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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

It's hard to think today of anything but the horrible school fire in Chicago. We can't even think constructively about that until we know more about its causes.

But—

One thought occurs in looking at pictures of the burning school. It is a MULTI-STORY building. In a sudden disaster — especially in a swiftly-spreading fire—it is TERRIBLY difficult to get people out of multi-story buildings.

It is probably more difficult to get children out than to get adults out.

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Multi-story buildings are fundamentally necessary in big cities, where people are obliged by circumstance to live crowded together. Real estate is too scarce and costly to make anything else possible.

The country is different. In the country, we can build one-story schools. Quick exit from one-story schools is IMMENSELY simpler than quick exit from multi-story schools. In a sudden emergency, it's merely a problem of smashing out low windows and running through the holes to safety.

There is NO problem of getting down crowded stairs or of getting out through upper story windows —either by rescue with ladders, which is necessarily slow, or of LEAPING to the ground when it is a choice of that or burning to death.

In our smaller cities, at least in the West, we are moving steadily in the direction of one-story school buildings. It is a sound trend. One-story school buildings are FAR safer.

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So much for the schools.

Let's look a little farther.

I think we should perhaps give a little more thought to the way we build our country cities. If we required that buildings in our business districts must be built on a checkerboard pattern, with every alternate block or half-block left vacant for parking, we wouldn't be too far off the clearly indicated modern pattern.

In this age of the automobile, a place to park your car when you want to get out of it is almost as important as a place to DRIVE it when you want to get somewhere. Restrictions on where one can build and how one can build normally tend to depreciate property values, but in these days ample parking space in convenient places ADDS TO THE VALUE OF PROPERTY rather than otherwise.

We could stand a lot of small city planning—if it is practical and intelligent planning.

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The modern tendency is to gang up in the big cities.

Here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California our job is to make our small cities so attractive and so liveable that people and industries will want to move away from the congested metropolitan cities and into our towns—where ample space and modern planning will make life better.

A HUGE ROCK from the nearby hillside came rolling down Monday afternoon, crashing into the back porch of the residence of Mrs. Louise Sterns, 531 Conger Avenue. The boulder reportedly was dislodged by construction work on the west side bypass. Here, Arne Berglund, 22-month-old grandson of Mrs. Sterns, stands behind the boulder which smashed a portion of the back porch.

U.N. Nears Home Stretch In Least Eventful Session

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The U.N. Assembly today dragged into the home stretch of one of the least eventful sessions in its 13-year history. There appeared little to stop the world body from winding up on schedule Dec. 12.

The 81-nation main Political Committee pressed to conclude debate on the Cyprus issue by midweek. That would leave the Assembly with only three main items to discuss — atomic radiation, Algeria and Hungary.

The Cyprus question appeared headed for a deadlock. The committee neared a vote on half a dozen rival resolutions. None appeared to have enough support to get the two-thirds majority needed for Assembly approval.

A compromise resolution entered Monday night by India and eight other nations called on Britain to continue negotiations to promote self-government for its crown colony. The British said the proposal was not acceptable, virtually dooming prospects for passage.

The radiation issue was expected to be disposed of quickly. Twelve nations represented on the U.N. Scientific Committee on Atomic Radiation have put in a resolution proposing that the agency continue its work. It was expected to be approved without serious opposition.

The Algerian discussion promised to be a heated but one-sided affair.

The French have served notice they will not take part in the debate on grounds the future of the North African territory is a French internal matter. Most of the 28 Asian-African nations and the Soviet bloc are expected to speak fully on the colonial issue, however.

Informed sources said India was working on a resolution whereby the Assembly would call for negotiations to settle Algeria's future but it had a doubtful future.

The Hungarian question, which is expected to generate considerable East-West heat, goes directly to the General Assembly.

The West is expected to concentrate its fire on the executions of former Premier Imre Nagy, Gen. Pal Maleter and others who led the abortive 1956 rebellion. The Assembly's Special Committee on Hungary has issued a communique deploring the executions and later put out a special report outlining other sentences against Hungarian freedom fighters.

SP Slashes Cascade Sked

The Southern Pacific Shasta Daylight, running between San Francisco and Portland, will go on a three-times-a-week winter schedule, effective on January 15, according to Claude E. Peterson, Southern Pacific vice president of passenger traffic and public relations.

The train will continue on its daily schedule until that time and will resume daily runs during the summer months and during holiday periods.

The new winter schedules provide for northbound trips on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and southbound trips on Thursday, Saturday and Monday. Winter season has been set from January 15 to May 28.

"Winter traffic on the Shasta Daylight has declined 26 per cent in the last two years," Peterson said. "The train is used primarily by summer vacationers and tourists and off-season usage has dwindled to the point where we can no longer justify daily operation of the train."

On days when the Shasta Daylight doesn't operate, extra cars will be placed on the Cascade. SP's overnight pullman and chair car streamliner, Peterson said, to assure adequate daily service.

Southern Pacific originally announced its intention of adopting the new schedule more than two years ago, but postponed the move when individuals and communities along the route protested that daily service was needed all year round.

Banking Veep Held On Theft Of $800,000

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A mild-mannered bank vice president today was held in jail on federal charges of embezzling more than $800,000 from the Sun Valley National Bank.

John E. Petersen, 49, father of two children, was arrested Monday by FBI agents at his home in nearby Van Nuys on a complaint issued by U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke charging him with a false entry in the bank records.

Total bank shortages might amount to more than one million dollars, D.K. Brown, special agent in charge of the FBI Los Angeles office, said. Auditing of the books continued today.

Petersen, who said he got his start in the banking business in Omaha, Neb., before coming here in 1937, said after he was ordered held in lieu of $35,000 bail:

"I don't have any of this money. I'd like to know where it is."

The former cashier and vice president said he resigned from the bank, where he had worked since 1952, about 10 days ago at the request of bank officers when federal bank examiners noted a discrepancy in the bank books.

His wife, Evelyn, said: "I'm sure it will all be straightened out. He's my husband and I love him dearly. I'll stand by him all the way."

Neighbors said the couple and their two children, Steve, 8, and John Jr., 18, lived quietly in their middle class house and that Petersen was in the habit of doing most of the home repairs himself.

Authorities said Petersen made a false entry amounting to more than $800,000 on the bank books Nov. 19. They explained the amount probably represented an accumulation of shortages over a long period of time.

The Sun Valley National Bank was sold Saturday to the Security First National Bank which is the nation's sixth largest banking chain.

U.S. Nearing Atom Plane

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chairman Melvin Price (D-Ill.) of the joint congressional atomic research subcommittee disclosed today U.S. scientists have reached "a critical stage" in development of a nuclear-powered plane.

He said the United States is in a position "to push forward vigorously to a successful conclusion" of the program.

He added that "the nation can ill afford further delay and indecision" on the multi-million dollar project. Such delay, he declared, would mean forfeiting "once again our technological leadership."

Simultaneously Rep. August E. Johansen (R-Mich.) called on the House manpower utilization subcommittee to look into the possible need for extra scientific manpower in the light of reports that Russia has developed an atomic plane ahead of this country.

Price blamed "bureaucratic snafus in Washington" for America's failure so far to develop a nuclear-powered plane. He said in an angry statement the administration has consistently pulled the rug from under scientists working on the project.

Yakity Yak, Yak Unnerves Driver To Spoil Record

LONDON (AP) — For 30 years Mrs. Fanny Martin had a spotless backseat driving record. Until Monday.

Then husband Maurice, 55, a grocer, was fined a pound—$2.80—for ignoring a policeman's signal to stop.

"It was all Fanny's fault," he told the judge.

"As soon as we start to move, she's off. 'Watch out. . . Be careful . . . Mind that cyclist . . . Slow down . . . ' "

It was the nagging, he said, that caused him to miss the signal.

HAIL THE CHAMPIONS was the theme of a gathering at the Merrill Recreation Hall Monday night as the state Class B gridiron champions were given a rousing reception by 250 to 300 supporters. Here, Bud Maupin, left, Coach Al Keck and John Haskins admire the trophy emblematic of state supremacy while Bill Falvey, president of the Merrill Lions Club, looks on proudly. Maupin and Haskins are co-captains of the championship squad. Keck has been coach at Merrill for three years and in that time has taken his squad into the state playoffs all three years. They advanced to the quarter-finals, semifinals, in that order in the two previous years, and this year went all the way to capture the title with a crushing 60 to 7 victory over Yoncalla.

Airline Strike Ease Related

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court developments in New York City have eased pressure on two airlines involved in labor disputes. Talks aimed at ending strikes at two other lines continue today.

The strike moratoriums give breathing space to Pan American World Airways and American Airlines and keep their planes in the air. The struck carriers are Eastern Air Lines and Trans World Airlines.

The Transport Workers Union pledged in State Supreme Court Monday not to interfere with Pan American operations, pending the outcome of mediation over union demands. The line had accused the union of curtailing the amount of overtime its members could work.

About 8,000 Pan American employes, including 1,400 at the Air Force's Cape Canaveral, Fla., missile base, are demanding fewer working hours with no pay cuts. The contract expired at midnight.

American Airlines, the nation's largest in passenger miles flown annually, escaped a rupture in operations when Federal Dist. Judge Frederick vanPelt Bryan continued a ban on a strike by 1,500 members of the Air Line Pilots Assn. court argument continues today.

In Kansas City, negotiations in the 11-day-old TWA strike were recessed late Monday night still deadlocked over a seniority issue involving machinist foremen. Talks were scheduled to resume today.

At Miami, Fla., EAL officials and union leaders planned to meet again today. The line was struck last Nov. 24. A total of 5,383 mechanics and 550 members of the Flight Engineers International Assn. are out.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Variable cloudiness and continued mild through Wednesday. Highs 47-52; low tonight 28-33.

High yesterday	53
Low last night	31
Precip. last 24 hours	trace
Since Oct. 1	1.07
Same period last year	4.52
Normal for period	2.87

Northern California: Fair through Wednesday except considerable cloudiness in the north; little change in temperatures. Coastal winds variable, 8-18 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday	42
Low last night	30
8 a.m. today	39
Precipitation	.09 in.
Snow depth	9 in.
Last year	26

It was foggy in the park this morning. Snow which started at 9 a.m. yesterday turned into light rain, clearing in the afternoon. Precipitation for November, 1958, was the third heaviest in the 27 years weather records have been kept at the park. The total of 13.01 inches compares with a normal of 8.26 inches and 8.99 inches for November last year.

Bill Introduced To Extend Seas

PANAMA (AP)—A bill to extend Panama's territorial waters to 12 miles offshore has been introduced in the National Assembly with wide support.

The measure also would extend Panamanian sovereignty to the air space over nine-mile strips of Caribbean and Pacific water.

Extension of Panamanian sovereignty would create corridors hemming in access to the canal, although the bill guarantees the right of innocent passage to foreign ships using the canal.

Biggest Ranch In West Sold

The sale of the Chewaucan Ranch to Sinton and Brown Cattle Ranch Company of Santa Maria, California, was announced Monday by the Kern County Land Company.

Headquarters of the 171,000-acre cattle raising operation is the ZX Ranch, one mile from Paisley, in northern Lake County. The far-flung ranch extends from Lake County into Deschutes County and into the Sycan area of Klamath County along the edge of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

In addition to the land, the transaction included the sale of more than 18,000 head of cattle and grazing leases on about one million acres of range land.

As part of the transaction, Kern County Land Company announced it acquired the 6,000-acre Santa Rita and 500-acre Alliance cattle ranches near Paso Robles.

The Chewaucan property was acquired about the turn of the century from its original owners. For many years it was operated by the Chewaucan Land and Cattle Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Kern County Land Company. In recent years, the Chewaucan Land and Cattle Company was dissolved and the property operated directly by the Kern County concern.

It is and has always been a cow and calf spread and is one of the largest, if not the largest range operation on the West Coast.

One of the early superintendents was "Fitz" Fitzpatrick. He was succeeded by Buck Smith, who was well known in the entire area. Smith made his Klamath Falls headquarters at the Willard Hotel and was described as "a dead-ringer for a big San Francisco banker from his knees up." On his feet, he always wore cowboy boots.

Buster Vaughn ran the big outfit for nearly 20 years until his death about two years ago. He was followed by Ray Stanfield who was transferred to the Kern County Land Company's Bakersfield operation nearly a year ago. Richard Bradbury is currently superintendent of the operation.

No sale price was announced.

Drastic Curtailment Seen By UF-Red Cross Agencies

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The prospect of drastic curtailment of community services was raised at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Fund, member organizations and representatives of the press media at the Winema Monday noon.

It was pointed out that only $122,320.87 of this year's goal of $150,000 was reached in the recent campaign.

Rollin Cantrall, president, pointed out that when the initial needs were presented by agencies of the United Fund, they totaled $169,000 but were pared down to the bare essential figure of $150,000.

"If we accept the present total," Cantrall pointed out, "these budgets will be cut to the bone and below."

A committee composed of Thayne Cole, Paul Cruikshank, Deb Addison and Chuck Bailey had spent several months analyzing the current picture and presented two proposals to the group on possible courses of action.

The first proposal was for a re-solicitation drive which would be of just about the same proportions as the initial drive itself. The committee pointed out that if each contact had given this year the maximum amount they had contributed in past years, a total in excess of $160,000 would have been realized.

They pointed out that there has been an alarming loss in contributions from business firms and professional contacts, and stated, "this is a concrete fact that must be corrected if the United idea of supporting the needs of these agencies is to continue."

The resolicitation proposal also recommended that due to the Christmas season, the entire plan should be executed and carried out prior to Christmas week.

However, this proposal ran into objection on the grounds of such timing and lack of leadership, and attention was turned to an alternate proposal.

The alternate plan, which was eventually adopted, would provide that the Campaign Advisory Committee continue to seek additional funds wherever possible in an attempt to raise at least another $5,000. This amount would give each organization approximately the same amount as last year.

Each agency was asked to revise

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Conscience Pang; Admission Paid

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The manager of Warner Bros. Hollywood Theater said he received a letter from Nick Tuevsky Jr. of Ithaca, N.Y., containing two $1 bills and this admission:

He sneaked into the theater 10 years ago and saw "It Had To Be You," a 1947 film starring Ginger Rogers and Cornel Wilde.

Tuevsky said he wanted to make it good, because the picture was "of some consequence. . . entertaining as well as educational."

TRAINING SITE

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesians will train in Communist Czechoslovakia to use military equipment purchased there, the government announced today. The announcement did not specify what equipment was involved in the recently signed technical assistance agreement.

Probers Seeking Cause Of School Holocaust

CHICAGO (AP)—A top investigator today favored a theory that a carelessly discarded cigarette caused Chicago's worst school fire, which killed 90.

Sgt. Drew Brown, head of the police arson squad, said the best theory about the origin of the blaze is this:

"A carelessly discarded cigarette, tossed into a waste basket by a sneak smoker."

He emphasized, however, that it is "strictly a theory."

CHICAGO (AP)—Grim investigators today shook off the shock of Chicago's worst school fire and strove to find the answer to this question:

"How did it happen and why?"

The fire that flashed through Our Lady of the Angels School Monday shortly before closing time cost 90 lives—87 children and three nuns.

More than 85 youngsters remained in hospitals.

It was Chicago's most disastrous blaze since the Iroquois Theater holocaust in 1903 and the third worst school fire in the nation in 100 years.

The flames shot up in the two-story brick building like fire from a blowtorch. Heat and smoke trapped the victims on the upper floor of the north wing of the U-shaped structure.

Twenty-four bodies were found in one room. Most of them were jammed near windows. Firemen, sickened by the spectacle, said a few of the children were still at their desks, apparently paralyzed by fear and panic.

Others leaped from windows.

The little survivors suffered from burns, bones broken in falls and the shock of the horror they beheld.

Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn considered the possibility of arson. That possibility was raised by the swift spread of the blaze.

"It was the worst thing I have ever seen or ever will see," he said.

Quinn also said the black smoke indicated an oil-type fire.

The fire originated in the northeast corner of the school at 3808 W. Iowa St. on the Northwest Side. Investigators pinpointed the place of origin below the street level.

A 30-gallon can was found in a stairwell in that section of the structure. It was taken to the police crime laboratory for careful examination.

Another possibility was that the fire sprang up in waste paper in the basement near that corner of the building.

Daniel O'Shea, 12, a pupil who carried the waste paper to the basement a few minutes before the fire started was questioned by police seeking to determine the cause of the disaster.

The boy said he left his seventh grade room with a basket of paper about 10 minutes before the fire began. He added that he dumped the paper in a container to be burned later by the janitor.

Sgt. Drew Brown, head of the police arson squad, said the waste paper was dumped in the boiler room about 15 feet from the stairwell where the fire was believed to have started.

But, if the fire started in the paper, how was it kindled?

Nobody came forward with an answer.

One theory was that a cigarette may have been discarded in the refuse.

Sgt. Brown found black smudges on the lower walls of the stairwell that indicated an oil-like substance had burned there.

He stated that no evidence of a *touchoff* had been found thus far.

Pope John XXIII sent to the Chicago Archdiocese a telegram of profound sorrow over the disaster in the Roman Catholic school.

The FBI said it is "maintaining liaison with Chicago officials to see if there is any way we can assist."

A newsman asked if the interest stemmed from bombing of Jewish houses of worship in Atlanta, Ga., and Peoria, Ill., and bomb scares at parochial and public schools in various parts of the country recently.

The spokesman for the FBI's Chicago office replied simply, "We're just interested to see if there is anything there for us at all."

Chicago police were told that three boys, in addition to young Daniel O'Shea, had carried trash to the school basement Monday. O'Shea and one of the other lads, Patrick Machaj, 11, said they didn't know whether the other two boys followed them up the stairs after completing their chore.

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Jet Trainer Flies Serum To Sick Tot

NEW YORK (AP) — A rare serum for a critically ill 2-year-old boy was rushed to Chicago early today after a series of telephone calls—including one that got the secretary of the Air Force out of bed.

The serum was located in a New Jersey laboratory. Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas ordered use of a jet plane at Mitchel Air Force Base on Long Island, some 70 miles from the laboratory.

New Jersey and New York police, sirens screaming, relayed four vials of the serum to the air field.

The jet took off before dawn for Chicago's O'Hare International Airport where a waiting helicopter flew the last leg of the mercy flight to a golf course adjoining the Evanston, Ill., hospital, on Chicago's outskirts.

The serum is for Mark Sroge, the son of Maxwell Sroge, a businessman. The boy is suffering from influenza meningitis.

Doctors hoped that the serum, which has been supplanted by antibiotics, might help.

Calls to Chicago, then Los Angeles, produced a slender hope: A man named Gerlough at the E. R. Squibb & Son laboratories in New Jersey might know of a supply.

Checking showed there was a Turk Gerlough in nearby Highland Falls. Awakened at 1:30 a.m., he said he knew of the serum and that there might be some at the lab.

Gerlough hurried to the Squibb plant and found the serum. In Chicago, the president of Sroge's firm woke Douglas in Washington at 3 a.m., and Douglas ordered a jet trainer warmed up at Mitchel.

AMMONIA TANKS ALIGHT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Railroad tank cars loaded with liquid ammonia touched off a spectacular fire Monday when 21 cars of a 118-car freight train derailed near here. The tank cars burned for several hours before the fire was brought under control.

SHOOTING HOURS:

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