

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, it looks as if this year's death toll on our nation's highways over the four-day New Year week-end holiday may be smaller than expected.

The all-time record for a four-day New Year week-end is 409. This grisly total was run up two years ago.

If this year's record does show a drop, it will be a hopeful sign. It must be assumed that this year more cars were available to go on the roads than ever before.

Theoretically that increases the hazard. But bad weather also increases driver caution. Only a madman can be expected to go roaring into a storm at high speed on slippery roads.

At any rate, it sounds like drivers may have been more cautious this year. That's about the only way, short of having a highway cop on the roads every 100 yards, that the highway death toll can be reduced.

If the roads are to become safer DRIVERS must become safer. The highway safety problem is largely an INDIVIDUAL problem.

Not unexpectedly, California has the highest death toll among the states, with 41 persons killed in traffic up to the time this is written.

That sounds bad. But it isn't quite as bad as it sounds. California is the second largest state. It has more automobiles than any other state, its normal weather at the New Year season is such as to tempt more people to take to the roads.

The more cars, the greater the traffic hazard. Jumping from automobiles to space ships, Russia reports this morning that its cosmic rocket, which missed the moon, is beginning to slant off into its orbit around the sun, thus becoming the first MAN-MADE planet.

Question: Will it go on whirling around the sun FOREVER? In Washington, U.S. space consultant Homer J. Stewart says PROBABLY NOT. He thinks it will return eventually to earth, although it may take HUNDREDS OF YEARS to get back.

Most of the talk has to do with SPENDING MONEY. Personally, I can't help feeling that MORE than throwing money around will be required.

NASSER, COMMIE HOLD MEET CAIRO (AP) — Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl of Communist East Germany and President Gamal Abdul Nasser of the United Arab Republic met for the first time Sunday.

Grotewohl is making his first visit to a non-Communist country as Premier of the Soviet satellite. His visit is unique in that the U.A.R. and East Germany have no diplomatic relations.

Martial Law Set In Cuba Province

HAVANA (AP)—Havana province was proclaimed under martial law temporarily today pending the arrival of Provisional President Manuel Urrutia.

Inauguration Of Governor Delay Likely

SALEM (AP)—Postponement of next Monday's scheduled inauguration of Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield loomed today as a definite possibility.

The Democratic leadership in the Legislature, which also will meet next Monday, is thinking about postponing the inauguration. This delay would be intended to force Hatfield to resign as secretary of state before taking the oath as governor.

Forcing Hatfield to resign would permit Gov. Robert D. Holmes to appoint the new secretary of state. If Hatfield is permitted to take the oath without resigning, Hatfield then could name his own successor.

A Hatfield aide said today that he can see no possibility of placing the issue in the state Supreme Court before next Monday. Hatfield's lawyers believe they can't go to court until some definite act takes place.

If the inauguration is delayed, Holmes might resign Monday, an assistant to Holmes said. This would turn over the governorship temporarily to Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland), who will become Senate president next Monday.

The Democrats, who control both houses, easily could delay the inauguration. The state constitution says that:

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World News In Brief

ROCKET — Moscow — Soviet rocket 341,530 miles from earth early today starts into orbit around sun.

MOON—Washington — American scientists predict next Soviet space goal will be to orbit the moon.

MIKOYAN—Washington — Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan fascinated with such capitalistic gadgets as doughnut and popcorn machines.

CONGRESS—Washington — Eisenhower faces mounting Democratic demands for a stronger space program and less emphasis on economy in government.

CUBA—Havana—Castro, in Camaguey on triumphal drive length of Cuba, orders end of general strike.

KIDNAP — New York — FBI joins search for baby kidnaped from Brooklyn hospital 2 1/2 hours after birth.

HOLIDAY—New Year's holiday traffic fatality toll expected to fall under estimates.

WEATHER — Cold wave hits eastern two-thirds of nation.

gencio Batista from power on New Year's Day and proclaimed Urrutia the provisional executive, was making a leisurely but victorious approach to the capital through the eastern provinces.

Tens of thousands in cities, towns and villages turned out to cheer wildly as Castro and his motorized columns made their way from the Oriente province center of their rebellion which overthrew the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista last week.

The progress was slow: Camaguey, 300 miles from Havana, Sunday night; tonight, Santa Clara, scene of the decisive defeat which forced Batista to flee, 140 miles further along the march; Tuesday, Matanzas, 50 miles from the capital.

Castro and his men were expected in the capital Wednesday afternoon for one of the greatest welcomes in Cuban history.

In a prelude, Manuel Urrutia, named provisional president by Castro, was flying from Santiago de Cuba this morning to take the central government reins in Havana. A big welcome was arranged for him, with government offices closed so employees could participate.

The people of Havana awaited Castro with full stomachs for the first time since the collapse of the Batista government and the dictator's pre-dawn flight to Ciudad Trujillo.

The rebel chieftain, now commander in chief of Cuba's armed forces, ordered an end to the paralyzing general strike which had closed the nation's stores, business and industries and tied up transport and communications.

He had said he would call off the strike when he was convinced Havana was safely in the hands of his men. There were still some scattered Batista holdouts, but reports from his commanders in Havana assured Castro the situation was fully under control and nothing could upset his hard won victory.

There were immediate signs of a return to normalcy in the tense excited city. Newspapers began appearing again. Stores flung open their doors to do a landoffice business selling foodstuffs to hungry Havana. Taxis and buses resumed operation. Industrial workers began preparing to return to their jobs.

Castro's bearded soldiers patrolled the streets with rifles, pistols, and machineguns, guarded government buildings and banks and roamed the lobbies and corridors of hotels, on the alert for violence.

The security situation was enhanced by the rebel high command's order to the thousands of jubilant young militiamen, many of them self-appointed, to turn in their guns. Most of them apparently obeyed. Only a few were seen armed on the street.

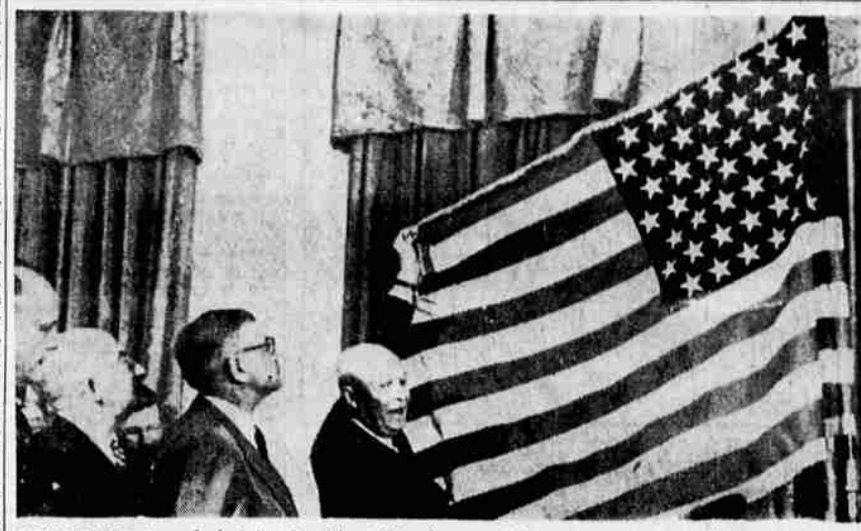
The hunt continued for remnants of the Batista government. Jails were filling with ex-government officials and persons branded by the rebels as "enemies of the Cuban people."

CHURCHILL TO VACATION MARRAKECH, Morocco (UPI)—Sir Winston Churchill and his wife will arrive here Jan. 12 for a three or four-week vacation in the sun, it was disclosed today.

BANS COSMETICS NEW DELHI, India (UPI)—State Education Minister Sardar Harbans Singh Azad has ordered that women teachers in Jammu and Kashmir states must not wear cosmetics in the classrooms. He called cosmetics the growing menace of fashion.

Herald and News

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NEW FLAG is unfurled by President Eisenhower. The new American flag contains a field of seven staggered rows of seven stars each. Here, the President formally dedicates the new flag and the admittance of Alaska as the 49th state. Looking on, left to right, are Interior Secretary Fred Seaton, and Alaskan Democratic Senator-elect Ernest Gruening and E. L. Bartlett.

Heavy Storm Lashes Basin

Klamath Falls appears to have been in the direct line of a heavy snow and wind storm which started Sunday afternoon, dropping 14 inches at Mount Shasta. The snow followed a record low of the season of 15 degrees at Mount Shasta and 11 degrees at Weed.

Weather has closed most of southern Siskiyou County schools, the exceptions being the elementary and high school at Mount Shasta and Dunsuir High School.

Frank Asbell, head of the U.S. Weather Bureau office at Mount Shasta, was predicting heavy snowfall throughout today, but stated it was difficult to make an accurate forecast as the weather bureau teletype broke down last night.

Snow in Klamath Falls was accompanied by heavy winds which resulted in at least one freak accident on South Sixth Street.

At the Suburban Trailer Court, 3249 South Sixth, a brand new 45-foot aluminum porch which had been put up by Eli Ross for shelter for his trailer, the first in the line, was picked up by the wind and dropped on top of the trailer and pickup owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Schlotfeldt nearby.

The heavy sheet of aluminum weighs approximately 300 pounds and must have gone straight up in the air as it failed to knock over the metal stovepipe on top of the Ross trailer.

"We were just sitting there, about 7:30 p.m.," Mrs. Schlotfeldt reported. "When there was this sudden crash over our heads and then we heard the heavy metal flapping around."

The men were able to lift the sheet aluminum off the trailer and lay it on the ground.

"At Weed, winds up to 60 miles an hour were reported during the night, drifting snow to six-foot depths. Long-Bell division of International Paper Company is operating the plywood division today but the mill, factory and sash and door operations are closed. Downtown

Cold Weather Grips East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The winter's coldest weather, rolled by 40-mile-an-hour winds, rolled eastward to the Atlantic Seaboard today. The arctic out-break covered most of the eastern two-thirds of the nation.

The icy winds hit 66 miles an hour near Hartford, Conn. Near blizzard conditions were forecast for parts of New York state in the lee of Lake Ontario.

The cold air spread southward into Gulf coastal areas. Readings in the 20s and 30s penetrated northern Florida. Temperatures were in the teens or lower in northern Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

A vast area of subzero cold extended from the Rockies and Great Plains into the Appalachians. The coldest spot was Hibbing, Minn., with -39.

business establishments are open and schools are closed. Highway crews are working but there was one-way traffic only this morning, between Weed and Mount Shasta. Chains were mandatory on Highway 99 from Weed to Redding and from Weed to Granda on Highway 97. Chains were advised for travel from Granda to Yreka and mandatory from Yreka north.

Lakeview reported about one inch of snow and continued snow flurries and overcast skies this morning. It was still snowing, also, in the Drews Valley area, but the wind was keeping most of the roads nearly bare.

The Fremont Highlanders anticipate good skiing in the Warner Canyon ski area for the coming weekend and are working to get both tows into operation, according to Jimmy Howard.

A telephone call from Medford reported heavy rains in that area this morning.

Prediction To Fall Short

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Traffic 376 Fires 60 Miscellaneous 113 Total 549

The count of traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday neared its end today with indications that the four-day toll would be smaller than expected.

Delayed reports of fatal traffic accidents that occurred up to midnight Sunday were expected to add a few deaths to the tabulation.

Several times during the long holiday the rate of deaths had increased to a pace that indicated a new record for a four-day New Year's holiday was in the making. The record is 409, set during the 1956-57 holiday.

The National Safety Council had estimated a toll of 390 lives for the 102-hour weekend which began at 6 p.m. (local time) Wednesday and continued to midnight Sunday.

"Tragic as it was, the toll this New Year was something to be thankful for," the council said.

"We are thankful that the toll stayed below our pre-holiday estimate," a council spokesman said.

The council noted the swift pace of deaths on the highways Sunday as the homeward rush of motorists reached the peak of travel. The upturn was similar to the toll on New Year's Day after a relatively safe start.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Intermittent snow through tonight with partial clearing and a few snow flurries Tuesday; warmer. Low tonight 28-33; high Tuesday 37-42.

High yesterday 35 Low last night 11 Precip. last 24 hours 5 p.m. T Since Oct. 1 1.82 Same period last year 7.92 Normal for period 4.87

Northern California: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and snow flurries in mountains. Gale warnings along coast for southerly winds, 30-50 miles per hour, shifting to southwesterly and decreasing tonight to 15 to 30 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE High yesterday 24 Low last night 14 8 a.m. today 24 New snow 14 in Snow depth 36 in Chains are required for travel in Crater Lake National Park today. The road from park headquarters to the rim was closed this morning and the rangers reported little chance of its being reopened today. South and west entrance roads are open and in "very poor" shape. It was snowing and blowing when the rangers reported this morning.

Temperatures had moderated somewhat from Saturday night, however, which had a low of one degree below zero and a reading of 16 degrees at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Twenty-seven cars visited the park, bringing 117 visitors on Saturday; 48 cars on Sunday with 222 visitors.

CHARGES WITHDRAWN BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—The state prosecutor has withdrawn charges of antistate activity against a group of pro-Soviet Yugoslav Communists indicted last month.

The action apparently was taken to avoid the impression that Yugoslavia, now at odds with the Soviet bloc, is persecuting pro-Soviet elements.

Officers Seek Kidnap Victim

NEW YORK (UPI)—More than 100 detectives swarmed through tenements in Brooklyn today in search for a girl kidnaped from her hospital bassinets less than 2 1/2 hours after birth.

Their search was concentrated in an area surrounding an abandoned tenement where two boys Saturday night found a Christmas-wrapped parcel containing a blanket and kimona believed to have been the garments worn by tiny Lisa Rose Chionchio when she was taken from the fourth floor nursery at St. Peter's Hospital.

Also being sought was a heavy-set, bleached blonde, about 30, believed to have taken the seven-pound baby from the hospital about 11:45 p.m. e.s.t. Friday.

Doctors said the infant required special feeding, but probably could survive without any food for 72 hours from the time she was taken, provided she was not abandoned in the cold.

Aside from the garments found in the abandoned tenement—three miles from the hospital, police were without clues. Twenty women resembling the suspected kidnaper were rounded up and questioned Sunday, but later released.

Sledding Tonight On KF Streets

Sledding has been scheduled for Washington, Wilford and Manzani streets from 4 to 8 p.m. today, it was announced by Bob Bonney, city recreation director.

Bonney pointed out that guards will be on duty at the designated streets only during the hours mentioned. He urged all parents to keep their children from sledding except during these hours and on the designated streets.

Motorists were also cautioned to be extremely careful when approaching the sledding intersections.

Swearing In Ceremonies

SWearing in ceremonies were conducted in Klamath County Court Monday morning by County Judge Charlie Mack. Here, Mack is shown administering the oath to, left to right, District Judge D. E. Van Vector, County Treasurer Eva Cook, and County Surveyor Lyle Smith. Not present for the ceremonies were Commissioner-elect Robert Walker of Merrill, District Attorney Arthur Beddoe and Circuit Judge David Vandenberg.

Dash Continuing By Cosmic Rocket

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union's cosmic rocket continued its headlong dash toward a solar orbit today in man's greatest conquest of space.

Its radio signals ceased as the 11-ton device—now called Mechta (dream)—went past an estimated 370,960 miles in its plunge away from the earth. It had then been in flight 62 hours.

Resources for feeding the radio equipment had become exhausted, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

"The program of observations and scientific investigations of the rocket has been completed," an announcement said.

This predicted the rocket will finally enter an orbit around the sun Wednesday or Thursday. Mechta is due to take 15 months to go around the sun, traveling elliptically.

The Russians calculate this orbit would have a maximum diameter of 214 1/2 million miles. The rocket would get no nearer the sun than 91 1/2 million miles. The sun averages 93 million miles from earth.

The name Mechta was applied to the rocket today by Pravda the Communist party newspaper. When it was announced last Saturday that the rocket was headed toward the moon, it was called Lunik, a combination of Luna (moon) and Sputnik.

Scientists here figured that it was travelling at a maximum speed of 1.52 miles a second when it passed the moon Sunday at a distance of 4,700 miles.

Results of radio transmissions between the rocket and ground stations will be published as soon as they are analyzed, Tass said.

The 62 hours of radio communication enabled observations to be made of the rocket's movements, and on the work of the scientific instruments aboard.

The actual number of days that will be required for the solar orbit will be 447, scientists said. This is 82 more than it takes the earth to go around the sun.

Dr. G. M. Clemence, scientific director of the U. S. Naval Observatory in Washington, said that some time in March or February the earth will pass between the rocket and the sun.

The earth has an elliptical orbit around the sun, the same as the rocket will have, but it is lighter. It takes the earth only 12 months to make the full swing.

The nearest point of the earth's orbit to the sun is about 91 1/2 million miles, the farthest 94 1/2 million miles. The earth is now traveling away from the sun, having reached its closest point Jan. 1.

When the Soviet rocket starts away from the sun, it will swing away faster than the earth, and then the earth will pass between the rocket and the sun.

The earth and the rocket will be several hundred thousand miles apart and they will not be that close again for another two or three centuries.

As the rocket moved further into space, the gravitational pull of the moon and the earth was lessening and the pull of the sun's gravity was increasing.

Soviet newspapers Sunday were filled with comments on the performance and predictions of new space ventures. But there were no further details on the rocket itself, its launching site or power.

On a Moscow radio broadcast Prof. Boris Kukarkin, deputy chairman of the Soviet Astronomical Council, mentioned the possibility of a space ship soaring outside the entire solar system.

Red Deputy, John Dulles Hold Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Dep. Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan reported today he discussed the Berlin problem and Germany with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

After an hour 35-minute session with Dulles, Mikoyan said they also talked over disarmament and trade problems.

On leaving the State Department Mikoyan said he has arranged to meet in two weeks with President Eisenhower after a tour of American cities.

He is reported planning to visit Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles.

Speaking through an interpreter, Mikoyan described the meeting with Dulles as "a useful talk."

The Russian leader, who arrived from Moscow Sunday, smiled broadly as he arrived at the State Department. Seven Hungarian Freedom Fighters, carrying placards reading "Go Home Mikoyan," shouted insults as he walked up with Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov.

Mikoyan and the ambassador pressed through a crowd of about 100 reporters and photographers. Arriving in Dulles' outer office, they posed for pictures with Dulles, seated on a divan.

"Very glad to see you," Dulles said, shaking hands with Mikoyan. Once seated, Dulles put his arm behind Mikoyan on the back of the divan and the two men launched into a friendly conversation—all about the weather.

West Germans Reject Bid

BONN, Germany (AP) — West Germany today rejected the Soviet Union's proposal to turn West Berlin into a demilitarized free city and called on Moscow to restore the city to its place as capital of a united Germany.

In a note delivered in Moscow, the West German government stressed the four-power responsibility for German reunification and backed up the previous rejection of the Soviet proposal by the Western Big Three.

Berlin's future can be discussed only within the framework of the whole German question, which is indissolubly bound up with the problems of security and disarmament, the note said.

The note said pointedly that the Soviet proposal would place isolated Berlin at the mercy of the Communist East German regime.

Recalling the Communist attempt to blockade the city in 1948, the note said the "presence of Western troops in the city was welcomed by the inhabitants."

It is not the West German drive to the East, as the Soviet Union claims, that is responsible for the situation but on the contrary the Soviet thrust to West, the Adenauer government said.



SEARCH FOR THE DRIVER of this fully loaded tractor-trailer, bearing an estimated \$40,000 worth of perishable foods, is a current project of Klamath Falls City Police and authorities of surrounding areas. The search was still handicapped Monday morning by lack of a description of the driver, unaccounted for since December 31, of whom police have only the name and address: Marshall Shirley, Portland. Further particulars were expected to be received shortly. (See Story on Page 4)