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## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
In a unanimous decision, the supreme court of Oregon rules that Mr. Hatfield became governor when he took the oath of office, that by the same action and at the same instant he ceased to be secretary of state, and so he was empowered under the constitution to fill the ensuing vacancy in the secretary of state's office.

In effect, although, of course, not in such rugged and down-to-earth language (the supreme court says to the legislature, and over the legislators' heads to the people of Oregon:

"Let's have done with these monkeyshines and get down to the serious business of running our state in such manner as to command the admiration and the respect of people in other states instead of making a laughing-stock of ourselves."

Comment?  
Well, again, as in the case of the secretary of the navy, who recently knocked down the ears of the bureaucrats who were seeking to discipline a government girl in Washington for answering the phone a WHOLE MINUTE after the clock said her shift had ended—

Let's give thanks to the good Lord that somebody in authority had some plain, common horse sense.

Turning from the home front to foreign affairs, what of Castro and his shootings in Cuba?

He took a straw vote yesterday. That is to say, he organized a "demonstration" before the presidential palace. The people gathered—by the "hundreds of thousands," the news reports say. Castro appeared—a la Mussolini in the bad old days in Rome—on the balcony. He asked the multitude, in effect:

"Shall we go on shooting the wicked Batistas, who have ground our faces into the dirt beneath their heels placed upon our necks? Or shall we knuckle under to the Americanos who call upon us to QUIT shooting?"

The correspondents report that a forest of hands was thrust into the air. Each two hands represented a Cuban vote to go on shooting.

So Castro, he says, will go on shooting.

What shall we do about it? Let's put it this way:

Your neighbors frequently do things of which you disapprove. Every time you butt into their affairs, you come out of it all bruised up and highly unpopular.

One more Cuban problem:

Foreigners have many investments there—a big manufacturing plants, employing many Cubans, among other things. AMERICAN investments of that sort are reported to run upwards of a billion dollars. Castro intimates that he may "expropriate" these properties. If so, he will presumably recompense their owners to some extent.

What to do then?

Here's a suggestion: Come to the State of Jefferson and set up in business here. We can use a lot of new industrial development.

And—

We're quite sure—

Investments here in our State of Jefferson will over the long pull prove more profitable than investments in the far corners of the earth, where the likelihood is great that new dictators will arise and confiscate the property of the foreign devils.

## Stocking Mask Bandit Robs Idella's Grocery

**By LAMAR HOOVER**  
Klamath Falls third "stocking-mask" holdup in 11 days yielded between \$50 and \$100 to the bandit who held up Mrs. Beulah Mae Stevens Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Stevens was cutting meat behind a counter to the rear of Idella's Grocery, 2846 South Sixth Street, where she works as a clerk, when she heard the familiar creak of the front door's opening; it was about 7:45.

Mrs. Stevens finished cutting the piece she was working with, a matter of seconds, before looking up to greet her customer. When she did look up she saw a person, apparently a man, moving rapidly toward her in a rather hunched posture. His head was covered with a mask, seemingly made of a woman's stocking.

This was all Mrs. Stevens got to see of the intruder. "This is a holdup," he said, still coming forward. As she faced him he ordered, "turn around."

Mrs. Stevens complied, and followed the bandit's instructions as he directed her to move around the end of the meat counter, at the back of the store. He stayed near her as he had her move toward the front counter and the cash register, jabbing her a couple of times with his gun, to show it was real.

When they reached the front counter, the robber had Mrs. Stevens open the cash register, as if he did not know how. Once it was open, he moved her to one side, keeping her back to him, and scooped the money out of the tray.

When the bandit had filled his pockets, he had Mrs. Stevens move to a small storeroom at the back of the building, where he ordered her to lie on the floor, on her stomach.

"I'm going to put these boxes on you," the bandit said, moving two cases of groceries on her back. Then, standing erect, he fired a shot.

"Just to let you know it's loaded," he said. "Stay there for five minutes."

Mrs. Stevens was lying in such a position that she could see her wrist watch; she gave the bandit his five minutes and then raised herself from the floor and gave the alarm.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Clara Gibson, owner of the grocery, who was working only a few feet away in an adjoining storeroom, had heard the shot and a man's voice. Suspecting that there was a holdup going on, the terrified woman at first moved toward the door connecting the two storerooms, in order to lock it, but she stopped midway when she heard no further noise, not moving until Mrs. Stevens did.

When state police arrived, both women told them that the shot had not been very loud; officers have not as yet recovered the bullet despite a fairly thorough search of the storeroom. The bandit's loot consisted of "a lot" of one-dollar bills, and "quite a few" coins.

Mrs. Stevens described the robber as apparently young, and "very calm." He didn't raise his voice, and he seemed to be experienced in what he was doing," she said.

The most remarkable aspect of the crime, according to state police, was the timing. The grocery is a busy one; with customers constantly coming in and out. Yet the bandit was able to choose, or stumble on, an interval of at least eight minutes during which no one apparently approached the store.

The state police have not been able to locate any outside witnesses to the bandit's arrival or departure. However, one person liv-

ing over a block from the grocery did tell police he had heard someone run by his house about the time the bandit must have left.

This report ties in with one observation made by both Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Gibson, that there was no sound of a car, either when the bandit arrived or when he left.

Uncertainty as to the bandit's means of transport has characterized the two other recent armed robberies in which the bandit has also worn a stocking-mask.

The first of these occurred on Sunday, January 11, at Durrell's Flying A Station, 1130 Main Street, at about 6:45 p.m. The bandit forced Don Gelhardt, attendant at the station, to open the till. Gelhardt was then obliged to walk behind the building where the bandit jumped a fence and took off with \$107.50.

Gelhardt described his assailant as being a white male, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weight approximately 170 pounds. His hair was apparently sandy and his eyes blue. He was clad in slacks and a tan and rust plaid shirt of wool or flannel. He carried a blue steel revolver, probably a .38, with a barrel possibly six inches long. Gelhardt said the chalk-brown stocking had been made into a neat mask, with rolled, possibly sewn, edges around the eye slits.

The second victim was Roy Francis Durbin, proprietor of Fran's Grocery, 147 East Main Street, who was held up in his store last Thursday, at 6:17 p.m. The bandit shut Durbin in a meat cooler and opened the cash register himself by ringing up "\$7.70."

Durbin described the man as white, about 5 feet 10 or 11, weighing from 160 to 165 pounds, wearing a tan waist-length jacket, boots and blue jeans. He said he thought the gun used was a .22 or a .38.

## Water Board Hears Spat

**SACRAMENTO (UPI)**—The water battle between Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties continued today in a hearing by the Water Rights Board.

Loran Bunte, a Monterey County engineer, testified Wednesday that while sea water intrusion, caused by a lowered water table, has not yet impaired the quality of Monterey County water, it will reach such a point in the future that such a point in the future, the lowered table is raised.

Attorney Ralph Brody, representing Monterey County in the long-standing dispute, said a great number of protests have been received from Monterey County residents along Salinas River, objecting to the taking of water by San Luis Obispo County.

The hearing is expected to continue through the week.

## Woman Seeking Son With Castro

**OAKLAND (UPI)**—Mrs. Alleen Heintz, Oakland, has asked the State Department to help find her son, Clarence, 25, who went to Cuba last spring to join the rebel forces of Fidel Castro.

Mrs. Heintz said her son wrote last March that he had been captured and jailed by officers of ousted Cuban President Fulgenicio Batista.

She said she received letters regularly, but had not heard from her son since Dec. 26. Batista fled Havana Jan. 1.

## Brown Asks Solons To Start Water Slate

**SACRAMENTO (UPI)**—Gov. Edmund G. Brown urged the Legislature today to cast aside sectional differences and spend \$38 million dollars to launch a positive program for statewide water development.

In a special message delivered in person to a joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly, the Democratic chief executive said the Legislature must end the lengthy north-south stalemate on water.

"If we take courage and put our fears behind us, we can replace narrow sectional differences with confident, pioneering leadership," Brown said.

"This the people of California demand and deserve."

The governor outlined a water development program that would bring benefits to the mountain counties as well as to heavily populated Southern California. He said the state, with the help of the federal government, must provide storage dams, flood control projects, develop electric power, and build a statewide network of aqueducts and canals to get water from the surplus areas of the north to the thirsty lands in the south.

But on one crucial point, Brown made no recommendation.

Citing past demands by the south for a constitutional amendment to guarantee southern rights to water imported from the north, the governor said:

"I have put to one side the question of a constitutional amendment. After long thought I have concluded that an amendment is not necessary to an affirmative water program."

He said he had found no general agreement in the Legislature on the terms and conditions of a water rights amendment.

"I am not hostile to an amendment and I am not closing the door on one," he said. "But I am convinced that our positive program of water development should not be delayed by further frustrating debate over the terms of a constitutional amendment."

Key recommendations in the governor's proposal for water development:

—\$38 million dollars should be appropriated immediately from the investment fund to start on a construction program.

—The entire investment fund of about 170 million dollars should be committed to water development.

—In 1960, voters should be asked to approve a 500 million dollar general obligation bond issue to complete the construction program.

—The federal government should be encouraged to finance water projects designed for navigation, flood control and irrigation and specifically should be asked to participate in partnership with the state in building the San Luis reservoir in Merced County.

## Rebel Continues Drive To Justify Executions

**HAVANA, Cuba (AP)**—With the shouted support of more than half a million Cubans, Fidel Castro continues today his campaign to justify to the world the execution of Batista henchmen.

The author of dictator Fulgenicio Batista's downfall appears before hundreds of foreign newsmen at a news conference.

Later today, Havana's first show case trial of Batistas charged with murder and atrocities opens. The capital's first defendants are three officers in the dictator's army, and the scene is the 17,000-seat Sports Palace which Batista built.

Nearly 1,000 witnesses wearing the colorful clothes of their rural areas were in town for the trials. American newsmen wanted to ask Castro at the news conference about his statement to the big through Wednesday that "Cuba will ask a revision and nullification of onerous concessions given for government of Batista."

Castro singled out only the Cuban Telephone Co., part of the estimated billion-dollar American investment in Cuba. The AT&T affiliate got permission from Batista to raise rates two years ago to justify expansion investments.

"Telephone rates are going to be lowered," Castro said.

The rally in front of the Presidential Palace attracted a large part of Havana's 1,200,000 residents, plus many more from outlying provinces of this island republic of 8,410,000.

Castro referred to the mass numbering a million. Unofficial observers guessed between 500,000 and 750,000 jammed the park in front of the palace and streets for blocks on each side.

Castro asked last week for a turnout of half a million to support the executions, despite foreign criticism, and to back demands for extradition of some Batista followers.

"All those who demand that gunmen be punished raise their

hands," Castro shouted. A sea of arms waved back as the crowd roared.

The revolutionary chief also told the crowd that the new government would demand that the United States return Batista associates who had fled there so they could be tried for crimes ranging from torture to murder. He added Cuba is seeking to extradite Batista—whom he called "the Hitler of Cuba"—from his refuge in dictator Rafael Trujillo's Dominican Republic.

However, Almond said he saw no alternative to limited integration in some areas. And he pledged that the state will try "as far as possible" to save public education wherever it could be saved in Virginia.

Almond expressed these views in an interview with commentator Edward R. Murrow on the CBS television show, "The Lost Class of '59."

The program was filmed Jan. 8, 11 days before the State Supreme Court and a three-judge federal panel in Norfolk struck down the state's massive resistance laws.

Nine white public schools in Norfolk, Charlottesville and Warren County were shut in September under the now unconstitutional school closing law. There have been no moves to reopen any of the closed schools.

## Oil Industry Mulls Strike

**LOS ANGELES (UPI)**—A count was expected to be finished today of ballots which would authorize a strike by 4,500 members of Local 1-128 of the Oil, Atomic & Chemical Workers Union against major oil firms.

The vote was taken against a backdrop of a possible settlement between the Richfield, Shell, Tide-water, Union, General Petroleum and Texaco companies. The union's Wage-Policy Committee recently agreed to accept a 5 percent wage boost offered by Sinclair Oil Co.

The same boost was offered to General Petroleum employees not in the bargaining unit, and the company said it would make a similar offer to union personnel.

## Ship Collision Suit Filed

**SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)**—California has filed a damage suit in U. S. District Court for the collision last Dec. 31 of the American steamship, Kaiman, with the Antioch draw bridge.

The suit, filed Wednesday through the Department of Public Works, named as defendants Trans-Pacific Company, owner of the ship; Coastwise Line, which had chartered it; Hawaiian Textile, Inc., which had rechartered it; and three John Does.

The complaint charged that the ship was operated "negligently and carelessly" when it struck a support pier of the bridge while passing downstream from Stockton to San Francisco Bay.

The bridge was temporarily closed, and damages were estimated at approximately \$200,000.

Filed in admiralty, the suit was entered under a California code section which makes liable any person who negligently injures any state highway.

## World News In Brief

**UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL**  
**CUBA**—Havana—Forty two followers of Batista are awaiting execution in six cities.

**SWITZER**—North Hollywood—Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer, the freckle-faced star of the old "Our Gang" comedies has been killed in an argument over a debt.

**MIKOYAN**—Copenhagen—Mikoyan wisecracked way through forced landing.

# Thousands Homeless In Flood-Torn States

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Winter's worst storms eased off today but intense cold added to the suffering and shivering misery of millions of Americans.

Thousands were homeless in flooded areas in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

And 49 deaths were reported in the territory hit by heavy snow, ice storms, slashing rains or tornado winds—a territory that extended from the Southwest to the Atlantic Seaboard.

Arctic air spread south and east. It increased the misery of residents of the storm zones, but it checked the run-off of waters into flooded streams.

Flood damage ran into many millions.

The bitter cold checked Ohio's worst flood in 25 years. Thousands of evacuees began trickling back to their homes. But thousands of others stayed in schools and other emergency quarters.

The crisis was over in Mount Vernon, a city of 16,000 population that experienced the worst

inundation of central Ohio communities. Flood waters began to recede in other sections.

The cold air mass moving in from the west also was a break to the flooded areas of New York state.

Hundreds of families were forced from their homes in the Buffalo section Wednesday night and today. States of emergency were declared in Salamanca and Lackawanna. In South Buffalo, an ice jam in Cazenovia Creek broke and sent a five-foot wall of water through residential streets. Several persons were injured.

The swirling Hoosac River undermined the supports of two bridges in North Adams, Mass., and they tilted at dangerous angles.

Rivers and creeks gushed out of their beds in many parts of western Pennsylvania. Hundreds fled from their homes.

The Allegheny River was the big troublemaker in Pennsylvania, and the worst situations were north of Pittsburgh.

The Shenango River spilled over into Sharon. Most downtown business houses were closed because of water in basements. Some industrial plants shut down. Damage in Sharon was estimated at two million dollars.

Kittanning, a community of 10,000 that is 45 miles north of Pittsburgh, was cut off for several hours when an ice jam in the Allegheny sent 5 feet of water coursing over 30 blocks.

Meadville, 90 miles north of Pittsburgh, had the worst flood in its history.

The 200 residents of Forkville, Pa., got out of a strange watery trap. An ice jam backed up the water from Big Loyalock Creek, which virtually surrounds the little town. Then rain broke the ice jam and the water receded, leaving chunks of ice in streets and yards.

Marital law was declared in

## Navy Weighs School Plans

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)**—The Navy marked time today on plans to put itself in the school teaching business amid mounting talk that Virginia may try to set up a private education system to avoid racial integration.

The Navy announced Wednesday night that plans are set to provide schools for children of government personnel living on military installations in the Norfolk area.

These plans, the Navy said, "will be put into effect if local schools are not reopened within a reasonable time." The Navy didn't say what it meant by reasonable time. Six Norfolk secondary schools have been closed since being ordered last fall to accept some Negro students.

In a filmed television program Wednesday night, Virginia's Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. proposed a system of private education for localities that would not permit racially mixed schools.

However, Almond said he saw no alternative to limited integration in some areas. And he pledged that the state will try "as far as possible" to save public education wherever it could be saved in Virginia.

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Madison, Ind., where 100 families were forced from their homes by overflows from the Ohio River.

Disaster plans were put into effect and National Guard troops joined civilian workers in some of the inundated sections.

Small streams in the Wheeling, W. Va., area were out of their banks.

It was the wind that wrought the havoc in the South. Half the size of baseballs shattered school and church windows and damaged automobiles in Hartselle, Ala.

Skies cleared in the Midwest in the wake of snows that reduced traffic to a crawl and sleet that snapped power and communication lines and cut off many communities from the rest of the world.

The blockbuster snow storm, which swept out of the Great Plains and dumped up to a foot of snow across the midlands, curtailed normal activities in hundreds of communities.

## Shipmen, RR Reach Pact

**SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)**—The San Francisco Port Authority and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen reached an agreement Wednesday night that ended the 11-year dispute with the following results:

—James W. Brewster, 56, a former switchman, was granted \$48,715.83 in back pay.

—A threatened strike of the State Belt Line Railroad on the San Francisco waterfront was averted.

—A brotherhood spokesman said the union spent nearly one million dollars to press its claim against the authority and the state.

The dispute began in 1947 when Brewster was fired from the railroad. It ended Wednesday night in a three-hour closed session called by Attorney General Stanley Mosk.

Attending the meeting were Brewster, who has since worked as a taxi driver; Port Authority President Cyril Magnin; Warnock Walsh, Port Authority member; Ray H. McDonald, international vice president of the union; George Bodie, union attorney; Herbert E. Wenig, assistant state attorney general; and Mosk.

## Unions Meet; Map Pay Hike

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—AFL-CIO leaders, spurring President Eisenhower's renewed plea to curb wage increases, meet today to chart a new drive for pay boosts.

Al G. Hayes, president of the Machinists Union, said in advance of a meeting of the AFL-CIO Economic Policy Committee he does not agree with the President's wage-price policies.

Saying prices and overly high profits are to blame for inflation, Hayes added that "I don't agree with the implication that decent wage rates are responsible.

"It is misleading to the American people."

Hayes is a member of the AFL-CIO policy group headed by United Auto Workers chief Walter Reuther. Its position has been that wages are too low in relation to costs and profits.

The President's annual economic message to Congress Tuesday said most indicators are pointing upward but renewed inflation could retard recovery prospects.

Eisenhower urged business to keep down prices and labor to confine wage increases to improved output.

Similar Eisenhower pleas for moderation have fallen on deaf ears in the past. Both consumer prices and wages are now at record highs by the government's measurements.

Labor already is hitting for hefty new pay boosts in 1959. Sizeable new coal wage increases went into effect this month. Oil workers are in the process of negotiating a 5 percent raise, their first increase in two years. Phone workers have posed a strike threat next week in six Midwestern states.

After that come labor negotiations in a batch of key industries, including steel, chemical, rubber, aluminum, electrical manufacturing and railroads involving more than three million workers.

About three million more workers are due to get automatic wage raises averaging about eight cents an hour under previously negotiated contracts.

## Star's Death Fault Denied

**VISALIA, Calif. (UPI)**—The driver of a car involved in the traffic death of actor James Dean has denied the accident was his fault.

Donald Turnipseed, 28, Tulare, Calif., issued the denial in answer to a \$10,000 suit filed against him by Pacific Indemnity Co. The firm is seeking the money for workmen's compensation and medical benefits paid to Roll Weatherich, 30, a mechanic who was injured in the crash.

## U.N. Demands POW Accounting

**PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP)**—The U. N. Command today demanded an accounting of 2,147 Allied prisoners still missing from the Korean War.

The Communists promptly rejected the demand and charged that the Allies are detaining 98,742 Communist war prisoners.

The demands and charges were made at a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission in the demilitarized zone here.



**STOCKING-MASK BANDIT'S LATEST** appearance in the Klamath Falls area took place Wednesday evening at this South Sixth Street grocery. The third instance in 11 days of a holdup in which the bandit's head was covered with a mask made from a woman's silk stocking, the robbery netted the robber between \$50 and \$100.