

RAINS END EUROPE COLD WAVE

In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
About 30 miles north of Guadalajara is an interesting village. Its name is Tequila. Whether the liquor takes its name from the village or the village takes its name from the liquor I don't know, not having investigated the historical background.

At any rate, a large tequila distillery is located there and it provides a livelihood not only for the village but for the surrounding country.

Tequila is as clear as gin or vodka—or really good white wine. Its flavor varies all the way from awful to pleasant and satisfying, depending on how it is made and who makes it. The tequila sold in the border honky-tonks scratches like a cat as it goes down and tastes something like the residue from an oil refinery, but that distilled at the clean and modern looking plant at Tequila is above reproach.

It is made from the sap of the maguey, a cactus-like plant that looks very much like iris. Its leaves are thick and fleshy, and when pressed yield the juice from which the liquor is made. It is fermented and then distilled.

The resulting product has considerable authority, but isn't explosive in its effects. It is a very popular drink in Mexico. One reason for its popularity is that it is good.

Another reason, I suspect, is that it is cheap. It sells in nearby Guadalajara for six and a half pesos a quart, which is the approximate equivalent of four bits American.

The tequila plantations extend for a dozen miles or so along the highway on either side of the village. The plants are set out in rows and are carefully tended.

At the proper time, the leaves are cut and assembled into bundles. The bundles are then loaded onto burros and transported by burro power to the plant.

There are trucks in Mexico. Plenty of them. The roads are full of them, ranging all the way from pickup trucks to huge touring cars. It is inconceivable to an American that trucks wouldn't be used to haul in the maguey—and the sugar cane and the corn.

But so far in this part of Mexico I haven't seen a single truck being used to haul in crops from the fields to the processing plants or the villages.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that they are never used. Maybe they use 'em at night. But as yet, in hundreds of miles of travel along the roads, I haven't seen any trucks being put to such a use. The job of hauling the crops in from the fields seems to be reserved for the team composed of the peon and the burro.

There is of course a reason why this might be true. The economy of western Mexico is still practically a feudal economy. There are many, many Mexicans in the bottom layers of the Mexican population.

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But in between the advent of the machine and the end result of the machine there is a gap. During this gap there are more workers than jobs. The western part of Mexico is still in this gap—and I suspect that there is presently considerable dread of the machine (such as trucks for hauling crops in from the fields) because for a while the use of the trucks would throw the peon and his burro out of a job.

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Santa Comes To Yuba City Late

YUBA CITY, Calif. (AP) — The boys and girls were still talking Monday about how Santa Claus finally made it.

"Santa Claus just didn't know where to find us," said 6-year-old Judy Westcott. Dec. 25 much of Yuba City was under flood waters and residents were evacuated.

"After all, he couldn't spend all night just looking for us," Judy was among 15,000 children of this area for whom Santa Claus appeared Saturday—two months late and in heavy rains that almost threatened another flood.

Thanks to Lions Clubs throughout California, listeners of radio station WHTR at Mirristown, N.J., and donors from Seattle, Chicago, New York and Vancouver, B.C., tons of presents were distributed by a wet but welcome Santa Nick.

Rain forced the present-distributing indoors to the high school gym.

COMPLAINT

LONDON (UP) — The Rev. Leslie John Bliss of St. Crispian With Christ Church complained today that too many ardent swains propose on Sunday night and consequently go to see the preacher Monday about a wedding date.

"Monday is the clergyman's day off," Bliss said, "and we have no trade union to enforce it."



RICHARD SEIDEMAN

KU Junior Wins Office

Richard Seideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo E. Seideman, 1726 Johnson Street, was elected president of the Oregon Education Association's sponsored High School International Relations League at a state conference held Saturday in Eugene.

Richard is a junior at Klamath Union High School. The league consists of chapters in 40 high schools of the state with a total of 450 members. Its purpose is the study and discussion of the international problems of the United Nations.

Richard is the second state president from KUHS. Wayne Carothers, former KUHS student, was president in 1950. The Klamath president will have charge of the next two-day conference to be held in 1957.

Paul Deller, instructor in American Government at KUHS, is the high school adviser for the local chapter of IRL.

Home Show Draws Crowd

Klamath Basin residents turned out in full force to attend the Third Annual Home Show held Friday and Saturday at the Klamath County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building.

Fred Ehlers, Swap Lake Moulding Co., who was in charge of the show, reported Monday that 4,199 persons attended the show Friday and Saturday. This represents a sizeable increase over last year when 2,735 Basin residents were counted at the two-day show.

Appliance, builders supply and allied firms of Klamath Falls occupied 48 booths at the show. The show was organized to show the homeowners of the Basin the latest innovations in home appliances, materials and services offered by local firms.

Four prizes, two each day, were presented to persons attending the show. They were: James A. Scott, 2524 Applegate Street; Jerry Holland, 809 Martin Street; R. O. M. Lee, 1010 Chiquin, and Nancy Schumpe, Bonanza. The prizes were \$50 U.S. savings bonds.

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Dust Storm Hits Southwest

Pair Still Missing In Eureka Area

EUREKA (UP)—Search resumed at dawn today for two television technicians missing since Friday morning on snow-covered Red Mountain, 60 miles northeast of here.

Darkness and cold yesterday halted the searchers equipped with snowshoes and tractors.

The men are Ronnie Smith, 28, and Glenn McMartin, 25, technicians for Station KJEM-TV, Eureka.

On Friday they went on a routine maintenance check of the station's microwave equipment at the mountain's 4,000-foot level. They left their car at Potato Patch at the 2,000 foot level, reporting by radio that they were going the remaining three miles on snowshoes.

When they were not heard from again, two other station employees and three men from Simpson Redwood Co. tried to break through the snow-blocked road with a tractor yesterday, but were unsuccessful. Two other Simpson employees on snowshoes went up the mountain to the shack at the microwave station but found no sign of Smith and McMartin.

A 30-inch snow fall on Friday night presumably wiped out tracks left by the missing men.

More tractors were sent in an effort to clear the road to the ridge. Planes and helicopters were called, but snow flurries prevented a complete search of the area.

A station official said the two men were experienced outdoorsmen but pointed out that they took no food with them Friday.

Crater Has Heavy Snow

Nearly 11 feet of snow has fallen at Crater Lake National Park in the last 10 days. Skies are overcast today and light snow was falling this morning following eight and one-half inches of new snow in the past 24 hours. Fourteen and one-half inches of new snow fell Saturday night, bringing a snow depth to 190 inches on Sunday.

Snow depth this morning was 187 inches compared with 94 inches on this date last year and 180 inches in 1952.

Ski conditions are fair with deep powder snow.

Snow closed Highway 62 most of Sunday but it was reopened about 4 p.m. yesterday and was open this morning. Chains are needed.

The road from Annie Springs to headquarters was open this morning with chains required. Avalanche conditions, existing until the snow settles, are keeping the road from headquarters to the rim closed for the time being.

Maximum Sunday temperature was 21 degrees; minimum was 14 and it was 21 degrees at 8 a.m. today.



COUNTY CHAMPS for the third straight time, Malin draws the honors to represent Klamath County in the district 5-B basketball playoffs this week at Ashland. Shown above is Malin's captain, Glen Steyskal, receiving the winner's award from county school superintendent Carrol Howe. Looking on at right is Malin coach Jim Conroy. Malin whipped Chiloquin, 68-54, Saturday night at Pelican Court.

Planes Seek Army Rebels

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—Brazilian army forces, joined by loyalist air force planes, pushed deep into the Amazon jungle Monday in a determined drive against a small band of air force rebels.

Gen. Antonio Alves Cabral, commander of government troops in the Amazon basin, warned the rebels—making their last stand at the Jacare-Canga airstrip—to surrender or be bombed. Leftists dropped on Jacare-Acanga instructed the rebels to signify their surrender by placing white towels on the strip and stacking weapons and ammunition beside them.

The loyal air force pilots and crews arrived at Belém, headquarters of the anti-rebellion campaign, after a wave of arrests of air force officers and men who refused to fly against the rebels. The first job for the loyalist planes was to photograph the rebel base in preparation for dropping parachutists.

Jacare-Acanga is 250 miles south of Santarem, the first rebel stronghold in northern Brazil.

The company has announced it will open bids March 16 on the dam. The dam was opposed by the state Fish, Game and Hydroelectric commissions, but the Federal Power Commission nevertheless authorized construction.

PG&E estimates the project will cost about 25 million dollars. It plans to start construction in the summer. The dam is expected to have a peaking capacity of 120,000 kilowatts of power.

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese government Monday disavowed a trade agreement reported signed in North Korea by a repatriation negotiator from Japan. A foreign office spokesman said the Japanese government would not permit trade between Japan and Communist North Korea.

Gunmen Batter Way Into Market With Stolen Car

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Bandits and robbers created a minor crime wave over the weekend by staging burglaries, attempted burglaries, holdups and a jewel theft in six different places in the Bay Area.

Several thousand dollars was believed stolen from the U-Save Market in Martinez last night by two gunmen who battered their way into the supermarket with a stolen car.

The bandits crashed the car through the locked rear door of the market. Then, while one bandit calmly backed the car out and drove to the front, the other waved a shotgun and forced two clerks, Mrs. Rosella Anderson, 32, and Billy Wayne Jackson, 19, to open the store's safe.

Police believe the bandits were the same who used the same car-battering methods to rob a Concord market of \$200 Feb. 15.

Burglars, meanwhile, stole a 200-pound safe containing more than \$2,000 in cash and checks early yesterday from the Knight Club, in San Francisco.

At the Four Wheel Brake Service, Inc., San Francisco, burglars yesterday smashed doors, a vending machine and two safe cabinets and used a torch from the brake shop to open a safe containing less than \$200 in cash.

A lone bandit held up clerk Robert Nelson of the Hunt Liquor Store in San Anselmo yesterday and robbed the cash box and register of \$263.

J. D. Gernell, 47, Stockton, and Donald Larkin, 30, San Francisco, both on parole from San Quentin, were arrested as officers said they were trying to use a can-opener to break into Boyson's Pharmacy in San Francisco at 3 a.m. today. The men were held on suspicion of attempted burglary.

At Redwood City, Mrs. Hilda Arata, 51, reported to police that burglars had stolen a \$200 pearl necklace and a \$250 ruby-studded gold cross and chain from her home over the weekend.

Willamette Valley To Get Gas Back Within The Week