

### Russ Leader Ends Visit

LONDON (AP) — Georgi Malenkov returned to London Wednesday from a tour of power plants in north England and Scotland—and waxed enthusiastic about kids, scenery and the joys of friendship.

The former Soviet premier flew back from Scotland in a chartered Vickers Viscount turbo-prop airplane.

He waved to bystanders and smilingly posed for photographers at the airport.

"It's been a wonderful trip," he said via an interpreter.

Throughout his junketing, like a politician looking for votes, he was patted children on the head, talked to honeymooning couples, strolled along sidewalks, and visited the people in their homes.

"I do not believe that the adults will be offended if I say that I like particularly the children of Britain," Malenkov said on his return. "It is for their happiness that we live and work."

"I have seen a lot of beautiful scenery there in Scotland but the beauty of the country could not overshadow the beauty of the people. Wherever I was, I saw only friendly faces and I constantly felt that I was surrounded by friends."

### KF Truck Driver Escapes Injury

YREKA — Edward A. Schultz, Klamath Falls, driver for the Panhandle Trucking firm, was uninjured early Sunday morning when a passenger automobile traveling at high speed rammed the rear of a concrete mixer truck he was driving.

Two persons died in the crash, eight miles north of Yreka. Killed were Mrs. Bonnie Vieira, 42, of Hill, California and Norman R. Datro, 38, also of Hill. Seriously injured were George Vieira, husband of the dead woman, Ruby Williams and her husband Russell Williams, both 40, of Hill. Williams was driver of the car.

### Sacred Heart Notebook

By ELDA DAL BROU  
The beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday has brought with it many changes in the liturgy of the church concerning Holy Week services. There will be no Mass on Thursday morning; Mass will be at 7:30 in the evening. On Good Friday Mass of the Presanctified and Communion will be at 3 p.m.

Due to a change in plans report cards will not be given out until Thursday, March 29.

The girls' physical education classes are beginning tumbling, another phase of their year's activities.

Auditions were held in the school auditorium Monday, March 26, for all SHA students interested in participating in the 1956 Pelicana.

### BELT OF TREES

TOKYO (AP) — A belt of trees 3,000 miles long will be planted across Northern China to protect it from the shifting Gobi Desert, Radio Peiping said Wednesday.



PHILIP BLADINE

### Editor Seeks Delegate Post

Philip N. Bladine, editor of the McMinnville Daily News Register, announced Wednesday he is taking his first fling at politics by entering the race for delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Although he has been active for many years in the Republican affairs, Bladine has never before made a try for an elective office. He is seeking one of the 10 delegate at large posts to the convention in San Francisco.

The editor is a member of the executive committee of the Oregon Republican Central Committee and during the 1948 election campaign served as GOP publicity chairman.

During World War II, Bladine spent nearly four years in the United States Navy. He served in the South Pacific. For the past 10 years, Bladine has been active in civic and state affairs while operating his newspaper in McMinnville.

Bladine is a director of the Upstate Section, Printing Industry of Oregon and a director of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. He is industrial chairman and former president of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce. He also is now serving as chairman of the Yamhill County Willamette Basin Project and district chairman of the Yamhill County Boy Scouts. He is a former captain of the Yamhill County Sheriff's posse.

After he was graduated from the University of Oregon School of Journalism, Bladine attended Linfield College for one year. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma and Sigma Delta Chi, honorary fraternities, Phi Gamma Delta, Elks Lodge and the Knights of Pythias.

### MOCK ATTACKS

SINGAPORE (AP) — Planes from the French carrier Lafayette and U.S. jet fighter bombers from Philippines bases Wednesday made mock attacks on two British convoys in the central China sea in an exercise called "Monsoon."

The two convoys were also subjected to submarine "attacks."

## Ford Motor Company Tells Record Profit In Report

A "decade of growth," which led to a record \$37 million dollar profit last year in contrast with a net loss in 1946, was documented Tuesday in Ford Motor Company's first public annual report.

The 50-page report is now being mailed to the company's stockholders.

Henry Ford II, president, and Ernest R. Breech, chairman of the board, noted that 1956 was an exceptionally good year in the auto industry.

They reported, however, that the company's record sales and earnings last year "were largely made possible by a long-range program begun in 1946."

This program began with an internal reorganization in which major operations were assigned to decentralized divisions.

Highlighting the company's growth during this period was the expenditure of 1.078 million dollars for modernization, expansion and replacement of facilities (excluding special tools). An additional one billion dollars for the same purposes, is scheduled over the next two-and-a-half years.

Consolidated net sales of the company increased more than five fold during the past decade, from 895 million dollars in 1946 to 5,594 million dollars last year.

The company reported net earnings equal to \$8.19 a share in 1955.

Dividends distributed to shareholders last year totaled 175 million dollars, or \$3.27 a share, representing 40 per cent of the company's profits. The remaining 262 million dollars was retained for use in the business.

Other annual report figures attesting to the growth of the "new" Ford Motor Company since World War II include:

An increase in net worth from 714 million dollars at the end of 1946 to 1,868 million dollars on December 31, 1955.

A corresponding rise in total assets from 866 million dollars 10 years ago to 2,585 million dollars at the close of 1955.

A rise in net investment in property, plant and equipment amounting to 870 million dollars. The total at the end of 1955 reached \$1,192 million dollars, compared with 317 million dollars in 1946.

The accumulation of 625 million dollars in net working capital at year end 1955, compared with 343 million dollars 10 years earlier.

Again in average annual employment of more than 80,000 since 1946 to a total of 181,616 in 1955, and at the same time an annual payroll increase from 328 million dollars to 1,118 million dollars.

The company's provision for federal income taxes during the 10-year period reviewed in the annual report amounted to more than two billion dollars.

Factory sales of Ford Motor Company passenger cars and trucks totaled 2,613,195 units last year, compared with 652,262 in 1946.

The company's share of total industry factory sales rose from 21.2 per cent in 1946 to 28.3 per cent last year for passenger cars, and from 21.1 per cent to 30 per cent for trucks.

The Tractor and Implement Division recorded a 36 per cent increase in dollar sales last year over 1954, the report said, compared with a 15 per cent increase for the rest of the farm equipment industry.

In foreign markets, the company and its subsidiaries set a new sales record of 1,275 million dollars in 1955, topping the preceding year by 265 million dollars. Of the 1955 foreign sales, 261 million dollars are included in the company's consolidated sales.

Sales of defense products by Ford Motor Company last year amounted to 259 million dollars. A major part of this was accounted for by production of J-57 jet engines and B-47 bomber wings. This left a backlog of orders for defense products at year end of about 700 million dollars.

"The company is negotiating with the government for additional production and research development contracts," the report stated.

Pointing out that total Ford Motor Company dealer profits last year were up substantially from 1954, the report added that the number of dealers increased by 700 during the year to 8,900.

"In appraising the year 1956," Mr. Ford and Mr. Breech said, "present indications are that neither the company nor the automotive industry as a whole will maintain the record levels of production and sales established in 1955."

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### Roseburg Lumber Concern Sold

PORTLAND (AP) — Purchase of the Young's Bay Lumber Co., Inc., of Roseburg was announced Tuesday by the United States Plywood Corp.

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