICIANS. (After all, you know, kings and emperors and dictators and such are just smart politicians.)

Politicians everywhere practice the trick of bedazzling the people with the trappings of Big Government—BIG palaces, BIG parks, BIG DAMS, and so on. ALL of them run by Big Government, which means the politicians.

As this old world goes, we're still young and brash and new. We're still kind of like the second generation that inherits a big farm whose soil was rich and lushly productive when it was first homesteaded by a some able, hard-headed, intelligently tight-fisted, practical old realist who knew how to say NO when some city slicker tried to sell him something that was showy and flashy but on the impractical side. I wouldn't go so far as to say that these old-timers who homesteaded our country didn't often WANT the things the city slickers were trying to sell to them. They undoubtedly did want them. But they seldom had money enough in the bank to PAY CASH, and when it was suggested that they go in debt for it—put it on the cuff, leave it for future generations to pay, etc.—they just blew up and showed the city slicker the front gate.

We of the second generation have inherited the farm. We know it's worth a lot of money. We can't see any good reason why we can't have what we want—especially in view of the fact that plenty of people are willing to lend us a lot of money.

And—We're bedazzled by what the city slickers have to sell.

So we go ahead and put it on the cuff.

That goes for the BIG GOVERNMENT the politicians are persistently selling to us. We're bedazzled by its bigness, its glittering magnificence.

So we buy Big Government—and put it on the cuff. We've already put 280 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF IT on the cuff.

We're not too unlike the Koreans and the other Asians who for hundreds of generations have been falling for the bedazzlements of the politicians who call themselves kings and emperors and dictators and such.

So—I'm not too sure but what we're on the wrong track in bringing these Koreans over here (at our expense) to learn by observation of our government how to run their government.

I think maybe it might be better if we sent envoys over there to learn by observation what happens when the people permit the politicians to run things for hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years.

I think the lesson, if we heeded it, might be very good for us.

## Repairmen Reach Safety

UPPER LAKE (UP)—Two telephone repairmen feared lost in rugged, snow-covered mountains near here reached safety yesterday after spending a cold, hungry night in a deserted lodge.

The men, Tom Stanley, 28, and Don DeBolt, 25, both of Lakeport, are objects of an air and ground search when they failed to return home Saturday after going out to work on a private telephone line.

They showed up at a ranch in Clear Valley near here yesterday afternoon after a walk through snow-covered hills from the deserted Crabtree Lodge where they spent the night in 20-degree temperature.

"It got dark and we decided to spend the night there," Stanley said. "We kept a fire going all night to keep warm and made some coffee we found there. But there was no food and no blankets."



PREPARING FOR THE annual "Mothers March on Polio" tomorrow night were these three women, Mrs. Orson Sterns, background, Mrs. Brick Patterson, left, and Mrs. Cecil Finney, right. The march will be held from 7 to 8 o'clock. All residents are asked to turn on their porchlights to signal a donation to the March of Dimes campaign. Volunteer workers needed for South Suburban area and Conger and California avenues between 7 and 8 p.m. Contact Lela Woods, phone 6185, or Tom Perkins, 2-3454.

## Ten Women Perish During Baltimore Church Gathering

By LOU PANOS  
BALTIMORE (AP)—Ten women perished in a mad dash for the exits Sunday night after fire touched off in a hall jammed with a church crowd of about 1,000.

One of the dead was identified. The other nine bodies were believed those of women whose families had reported them missing. More than 200 were injured in the frantic clawing, shoving and trampling which erupted as the swiftly spreading flames consumed Arundel Park Auditorium on the south edge of Baltimore.

Red Cross officials reported 18 were admitted to nine hospitals and 111 were released after treatment. Firemen said about 100 others were treated at the scene.

Survivors said one minute they were sipping beer, munching food and listening to an orchestra play "Tea for Two" at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic church oyster roast.

A few moments later the celebrants, including many children, were shrieking, stampeding pack of humanity.

As the fire swooshed along the wooden rafters and roof of the one-story cinder-block building, hundreds broke for two large doors in the front and rear.

One of the doors, which were of the overhead sliding type used in garages, was never opened.

Finding this escape barred, scores made for nearby windows. Nine of the first bodies recovered were found huddled under one of these.

Al Bartheime, former professional basketball coach of the old Baltimore Bullets and one of the survivors, described the scene at one window as "real panic."

"With everybody trying to get out of that window, it was pretty brutal," he said.

"Some were being pulled back by others as they started through. Some were even throwing out of the windows friends they didn't think could make it any other way."

Bartheime said the fire was first detected in a duct.

"Several of the fellows got up on a ladder to put it out. All at once the flames burst out. You might say it was an explosion. The fire engulfed the guys on the ladder for a minute. I don't know what happened to them."

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# Eisenhower, Eden Begin Talks On Middle East, World Peace

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## Icy Highway Claims Life Of Motorist

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Clear, cold weather was over much of Oregon Monday. Highways, slick with icy spots, claimed one life Sunday.

Central Oregon's temperature Monday morning plunged to sub-zero with Bend reported minus 4 degrees, the state's coldest.

The Weather Bureau said there would be some cloudiness in southern and eastern sections of the state, but clearing skies and continued cold are expected throughout Oregon through Monday night.

Mrs. Jesse Hutchens, 40, of Springfield, was the traffic victim. She was killed Sunday when a car she was driving skidded on ice and crashed into another car about 20 miles east of Springfield on the McKenzie Highway. Her husband, Abe, in the car with her, suffered head and face injuries.

The driver of the other car, Gale Roberts, also Springfield, escaped unhurt.

There were a number of other less serious crashes due to slick highways.

Two cars crashed head-on 60 miles east of Albany on snow-covered U.S. Highway 20 and seven persons were injured.

Most seriously hurt was Robert B. Hodge, 18, McMinnville, driver of a car in which Gerald K. Martin, 18, Prineville, and Dudley H. Kenyon, 18, McMinnville, were passengers.

Hodge was taken unconscious to a Sweet Home hospital with multiple injuries. He, Martin and the Kenyon youth were Oregon State College students returning from a weekend at the Hoodoo Butte Ski Bowl on the eastern summit of the Cascades.

Three ambulances were sent to take them and the four occupants of the second car to the Sweet Home hospital.

The others hurt were Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Jenkins, both 27; their son, Stacey, 2; and John Rex, 18, Albany.

None except Hodge was believed injured seriously.

## Alaska Plane Search Begins

LADD AFB, Alaska (UP)—Planes criss-crossed the barren Arctic wastes north of Nome today, searching for an Alaska National Guard liaison plane which disappeared Friday with Brig. Gen. John R. Noyes and three other men aboard.

Air Force officials here said about 15 military and civil aircraft were taking part in the search.

The missing 120 plane took off from Nome Friday to take the Alaska National Guard commander to Shishmaref, about 100 miles north of Nome. Guard headquarters at Anchorage reported that the plane carried full survival gear including rations for five days.

The missing plane was piloted by Maj. Robert Kolb, Army advisor to the National Guard at Nome. Passengers besides Noyes were Maj. Francis Swiegart, commander of the First Alaska Scouts Battalion, and an unidentified Army mechanic.

Negotiators Talk Over Basic Issue  
PITTSBURGH (UP)—Negotiators in the 106-day strike of the International Union of Electrical Workers and Westinghouse Electric Corp. were reported today hammering away at the basic issues of general wage increases and a controversial time study program for non-incentive rate workers.

Neither side commented officially following the second consecutive Sunday session of their bargaining representatives, but it was indicated the talks had reached the "whittling down" stage.

The strike started last Oct. 17 when 44,000 IUE workers walked off their jobs demanding an immediate 15-cent an hour wage increase under the reopening clause of their existing contract which runs until next Oct. 15.

Mothers' March  
"Porchlight Night," the annual Mothers' March on polio, will be staged Tuesday night from 7 to 8 o'clock in the Klamath Falls area.

## AEC Announces New Missiles, A-Engine

By JOSEPH L. MYLER  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (UP)—The Atomic Energy Commission said today it is developing several brand new weapons which "will strengthen materially the defenses of this nation and the free world."

It also disclosed for the first time that tests have started in Idaho on a stationary forerunner of atomic engines for aircraft.

Construction of a test power plant big enough for aircraft carriers will start in the spring.

With production of nuclear weapons at the highest level in history, the AEC reported "several important" expansions of the far flung plants where atomic and hydrogen bombs and warheads are developed and manufactured.

The commission made these disclosures in a semi-annual report to Congress on the gigantic project for which taxpayers have put up \$14.4 billion since its birth in World War II. The AEC said output is up all along the line from ore to military weapons. Civilian and military power projects are booming.

With new H-bombs scheduled for this spring in the Pacific, the AEC said it is speeding the stockpiling of weapons made possible by previous tests.

It said last spring's tests in Nevada "opened several new and promising avenues for weapons research and development" which are being followed up "on an expedited basis."

The AEC did not identify the new weapon types which it said will "strengthen materially the defenses" of the free world. But they are believed to include atomic warheads of anti-aircraft and other special purpose guided missiles.

In its last semi-annual report six months ago, the commission said it was stockpiling weapons of the kind exploded in the 1954 H-bomb tests.

Since then, today's report said, "several important additions" have been started or completed at many of the AEC's widely separated weapons plants and laboratories.

The commission said development of atomic plants for industrial and military power and for naval and aircraft propulsion "made significant progress" in the last half of 1955. In that period the AEC spent \$62.3 million on such work.

It said "the aircraft nuclear propulsion program was accelerated and the prospects for nuclear powered flight continues to show promise."

It added that facilities for testing a land-based prototype have been completed in Idaho "and some test work" already is being done. The test engine was built by General Electric Co.

The startup of tests does not mean that atomic flight is just around the corner. Many problems, including radiation shields, will have to be licked before a plane will be airborne on nuclear power.

The commission said construction of a prototype engine for a large ship will start at the Idaho Reactor Test Station in the spring. This is part of a program for a series of atomic engines ranging from 3000 to 40,000 shaft horsepower "which can be used singly or in multiple to power new naval ships from small submarines to the largest aircraft carriers."

Minimums ranged during the night from Ellensburg's 6 below zero to Medford's comparatively warm 27 above. Yakima had 5 below.

No relief was in sight. The Weather Bureau predicted lows today to 10 above in Northwest Washington Monday night and Tuesday morning. In Central and Eastern Washington area temperatures as low as 15 below zero were forecast.

Some light snow covered sections of Western Washington and northwestern Oregon.

Portland had a high Sunday of 37 degrees and a low of 22, while Seattle was slightly colder, with 34 and 18 degrees respectively.

Warmest town in Washington Sunday was Hoquiam where the mercury climbed eight degrees above freezing to 40.

An unofficial reading of 21 below was reported at Deer Park in Spokane County. Deputy sheriffs at Spokane used anti-freeze on their patrol car sirens to keep them running. It was -3 there.

## Blaze Kills 3 Children In Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP)—Three children burned to death in their beds Monday while their father was out helping two of his sons deliver newspapers.

Five other children and the mother were not at home. She only Saturday had given birth to their tenth child and was still in the hospital.

The fire in the unincorporated community of Rieth, five miles west of here, destroyed the Chester O'Neal home and killed Phyllis Jean O'Neal, 8; Carol Jane O'Neal, 7; and Richard Dennis O'Neal, 6.

By the time the fire was discovered there was no chance to get inside to attempt a rescue of the children. Their grandfather, George Powers, tried it anyway, but was beaten back, the hair burned from his head.

"The fire was breaking out everywhere," the grandfather said. "I tried to get in the back door. You couldn't even get under the smoke. When I opened the door the heat hit me."

One of the first men to get there, Raymond Long, a neighbor, said the house was full of smoke. He was unable to get in the front door and he broke out a window in a bedroom.

"The inside seemed to explode," he said.

POWERLESS  
The father and his newspaperboy sons, Chester Jr., 13, and Stanley, 10, returned while the fire was at its height, but were powerless to help.

Neighbors had strung garden hoses to put what water they could on the fire, but the house burned to the ground and only the iron bedstead, stove and brick chimney stood up through the ruins.

Mrs. O'Neal, her new-born son, and 1-year-old David were in St. Anthony's Hospital here. David has been recuperating from pneumonia.

'Coldest' Night At Crater Lake  
Sunday night with a low of minus three degrees was the coldest night so far this year at Crater Lake National Park. The official thermometer stood at minus one at 8 a.m. today. Maximum Sunday was 18 degrees.

Forty-five cars brought 46 skiers and 121 sightseers to the park Sunday. The day was slightly overcast.

Three inches of new snow Sunday night brought snow depth to 126 inches compared with 56 inches on this date last year.

Highway 62 is open through the park with chains advised. The road from Annie Springs to the rim is open with chains or abrasive snow-tread tires required.

The weather was beautifully clear and cold when the ranger station reported this morning. Skiing is very good.

## Leaders Plan Three-Day Conference

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden opened talks at the White House Monday on the Middle East crisis and new strategy for blocking Soviet cold war offensives.

The first meeting of the American and British leaders was a luncheon session attended also by Secretary of State Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Lloyd.

Diplomats said in this first gathering the two leaders, who are old personal friends, would take an overall look at the work they have to do here and set the general pattern of their three days of conference.

EDEN STATEMENT  
Eden said on his arrival he was sure the meeting would "make a serious and positive contribution to peace" by promoting British-American understanding.

Eisenhower, who had bareheaded down the steps of the north portico to greet Eden when the prime minister drove up to the White House, a few minutes before 1 p.m.

After shaking hands vigorously, the President inquired, "How have you been?" Eden smilingly replied, "First-rate." Then the prime minister asked Eisenhower, "How are you feeling?"

The President whispered through a cupped hand to Eden and then chuckled.

Eden landed at National Airport at 11:15 a.m. aboard the presidential plane Columbine III.

The President's plane picked him up in New York where the prime minister arrived Monday morning aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Dulles headed a delegation on hand at the airport to greet Eden. Dulles welcomed Eden and Lloyd as old friends of the United States, and said he hoped the conferences here would "make both freedom and a just peace more secure."

GRATEFUL  
Eden said he was grateful for such a warm welcome. Then, calling Dulles by his name "Foster," he said he hoped it was all right with Dulles for him to speak in such a familiar manner.

This looked like a deliberate gesture by Eden to show friendship for a man with whom he has often been in private dispute in the past.

Eden said that the British people regarded President Eisenhower as "one of us," that no foreigner was "so greatly loved" as the American leader.

Emphasizing the record of London and Washington cooperation, he said "We've all worked together in difficult times and in less difficult times—if there are any."

NEWS CONFERENCE  
At a news conference, before departing from the Queen Elizabeth, Eden termed "admirable" the President's reply to Soviet Premier Bulganin's proposal for a 20-year peace pact.

Bulganin's peace was regarded here as a propaganda effort and an attempt to steal a march on the Eden-Eisenhower conferences even before they began.

H. L. Mencken Dies In Sleep  
BALTIMORE (AP)—Doubling H. L. Mencken, whose needs-all pen picked a civilization for nearly half a century, is dead. And how—as he once literally inquired—shall they stage his "inescapable last act?"

"The Sage of Baltimore"—newsman, author, wit, and critic—died quietly in his sleep early yesterday. He was 74.

A doctor said a blood clot probably was the cause of death.

His brother August said funeral services, when arranged, will be "strictly private."

Mencken once wrote: "One of the crying needs of the time in this incomparable republic is for a suitable burial service for the admittedly damned..."

"What is needed, and what I bawl for poetically, is a service that is free from the pious but unsupported assertions that revolt so many of our best minds, and yet remains happily graceful and consoling—a suitable funeral for hands and contact it at once."



MARY HARLAN, 1405 Lookout, a junior at Klamath Union High School, posed for the 9 o'clock photographer this morning before starting out for school.