

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The firing squad shootings in Cuba continue, and revolution against them grows.
What shall we do about it?
Here's a thought:
Until they start SHOOTING AMERICANS, I think maybe we'd better keep our hands off. Every time Uncle Sam plays the role of Meddlesome Mattie in international affairs, he gets his fingers burned.

I think we might profitably consider for a moment today the case of Mrs. Anna Wasyk, a civilian clerk in the navy who answered the office phone ONE MINUTE AFTER CLOSING TIME and got into deep hot water as a result.
It happened like this:
The clock struck quitting time. She put on her coat. The phone rang. Instead of ignoring it, she answered it. Trouble started the next day. Her immediate superior called her on the carpet for disregard of regulations.

Two weeks later, she was reprimanded by the superior next highest up the totem pole and told that if she did such a thing again within a year her "repetition of the offense might result in application of higher penalties."

The reprimand was a black mark on her record and as long as the black mark was there she would have trouble obtaining promotion. So she APPEALED. On the first level, her appeal was denied and she was told she was GUILTY OF INSUBORDINATION.

That got her dander up.
So she appealed to the secretary of the navy, Mr. Thomas Gates, who quashed the charges against her and sent her back to work with a pat on the back for doing her work as a good and faithful servant should.

Well, thank the Lord, SOMEBODY had some sense.
Congratulations, Mr. Gates.

Continuing this symposium on human problems, a 20-year-old former mental patient admitted to Sacramento police last night that he shot his parents to death because "they made me practice 10 hours a day on the accordion."

He said he shot his father with a pistol as the father was sitting in an armchair in the living room and then shot his mother in the back of the head as she fled from the room.

What to do in such cases?
Well, the problem has been with us a long time.

Cro-Magnon man, according to records in caves in the south of France, put all imperfect infants to death, the idea being improvement of the race. That may have been as long as a million years ago.

More recently—say a couple of thousand years ago—the Spartans exposed imperfect children, along with the old and the infirm, on the mountain tops. They, too, were seeking improvement of the race.

It isn't the intention of this piece to endorse these older methods. They are cited merely to prove that the problem is an old one.

POOR BACHELORS
MANILA (UPI)—Bachelor policemen in the town of Calocan near Manila paid dearly today for their single blessedness. A fund short Police Department fired them because "they don't have families to support."



HEADING the Klamath County Medical Society for the coming year will be this slate of new officers elected at a recent meeting. Shown during their Tuesday evening meeting at the Willard Hotel, seated, left to right, are Dr. William Holford Jr., president, and Dr. E. E. Howard, secretary. Standing is Dr. E. H. Evenson, treasurer. Not shown is Dr. Robert Payne, vice president.

Jobless Paychecks Halted; Officials Reverse Decision

Seven thousand jobless Oregonians, including some 180 in Klamath County, awoke to a rude shock Friday morning. Officials in Salem who had said yesterday that unemployment compensation checks would be delivered to these claimants today despite the flight over who is Oregon's secretary of state, changed their minds during the course of the night.
The action, apparently the result of a close count of funds on hand, was announced by Governor Mark Hatfield, who said that de-

Dad Nabbed After Chase

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP)—A man who had his two sons in his car with him fought a running gun battle with police before he finally was captured early today after a chase that led over 100 miles of Oregon highway at speeds from 75 to 90 miles an hour.
State police said George Edward Durfee, 36, Walla Walla, defied a Umatilla, Ore., police chief who attempted to arrest him, exchanged shots with officers and sped through three roadblocks before he was captured.

Durfee, according to police, finally was halted when his car smashed into a log roadblock at The Dalles. He suffered a skinned forehead and the children—James, 12, and William, 5 months—suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

Durfee was taken to the Umatilla County Jail at Pendleton, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He said he was rushing the children to a doctor at The Dalles, but police say a doctor who examined them could find nothing wrong with either.

Police Chief Louis M. Colcord of Umatilla said he stopped Durfee after the Walla Walla, Wash., man sped through town at about 75 miles an hour.

OPEN SEASON

Klamath Basin hunters need not put the old gun away for another few days, according to federal game officers.
The cool season, in both Oregon and California, is still open through next Friday, January 23.
The daily bag limit and possession limit is 25 birds.
A current hunting license is required but no migratory bird stamp is needed to shoot the edible, meaty little birds which abound in the area.

Indian Loan Plan Muled

WASHINGTON (AP)—A loan program to tide withdrawing members of the Klamath Tribe over until tribal assets have been liquidated is under consideration by the Interior Department.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today he was advised by Roger Ernst of the Interior Department that credit regulations have been approved to permit non-interest loans to members of not less than one-quarter Indian blood.

This would cover some 1,659 members planning to withdraw from the tribe as the government ends its supervision.
Congressional approval, however, would be required to make loan money available to 253 other withdrawing Indians of less than one-quarter Indian blood. Loans would be made from tribal funds and be secured by pledges of borrowers' interest in tribal property to be sold.

Neuberger, chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs subcommittee, said he has asked the department to send a draft of necessary legislation to Congress for early action.

Test Results Still Pending

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The Air Force has taken another shot at the intercontinental range barrier with Atlas, the most powerful missile in the U.S. arsenal.

The 80-foot war rocket roared through a mass of low hanging clouds on what appeared to be a beautiful start Thursday night, but hours later there still was no word on the results of the spectacular test.

An announcement from Washington was expected on whether the giant rocket matched the first ocean spanning 6,000 mile success last Nov. 28.

The fiery blastoff was the 18th in the nation's ambitious ICBM development series which reached a high point Dec. 18 when a 4½ ton Atlas "chatterbox" satellite plonked into orbit around the globe.

The Atlas moon, which relayed back President Eisenhower's "peace on earth" greeting during the Christmas holidays, now is silent and is expected to burn up in the earth's atmosphere within the next five days.

Thursday night's missile gleamed in the rays of floodlights for about a half hour and then thundered toward space at 11 p.m.
The Atlas, with three engines blazing out 360,000 pounds of thrust, knifed through the clouds with a brilliant white glow and disappeared in 50 seconds.

That was the start of a 16,000 m.p.h. flight through space, reaching the target area in less than 30 minutes if all went well.

New Ambassador Sought

Cubans Hail Reb Warning To America

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Cubans hailed rebel leader Fidel Castro today for his warning against U. S. meddling in the revolutionary war crimes trials.

Newspapers gave it front-page play along with a declaration by Asst. Secretary of State Roy Rubottom that the United States is not going to intervene.

Both Castro and Provisional President Manuel Urrutia said Cuba wants cordial relations with its big neighbor to the north, but not at the price of halting executions because of American criticism.

Fresh shootings brought the death roll of the firing squads to 200.

Raul Castro, younger brother of the civil war victor, said four mass graves had been found in Oriente province with bodies of 182 persons killed by Batista's followers.

The government announced it will press for the extradition of deposed President Fulgencio Batista and return of the aircraft in which he and his close associates fled to the Dominican Republic New Year's Day.

The revolutionary military intelligence service charged Batista was trying to organize an expeditionary force in the Dominican Republic and in Guatemala to attack Cuba.

Castro warned Thursday against any U.S. intervention to stop executions ordered by military courts for murder and torture during Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship.

"If the United States comes here, we will make trenches in the streets," the rebel leader told the Havana Rotary Club. The State Department said in Washington that American policy was "strictly noninterventionist in Cuban domestic affairs."

Noting some U.S. congressional protests to the executions, Asst. Secretary of State Roy Rubottom said, "We are not going to intervene in what is essentially Cuba's affairs."

To avoid misunderstanding, the U.S. Navy canceled previous plans for 3,000 U.S. Marines en route to maneuvers near Puerto Rico to stop at the American Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight. Saturday cloudy probably followed by rain and strong southerly winds. Low tonight 30-38; high Saturday 46-52.

High yesterday	45
Low last night	32
Precip. last 24 hours	0.01
Since Oct. 1	2.21
Same period last year	8.46
Normal for period	5.81

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday	47
Low last night	31
8 a.m. today	38
No new snow	
Snow depth	32
Last year	107

Snow is wet for skiing in the park. Skies were heavily overcast this morning and it was misting. Roads are open and no chains required. Chains were advised this morning, however, from park headquarters to the rim on account of ice on the highway. The warming hut is expected to be open on Saturday and Sunday. Snowfall so far this season totals 132 inches, compared with a total of 263 inches on this date last year. The wind was calm this morning.

Dulles, Mikoyan Hold Meet In Try To End Berlin Woes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anastas I. Mikoyan and Secretary of State Dulles met today for talks on the East-West deadlock over German unification and the future of disputed Berlin.

Their discussion could lead to an early, high level East-West meeting on the whole range of German problems.

Today's session—the second during Mikoyan's two-weeks visit to this country—was described by diplomats as strictly a probing operation with each of the veteran antagonists of the cold war seeking to discover possible weaknesses or concessions in the policies of the other.

Mikoyan, No. 2 man in the Soviet Union, arrived at the State Department in a Soviet Embassy limousine.

On a nearby corner half-a-dozen Hungarian pickets displayed their nation's flag with a black ribbon of mourning. The leader was Ferenc Nagy, Hungary's last non-Communist prime minister who has been in exile since 1947.

Masked Thief Robs Grocery

A bold bandit masked in a woman's stocking robbed an East Main Street grocery of \$169 Thursday evening and escaped after shutting the proprietor in a meat cooler.

City police said the bandit's method of operation was similar and his description "fairly close" to that of a stocking-masked robber who stole \$107 from a gasoline station Sunday evening.

Police already have questioned several suspects, and have alerted other points by teletype, but so far they haven't located the man who walked into Frank's Food Store, 147 East Main Street, at 6:17 last evening and conducted his business with professional aplomb.

The bandit rang up the letter "M" and the figures "\$7.70" on the cash register and withdrew \$169.29, most of it in 20, 10 and five dollar bills, half dollars and quarters.

Roy Francis Durbin, the store proprietor, told police he was talking to his wife on the phone when the man entered the store. There were no customers present.

The man walked up to the counter, separating him from Durbin, leveled a pistol at Durbin's head, and ordered: "Hang up!"
Durbin told police he thought the man—despite the gun and stocking mask—was joking. Another quick motion of the gun and another command: "Hang it up, get your hands up, and head for the cooler," convinced Durbin there was no joke.

Durbin marched toward the cooler, got in as ordered, and said the bandit followed him in.

"Don't hit me in the head," Durbin pleaded.
"Okay," the bandit agreed, "but don't leave the cooler."

The bandit left the cooler, shut the door, and rang up his \$7.70 "sale" on the cash register.
Durbin said his captor returned to the cooler three times, each time opening the door to assure Durbin he still was in the store. Then he left, Durbin has no idea when, and the store was empty.

A small boy, identified by police as Kenneth Free, 137 Mortimer Street, came in the store to

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TOUR LATIN AMERICA

LONDON (UPI)—The Duchess of Kent and her daughter Princess Alexandra fly to Mexico City Feb. 11 to start a tour of Latin America, it was announced at their residence, Kensington Palace.

Solons Push Naming Aide To Havana

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional pressures mounted today for the prompt naming of a new U.S. ambassador to Cuba, where the revolutionary government says it plans more executions.

Demands for a new ambassador to replace Earl E. T. Smith who resigned last Saturday came with strong congressional criticism of the executions as developments piled up on several fronts:

1. The State Department assured Congress it is standing pat on its policy of not interfering in the affairs of its neighbors. It denied charges the United States had given military help to ousted Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. Permission was given to Batista's wife to visit her sick daughter in the United States.

2. The Navy ordered a task group that includes 3,000 Marines diverted from an intended stop at Cuba "to avoid any misunderstanding."

3. Rebel leader Fidel Castro said he wants good relations with the United States, but cautioned against any U.S. intervention in Cuba. Castro vowed 200,000 Cubans (U.S. citizens) will die if Marines are sent to Cuba.

4. Batista charged executions by Castro's rebels are "perverse attempts to justify their crimes." He denied he used torture methods during the revolution.

The call for prompt naming of a successor to Smith, who was in disfavor with the rebels, was spearheaded by Sens. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and John Sparkman (D-Ala.) after Asst. Secretary of State Roy R. Rubottom talked with congressional leaders.

"The most important thing we can do now," Morse said, "is to get an ambassador there. Steps are being taken quickly to accomplish that end. That will give us a direct line of contact with the Cuban government to make clear our point of view."

Morse said negotiations on the ambassadorial level would be much better than formal notes from this government.

Sparkman agreed that the important thing is to speed up the appointment of a new ambassador. He added he feels any drastic action against the new government "would be premature at this time."

Sparkman, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Latin American subcommittee which Morse heads, said "we should continue to use our good offices to persuade the new government to pursue a course of moderation and judicial procedure."

Rubottom met with the Senate and House Foreign Affairs subcommittees in closed-door sessions.

World News In Brief

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
MIKOYAN—Washington—Dulles and Mikoyan get down to brass tacks in discussions on whether there is any hope for uniting Germany and ending the arms race.

CUBA—Havana—The mass execution of Batista supporters has led to congressional demands for U.S. action to halt the shootings.

QUEEN—London—Queen's attorney may get into open court to block publication of intimate family secrets by former castle suzerain.

SLAYING—St. Louis—Husband charged with mutilation slaying of wife when missing earrings were found by police in coat pocket.



KLAMATH FALLS FIRST NEW FIRE TRUCK since 1952 arrived this week, and three city firemen, Jim Brown, Bill Ackerman and Ralph Edwards, volunteered to help in the unloading, which took place at the ramp off South Sixth Street in Thursday morning's freezing rain. Photographer Don Kettler recorded these stages of the operation: 1. Ackerman, standing, and Edwards pried up the six-inch

blocks which, along with steel U-bolts extending through the floor of the car over the axles, held the truck in place during its journey from the Elmira, New York, factory. 2. Edwards guided the manufacturer's field serviceman, Ralph V. Vantuyll of Seattle, as he drove the truck out of the boxcar and onto the ice-slick ramp, while chilly Fire Chief Roy Rowe watched. 3. Chief Rowe and Vantuyll

were in good spirits once the truck had reached terra firma. 4. Edwards was the first to examine the gleaming control board of the new machine. Known as No. 7, the new truck is a "triple combination" (pumper, tank and hose car), with a pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons a minute. The fire department has two more pumpers with the same capacity, and one 500-gallon unit, for a total

capacity of 3,500 gallons a minute. The fifth unit is the aerial truck, and the department also carries a pickup and a sedan on its roster. The new truck replaces an unusable ladder truck, dating from 1931, for which the city received trade-in credit of \$1,100. Other economies brought the net cost of the truck to \$14,525—approximately \$2,000 less than list price.