

By FRANK JENKINS

Disturbing news:

Sir Winston Churchill is sick in bed at his winter home down on the French Riviera, where well-heeled Europeans go to get away from the discomforts of winter. He came down yesterday with what a member of the household describes as "a chill, with probable touches of flu."

Let's hope it is no more than that. At any rate, he ate his breakfast and then called for a cigar.

Tough it out, sir—as you've always done. And good luck to you.

The world can't get along without you—yet. You're a rock of stability in a world that is reaching for the moon and building its hopes on something for nothing.

You know there is no such thing as something for nothing and have never hesitated to say so. The world needs men like that.

Speaking of good men, the new Republic of Tunisia, which lies across the Mediterranean from the French Riviera, has one. His name is Habib Bourguiba (pronounced, in case you're interested, Ha-BEEB Bour-GEE-ba).

He is an African-born Arab, educated in French schools. He married a French wife. Tunisia pulled loose from France and set up on its own. Bourguiba, who is the Tunisian republic's first president, intends to keep his country independent. But he wants to work with the French and not against them.

In the ruckus between Tunisia and Algeria, which is filling the papers with headlines, Bourguiba stays determinedly tolerant and fair toward France. He is a patriot of the George Washington type. It's too bad the French haven't leaders like this Arab Bourguiba.

Now a word about France.

The common, ordinary, everyday French people are among the most lovable on earth. They aren't very progressive—especially the peasants, who make up a large part of the French population. They are inclined to be care-headed and tight-fisted. Their idea of saving is to convert their money into gold and bury it in the back yard—which is no way to run a modern economy.

But, in their way, they are capable and solid.

Unfortunately, in the nearly 2,000 years since Caesar conquered Gaul and for a brief interval gave the Gauls such good government that for more than a century they served as a shield for Rome against the barbarians of the north, France has had probably the worst government in the world.

It's a great pity that at this moment in history, when Africa is showing up as one of the most explosive of the world's trouble spots, France hasn't a statesman of the caliber of this man Bourguiba who heads the new Republic of Tunisia.

Potato Futures Reach New High

NEW YORK (AP) — Trading in Maine potato futures hit a 17-year-high on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday with sales of 3,511 contracts.

The previous record turnover was 2,795 contracts on March 1, 1955. The new total is the highest since trading opened in 1941.

Contracts for March, April and May were up .15 to .25 of a cent a pound, while contracts for next November and January were unchanged. The daily trading limit is .30 of a cent a pound.

NO RAW MATERIAL

CLINTON, Tenn. (UP) — The Clinton ice plant was unable to operate Tuesday because of the cold. Its water pipes froze and burst; no raw materials.

Police Halt Gang Battle At KF Park

City and state converged on Moore Park at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night and averted a possible clash between many carloads of youngsters, arresting one 17-year-old for possession of a blackjack.

The police were notified that the youngsters intended to stage a pitched battle in Moore Park, and arrived at the scene to find carloads of individuals parked in the area.

They conducted a car-to-car check for weapons and took the 17-year-old youth into custody when a 10-inch blackjack was found in his possession.

He was brought to the city jail and turned over to juvenile authorities. Others at the scene were admonished to "go home."

Authorities report that the clash was the outgrowth of a disturbance that occurred Tuesday afternoon on the Wall Street bridge leading to KUHS.

Principal Charles Carlson reports that three teen-agers who were not students created the disturbance. One of the three was apprehended following the clash.

Carlson reported that the incident was probably the outgrowth of something that happened at Medford during the recent KUHS-Medford basketball series.

City and state police checked the drivers and occupants of more than 100 cars in the park, with it being conservatively estimated that there were more than 200 students and other youths involved. The police added that most of those checked appeared to be there as observers and spectators, with it being possible that the "showdown" was scheduled for other locations.

City and state reports did not indicate that violence developed in other sectors of town.

24 Seamen Lost In Sea

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Twenty-seven crewmen who had abandoned the sinking Italian freighter Bonitas were pitched into the stormy Atlantic when their lifeboat capsized last night as a rescue ship tried to pluck them to safety.

Three were saved and 24 were swept away by 20-foot seas.

Throughout the night, the liner President Adams, three Navy destroyer escorts and the French steamship Cavalaire searched vainly for the missing men, a task made difficult by poor visibility.

The stricken freighter's crew abandoned ship in one lifeboat shortly before 6 p.m., several hours after the ship had sent an SOS from her position 120 miles east of Cape Lookout, N.C.

The President Adams was the first to arrive in the area, shortly before midnight. The Bonitas' crew tried to bring their lifeboat alongside the liner, but the boat capsized, throwing the men into the icy ocean.

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ONE LESS

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP) — Deputy Sheriff Robert Donovan counted 30 prisoners Tuesday when he closed up a county bus and started out for the Santa Rita prison farm. He counted only 29 when the prisoners filed out.

Donovan said it appeared that Vincent L. James, 21, a convicted burglar, had squeezed out a window while the bus was moving slowly through heavy traffic.

NO ALTERNATIVE

ATLANTA (UP) — Employees of the Atlanta Gas Light Co. are brewing their coffee on an electric hot plate to conserve gas.

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D. E. VAN VACTOR

Van Vactor Files For Post

District Judge D. E. Van Vactor filed for reelection to a six-year term Wednesday morning.

Van Vactor has been Klamath County district judge since August 1952 when he was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement.

Following his appointment, Judge Van Vactor was elected to the office in the fall of 1952 and is now completing his first six-year term.

Prior to that, he was Klamath County district attorney for three years, was deputy district attorney for four years and city attorney for six years.

He has been practicing law in Klamath Falls since 1925. Judge Van Vactor is a native of Golden, Wash., and completed his law training at the Northwestern College of Law in Portland.

He has been admitted to the U.S. District and Supreme Court to practice. He is a past exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Elks Lodge No. 1247.

Judge Van Vactor is also a member of the American Legion, and served 30 months overseas during World War I. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was commander of the Sixth Airborne Squad.

SLIGHT CHILL

Beds Winnie

NICE, France (AP) — Sir Winston Churchill remained in bed at his Riviera vacation villa Wednesday after what was described as a slight chill. His secretary said he was "perfectly comfortable."

Churchill's 75-year-old personal physician, Lord Moran, flew in from London, but he did not seem alarmed over the former prime minister's condition.

The 83-year-old former British prime minister was put to bed Tuesday after he was examined by his local doctor, Dr. David Roberts. A member of the Churchill entourage said the chill apparently was brought on when Sir Winston lunched Monday on the yacht of Greek millionaire Aristote Onassis.

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Solons Hear From Loser Of TV Row

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators developed Wednesday that friends of a loser in the Miami TV Channel 10 case tried to get support of top Republicans, including Vice President Nixon.

There was no testimony that Nixon was directly approached on behalf of A. Frank Katzentine, who eventually lost out in a four-way battle for the TV channel.

In Los Angeles, Nixon declined any comment.

A spokesman for the vice president said: "He doesn't want to comment. The vice president never comments on things like this."

But the House investigating committee put into its record a letter in which Downey Reed, a friend of Katzentine, said he thought Nixon was the right man to approach. The letter told of a conversation with Bob King, identified as a former administrative assistant to Nixon.

This conversation, as reported in the letter, was in October 1955. About seven months earlier an examiner for the Federal Communications Commission had recommended that Katzentine's radio station WKAT be given the TV channel.

In February 1957, the FCC voted, however, to award it to Public Service Television Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Airlines.

Katzentine was in the witness chair when the letter was put into evidence.

He had told earlier of two meetings he said he had with FCC Commissioner Richard A. Mack before the final decision on the case.

"I never asked Mr. Mack to vote for me," Katzentine testified.

He said he told Mack he wanted the case decided on its merits.

Katzentine, a stocky man in a dark suit, appeared with his counsel, Paul A. Porter of Washington, a former chairman of the FCC.

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THREE QUEENS who entertained a full house in the Mills School auditorium last night are, from left, Phyllis Crabtree, second runner up in the Junior Miss Oregon of 1955 Contest; winner Darlene Buchholz and first runnerup, Nelda Snook. Darlene defeated 11 other candidates for Klamath County to become the first Junior Miss Oregon. All three girls are students at Klamath Union High School. The queen will leave here February 25 to compete in the national contest, the Azalea Festival in Mobile, Alabama.

Junior Miss Oregon Crown Won By Darlene Buchholz

By DAVE COHEN

Darlene Buchholz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buchholz, 2340 Garden Avenue, was crowned as Junior Miss Oregon of 1955 last night in the Mills School auditorium.

The 17-year-old queen became the first Junior Miss Oregon winner and in so doing defeated 11 other candidates from Klamath County. Second and third prize winners were Nelda Snook and Phyllis Crabtree.

The girls parents stood in the wings as their daughter took her bows after her coronation by Klamath County Rep. John Kerbow.

Darlene was besieged by a throng of well-wishers, including other contestants, posed for cameramen and answered questions asked by members of the sponsoring organization, the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dean DeWitt, chairman of the junior chamber's contest, said that the 5 feet 5 1/2, 125-pound KUHS senior will leave here via United Air Lines Tuesday, February 25, at 5:40 p.m. to begin her all-expense-paid tour to Mobile, Alabama, to compete with 47 other junior misses.

At the Azalea Festival, which begins February 27 and ends March 1, she will vie for \$10,000 in college scholarships, with first prize a \$5,000 award to the school of her choice.

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Some of the prizes, donated by local merchants and divided by the three girls, are costume jewelry, shoes, sport slacks, a blouse, gift certificates, a travel alarm clock, hosiery, lockets, a cotton housecoat and flowers.

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Earth Slide Halts Daylight

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SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Southern Pacific's southbound Shasta Daylight was to arrive eight hours late today at 7 a.m. because of a slide that cut the air lines under the train.

The slide took place Tuesday night at LaMoine, a railroad point 22 miles south of Dunsmuir, Calif. Aboard the train were 176 passengers.

The sharp-pointed rocks cut the air lines under the engine and the first five cars, causing the train to come to an immediate stop.

None of the cars was derailed and none of the passengers was hurt.

The passengers were put in the train's last four cars and taken back to Dunsmuir.

Meanwhile, crewmen worked through the night clearing the tracks and moving them about a foot around the slide. Other workmen repaired the air lines.

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