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More about Mr. Dulles today. He's our boy, you know, and he's a long way from home and he's in an awfully big poker game. Our lives and our fortunes are all tied up in the way he plays his cards. And—after all—he's 70 years old. He's no spring chicken.

How's he doing?

The dispatches from Paris the other morning were a little upsetting. They contained this statement:

"The 70-year-old secretary, only a few days out of the hospital where he was treated for inflammation of the colon, looked gray and a BIT PEAKED when he flew in from Washington."

Unless you come from the right environment, that word "peaked" may throw you off. If you pronounce it in one syllable—as one speaks of a peaked roof—it will be a sure sign you're missing the point and may be misled as to the secretary's condition.

It should be pronounced PEAK-ED—in two syllables. When thus properly identified, it describes a physical condition that is not alarming. Perhaps I can best illustrate by repeating a conversation with Aunt Sally Cozad, who lived down in the creek bottom when I was considerably younger than now. It occurred reasonably often and went something like this:

"How're y'all this morning, Aunt Sally?"

"Oh, Ah'm feelin' mighty po'ly this mawnin'. Ah ain't up to mah-sell."

"Ummmmmm. That's too bad. How's Uncle Tom?"

"Well, when he got up he was lookin' pretty peak-ed, but after he'd had his breakfast he perked up and now he's feelin' right peart."

This is the point: "Peak-ed" and "po'ly" aren't synonyms. One LOOKS peak-ed. One FEELS po'ly.

That brings us back to the Paris dispatch that started off this piece. After relating that Mr. Dulles looked "a bit peaked" when he got off the plane, it went on to say:

"But this morning his aides reported he was feeling pretty good, and that 'he seemed to be getting into his old form again'—maybe after he had his breakfast."

Anyway, let's hope Mr. Dulles doesn't reach the point where he is "feeling po'ly." That would be disconcerting news.

1 Dead, 2 Hurt
As Jet Crashes

TUCUMCARI, N.M. (AP)—One of the nation's secrecy-wrapped supersonic B58 jet bombers crashed Tuesday, killing the pilot and injuring the other two crewmen.

The four-engine bomber, which can travel 1,400 to 1,500 miles an hour, fell about 35 miles southeast of here. It was the first of its type to crash.

The pilot, Maj. Richard D. Smith, 40, Columbus, Ohio, was killed while ejection seat. Lt. Col. George A. Gradel, 37, Philadelphia, Pa., the navigator, and Capt. Daniel J. Holland, 38, Shelbyville, Ill., the defense systems operator, were hurt as they parachuted. They were flown to a hospital at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

Pacific Holds
U.S. Symbol
Of Space Age

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—Out in the vast Pacific lies a symbol of America's growing space age might—the nose cone of the first ballistic missile launched at this West Coast base.

Neither the Air Force nor the Navy will make any attempt to recover the cone, hurled 1,500 miles across the Pacific missile range Tuesday. Yet it deserves a place in some museum of scientific endeavor.

For the cone of the medium range Thor missile, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, marks America's first firing of a ballistic missile under combat conditions. It shows the Thor is moving from the development stage to the operational.

Another Thor was fired Tuesday night from Cape Canaveral, Fla., giving the United States its first double-barreled rocket shot from both coasts. The weapon appeared to perform perfectly. It was fired as part of the close-out phase of the Air Force IRBM research and development program.

Here at Vandenberg, a regular Air Force crew pushed some buttons and the 50-ton weapon soared some 300 miles up to the fringes of space. The blastoff came only 11 minutes after the 11-man crew raised the Thor upright and began filling it with liquid fuel.

Two-and-one-half minutes after the first sign of fire in its tail, the missile was racing targetward at a speed of 3,000 miles an hour. Seconds later the fuel tank section of the missile fell away and was burned up by friction as it re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

The nose cone sped on, reaching its maximum speed of 10,000 miles an hour before plunging back through the atmosphere to its impact area 1,500 miles away. Maj. Gen. David Wade, commander of the 1st Missile Division, said the shot was a great success, despite a 3-hour, 28-minute delay in the final half-hour of the countdown caused by minor technical adjustments. Several additional minutes were lost waiting for three trains to rumble across the base, which lies on the state's main north-south rail route.

Firms Cease
A-Probings

WASHINGTON (AP)—The political fire over atomic power development had some more fuel today with the withdrawal of two big companies from a proposed 108-million-dollar project.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. and the Westinghouse Electric Corp. said that because more research and testing is needed, they are halting plans for a large-scale nuclear power reactor which would have been the first of its kind in the United States.

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM) said this shows "the fallacy of expecting private industry to provide the technical direction and financing for construction of advanced reactor concepts."

Anderson is a senior member of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee. He and other Democrats have fought the Eisenhower administration policy of relying on private business to lead the way in developing peaceful uses of atomic power.

The two companies said their nuclear power effort will go beyond recently announced participation in a plan by more than 50 private utilities to build a 24-million-dollar atomic plant near Philadelphia.

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CHINESE NATIONALIST sources on Formosa have predicted that Marshal Chu Teh, left, will succeed Mao Tse-tung, right, as the boss of China's commies. The source attributed the prospective change to popular discontent over a new labor system and the failure to capture the Quemoy.

Reds Confirm Step Down,
But Say Mao Still Chief

TOKYO (AP)—Mao Tse-tung is stepping down as President of Red China, Peiping confirmed today, but it insisted he is still boss.

After keeping it secret a week, Peiping radio let China's 600 million in on the news. The shift was reported last weekend on Formosa, and Warsaw diplomats got confirmation Tuesday.

Despite Peiping's disclaimer, there was a feeling in Hong Kong, Seoul, and Nationalist Formosa that Mao is being downgraded by the Communist apparatus and will eventually be stripped of power.

This opinion is based largely on reports of popular resentment in China over the commune system, which deprives the Chinese of their individuality and puts them to live in communities where their every action is subject to strict orders from above.

Peiping's broadcast today gave no clue on Mao's successor but speculation has centered around Marshal Chu Teh, now vice chairman of the government. Chu, at 72, is seven years older than Mao. They have long been comrades in arms.

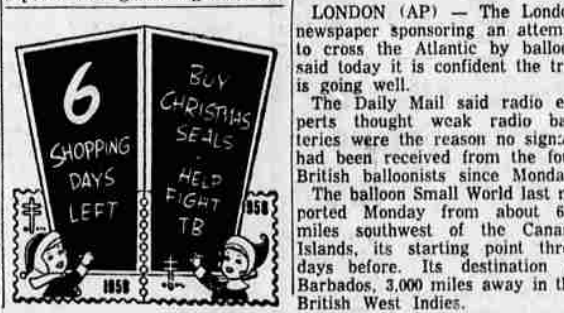
Fearful of undermining the Red China regime or even planting the seeds for a possible revolt, the Communist party Central Committee emphasized that Mao was stepping down voluntarily.

Mao's four-year term as head of government expires in January. But he will remain in the powerful post as chairman of the Communist party. The People's Congress meets in Peiping next month to elect the chief of government.

Foreign diplomats drew varying impressions from Mao's retirement. U.S. and British foreign officials took the view that Mao remained as powerful as ever. Some diplomats in Communist Poland felt that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had a hand in the maneuver—or at least welcomed it.

Mao stands as a potential rival to Khrushchev as the high apostle of world communism.

The Chinese Communist party's communiqué sought to set at rest reports that grumbling over the



6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP FIGHT TB

LONDON (AP)—The London newspaper sponsoring an attempt to cross the Atlantic by balloon said today it is confident the trip is going well.

The Daily Mail said radio experts thought weak radio batteries were the reason no signals had been received from the four British balloonists since Monday.

The balloon Small World last reported Monday from about 620 miles southwest of the Canary Islands, its starting point three days before. Its destination is Barbados, 3,000 miles away in the British West Indies.

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Klamath Falls
May Receive
New Terminal

The city of Klamath Falls may get a new \$100,000 terminal building at Kingsley Field if present plans being considered get final approval.

The city has applied to the Civil Aeronautics Administration for financial assistance in the construction of a new terminal building at Kingsley Field.

The administration has submitted a request to the CAA, asking that federal matching funds be used to assist the city in the building of a new terminal.

The city would put up approximately \$50,000 and would ask the CAA to match that amount with federal money designated for construction of terminal buildings.

CAA director Charles Drew informed the council a few weeks ago, that although President Eisenhower refused to sign a recent congressionally approved bill for additional funds for airport terminal construction, there still remained some monies in the old appropriations, and Klamath Falls would be eligible for them.

While Drew did not promise Klamath Falls it would receive the money, he indicated that they had a "50-50" chance of obtaining the matching funds.

G. S. Vergeer Sr., city manager, indicated that the formal application for the matching funds had been completed and forwarded to the CAA for action.

If the application is approved, it would result in approximately \$100,000 being available for construction of the terminal building at the airport.

Mayor Lawrence Slater pointed out that "our terminal building is the poorest terminal building in the entire state of Oregon. We are rapidly becoming the air hub of a vast area, and certainly need a modern, equipped terminal building."

He stated that as soon as the new air routes are approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, the number of men employed here by West Coast Airlines will be increased from two to 10, and that new runs, if approved, will be bringing in passengers from Boise, Lakeview, as well as points like San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and others.

The city will be able, it was pointed out, to put up approximately \$50,000, by utilizing \$24,000 currently in the airport's reserve funds, and by loaning the airport approximately \$26,000 from the city property fund.

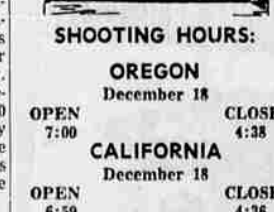
Defending such a financial move, Mayor Slater pointed out that the loan from the property fund would be repaid over a period of six years at an interest rate to be determined by the council.

In proposing the loan, Vergeer presented the council with a detailed statement on the condition of the property fund showing it

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Shooting Hours:

OREGON
December 18
OPEN 7:00 CLOSE 4:38
CALIFORNIA
December 18
OPEN 6:59 CLOSE 4:36



AN EDUCATED TERRIER prefers the Herald and News to a "hot dog" any day when he and his master are reading the weather forecasts to see if the weather will break and provide snow for the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl. Karl Larson knows where to look for the news while he's cooking his

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special House committee reportedly decided today to recommend that the House refuse to seat Dr. Dale Alford, segregationist who beat Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark).

An informant said the vote was 3-2.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Coya Knutson (D-Minn.) apparently lost today her battle for a full-scale investigation of her defeat in the November election, a reliable congressional source said today.

New Proposal
Met By Veto

NEW YORK (AP)—Members of the striking Newspaper Mail and Deliverers Union have rejected a federal mediator's proposal to vote again on an old publishers' contract offer.

The strike against nine major New York dailies began when the union members rejected the same offer last Dec. 9.

The membership's rejection of the proposal Tuesday night reversed the union negotiating committee's earlier agreement to re-submit the \$7 wage package offer to union members Thursday.

The action dimmed hopes of a settlement soon. Further bargaining sessions have not been arranged. Both sides are expected to meet today to set up further negotiations.

Sam Feldman, union president, said the strike would continue.

The Publishers Assn. of New York City called the union members' action "a complete rejection of their own elected and appointed officials and negotiators—a rejection that can be viewed by the public only as wanton, reckless, capricious and irresponsible."

Jet Crashes;
No Survivors

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—A stricken B47 jet bomber carrying a crew of four crashed and exploded in Tampa Bay Tuesday night, moments after veering away from a heavily populated residential section.

No survivors were found. One body was recovered.

A witness said it appeared the pilot, Capt. George E. Whitney of Tampa, guided the six-engine craft away from land seconds before the crash.

The plane crashed about 10 minutes after takeoff from MacDill Air Force Base, across the bay at Tampa.

Listed as missing along with the pilot were Lt. Joseph D. Berardi, 25, copilot; Maj. Marcel F. D'Amico, 35, instructor navigator; and Lt. William C. Bieler Jr., 24, navigator, all of Tampa.

Students Saved
In Chicago Fire

CHICAGO (AP)—About 600 pupils in a grade school in suburban Kenilworth fled to safety Tuesday when fire broke out in the basement of the two-story building.

Custodian Willie Love sounded the school alarm when he saw smoke. The blaze was extinguished quickly by automatic sprinklers.

Fire Chief Rod Porter of suburban Winnetka said the fire had started from a cigarette on a wooden ledge in a closet. He said damage to the school was negligible.

Panic In Holocaust Blamed
For Taking Scores Of Lives

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Fire they could not get out immediately they turned to the back, crashing into the wall and jamming the stairway.

A fireman, Pedro Rodriguez Ramirez, said when he worked his way through the store with a hose, he found the stairway in the rear covered by bodies. In one rear storeroom on the first floor he found four charred bodies, in another "I found 9 or 10 young women kneeling with their arms outstretched."

President Alberto Lleras Camargo declared national mourning. The government announced it would pay for the funerals.

Christ Scene
Hassle Rages

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (AP)—The question of whether a Nativity scene should be displayed on public school property has been answered differently for two suburban communities.

State Supreme Court Justice Elbert T. Gallagher ruled Tuesday that the School Board in Ossining, N. Y., could display again a community-sponsored creche on the lawn of a junior-senior high school.

In Levittown, N. Y., the School Board voted 5-1 to uphold a decision by the administration of Wisdom Lane School not to display a Nativity scene inside the school.

A group of Ossining citizens who had protested the creche display there announced they would appeal Gallagher's ruling.

Some 28 members of Protestant and Jewish faiths had argued that the religious motif of the Nativity scene violated traditional separation of church and state and would have a harmful effect on non-Christian pupils.

The case went to trial last September. Gallagher, noting the Nativity scene is on display during the Christmas holidays when school is not in session, said: "... The court is of the opinion that the influence, if any, of religious symbolism is inescapable during the Christmas season. It would be difficult to say that, as a practical matter, any greater influence exists by virtue of the fact that the symbol is permitted on public, as well as private property."

In New York City, the American Jewish Congress, which was not among the complainants, said it would file a friend of the court brief in support of the appeal.

Ike, Senator
Hold Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower held a surprise conference with Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) today in an effort to avoid a disruptive battle over the Senate Republican leadership.

Bridges, chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, told newsmen afterward that both he and Eisenhower hope it will be possible to start the new year as a united party.

A split in Republican Senate ranks has been widening over the candidacy of Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois for GOP floor leader.

Bridges indicated that Eisenhower took the initiative in arranging today's meeting. But the senator added that the President "just listened" and feels it is a problem for the Senate itself to resolve.

There was no immediate indication of the effect the Eisenhower-Bridges conference might have on senators organized to oppose Dirksen.

Bridges said he already has talked to representatives of the group opposed to Dirksen and that he feels he has offered a fair compromise.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly fair through Thursday. Highs 50-55; lows tonight 27-34.

High yesterday 52
Low last night 29
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 1.18
Same period last year 5.12
Normal for period 3.54

Northern California — Fair except for variable high cloudiness and local fog on north coast; little change in temperatures. Coastal winds variable 5-15 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE
High yesterday 46
Low last night 31
8 a.m. today 40
No rain
No snow
Snow depth patches
Roads through the park and to the rim are clean and bare.
Bright sunny skies and no wind was the report from the park this morning.

Library Board Says Firing Justified

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The Klamath County Library Board met with members of the county court and State Librarian Eloise Ebert in a special meeting held at the county library office Tuesday and issued a formal statement on their reasons for dismissing former librarian Evelyn Cooper.

Miss Ebert was in Klamath Falls at the invitation of the Library Board which had written asking that she meet with them and discuss Miss Cooper's dismissal.

In its formal statement, the board said, "Members of the county library board feel that it is time to publicly express their reasons for the dismissal of Miss Evelyn Cooper. We are aware she is one of the finest librarians. She has been of great service to this community in her activities."

"We regret we were forced to take this action and in doing so made every effort to protect her standing and reputation as a librarian. However, due to the following reasons we found it necessary to ask for her resignation."

"1. Inefficiency as an administrator in charge of a county department. Repeated requests to the library board and to the library from the county court indicated that there was extreme inefficiency in handling monthly accounts. Investigation has shown

that there were warrants and checks undeposited or not processed in excess of \$1,000. The board has never had any indication that the mishandling of accounts was for personal gain.

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The statement continued, "The board, in its action, did not want in any way to hurt Miss Cooper any more than was absolutely necessary with any adverse criticism or publicity. The criticisms leveled against the board for its action in this respect were entirely undeserved. We tried to protect her in securing another position."

"Facts substantiating our statements are on file in the county clerk's office for those wishing to check them," the group concluded.

The board brought out two other points in conversation. These were (1) Betty Cote did not solicit the position of librarian and has agreed that when a librarian is secured, she will return to her position as high school librarian, and (2) A. R. (Major) Dickson, board chairman, was not a teacher when appointed to the board although he subsequently became one.

When queried as to whether or not Miss Cooper had had sufficient help, the board replied that she had had a full time clerk during all nine years of her employment, that she had asked for an office girl earlier this year and that such aid had been employed about July.

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own and his 5 1/2-year-old fox terrier's meal of two wieners over a campfire — and the dog, with glasses yet, ignores the delightful odor of roasting wieners to focus his entire interest on the paper.

— Photo by Ray Kite