

# In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
This modern world note:  
First Deputy Premier Mikoyan, when he returned to Moscow from the United States, was welcomed by a crowd of Russians who were in a holiday mood and GREETED HIM IN ENGLISH and asked his son about Marilyn Monroe. Languages!

They're SO important in this modern world in which NO SPOT ON EARTH is much more distant in time than the average county seat used to be from the average American.

All authorities agree that Russians are going in for English study in a big way. It is probable that not one American in 100 thousand has even a rudimentary knowledge of the Russian language.

This tends to HANDICAP us in our relations with Russia.

Another language incident: Congressman Porter of Oregon is in Cuba as an observer of the disturbances there. The dispatches report that he is in more or less constant contact with Fidel Castro, the leader of the Cuban revolution. He shares press conferences with Castro. He was a guest the other night at a party in Castro's hotel suite.

He has been invited to attend the trials of the Batista adherents who face war criminal charges and see and hear at first hand what is going on. He is not attending.

"Although I'm a lawyer," he explained to the correspondents, "I don't speak Spanish. So there would be no point in my attending the trials."

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## Miners Trapped By Swollen River

**PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UPI)**—Hope for 12 coal miners trapped underground by a flooding river, collapsing into their tunnelings faded today as the waters barred entrance to the mines "for at least 48 hours, if then."

Daniel H. Connelly, state deputy secretary of mines, said rescuers can make no search for the entombed men until water from the ice-clogged Susquehanna River can be blocked off.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)**—Crews tried today to stop the rain-swollen Susquehanna River from pouring its freezing waters into a nearby anthracite mine where 12 miners were either trapped or drowned.

Thirty-three other miners escaped a watery tomb when the rushing river suddenly ate a hole in the Knox Coal Co. tunnel at nearby Port Griffith just before noon Thursday.

"We never heard the water come in at all," one miner said. "It was just there."

Seven men, some aided by a map of the complicated miles of ancient coal tunnels, got out by climbing an air shaft several hundred yards upstream from the hole.

Twenty-six others wandered through the maze of tunnels in waist-deep water for seven hours before a rescue team found and brought them to safety up the air shaft.

A little diesel engine kept pushing coal cars into the whirlpool of water and ice chunks that marks the seemingly bottomless hole. But the cars, and the tons of baled hay also used to plug the breach, vanished in the swirling waters.

The tracks of the Lehigh Valley Railroad parallel the river, and a cliff rises almost vertically behind the tracks.

Worried relatives and townspeople watched quietly from the edge of the cliff as the crews worked hour after hour to stop the flow of water.

Until it is, said mine Supt. Robert Groves, rescue crews won't be able to begin pumping out the mine. The mine, he said, will have to be cleared before the search begins for the 12 missing men.

The water pouring into the mine also posed a serious threat to the economic life of the Wyoming Valley in northeast Pennsylvania.

After years of working, the anthracite vein under the valley is honeycombed with interconnecting tunnels. The Port Griffith accident forced nearby mines to close immediately as water swirled through the tunnels.

There were fears that mines down the valley might have to be closed, throwing hundreds of miners out of work.

Luckily, Joseph Stella, 35, a mine surveyor, was with some of the seven men who escaped right after water started coming in.

"I had a map of the mine in my hand when the water came through," he said. "Me and some others followed the map to reach the air shaft."

Another of the original seven was Joe Soltis, 43.

"It just suddenly came in on us," he said of the break. "At first I was panicky, then I thought about the air shaft, and headed for it, and got out."

**SALEM (AP)**—Jonel Hill, 33, administrative assistant to the chief justice for the past five years, was appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield today as state public utilities commissioner.

He succeeds Howard Morgan, who resigned Jan. 12 with the change from the Democratic to a Republican state administration.

Hill's appointment will become effective as soon as the Supreme Court finds a new administrative assistant. Meanwhile, Gordon Heiber will continue as acting public utilities commissioner.

Hill was a combat infantryman in Europe in World War II. He was taken prisoner twice, first by the Germans in Hurtgen Forest, and then by the Russians in Poland.

A native of Mankato, Minn., he studied law at night at St. Paul College of Law while holding down a full-time job.

Upon graduation, he became a member of the editorial department of West Publishing Co., law book publisher.

The new commissioner came to Oregon in 1951 to prepare the index for the new state law code.

After holding that job two years, he was named to the new position of administrative assistant to the chief justice.

**OLEAN, N.Y. (AP)**—A motorboat launched from a train rescued a mother and her son from the floodwaters of the Allegheny River.

Volunteer firemen rode a Pennsylvania Railroad freight train Thursday as close to the farm of Mrs. Berth Lemon, 55, and her son Roland, 18, as they could get.

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The raid was on a \$250-a-month, three-room apartment at 412 West

End Ave., near 81st St. Police and detectives, who made a telephone date by using a password, got into the apartment easily.

The raid was pulled a few hours after an Internal Revenue Service spokesman confirmed that some business firms have attempted to use call girl expenses as deductions on income tax returns.

"Such deductions, when spotted in a tax return, are of course disallowed," the spokesman said. "You know, we never get an argument on that one."

Such attempts, the spokesman explained, have not been made openly, but usually under a heading such as "business entertainment."

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)**—An 18-year-old boy who killed his younger brother, describing him as an inferior person who had to die, has been judged insane.

Bruce H. Ginn was ordered committed to a state hospital for treatment Thursday. Five of six psychiatrists who examined him described him as mentally ill.

The boy had not spoken to his brother, Edward, 14, for more than a year at the time he shot him last November when they were alone in the house. He faces a murder trial if he recovers.

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"YOU HAD BETTER BELIEVE I'M in there punching for the Little Leaguers," promises Oliver Sanderville, right, Klamath Agency, as he lands a blazing right hand to the head of Chuck Steuteville, Henley, in a rip-roaring crowd pleaser on the big amateur fight card held in the Klamath Auditorium Thursday night. The mighty-mites (all 90 pounds—total) were even more entertaining in their after-the-fight antics trying to collect a shower of coins wearing pillow-size gloves. —Photo by Kettler

## Weather

**FORECAST**—Klamath Falls and vicinity: A few showers through Saturday. Low tonight 28-33; high Saturday 45-50.  
High yesterday 45  
Low last night 28  
Precip. last 24 hours 0  
Since Oct. 1 2.21  
Same period last year 8.61

**Northern California**—Fair tonight and increasing cloudiness Saturday with rain from Santa Rosa and Chico northward. Warmer tonight. Southerly coastal wind 20-35 miles an hour.

**CRATER LAKE**  
High yesterday 39  
Low last night 28  
8 a.m. today 34  
New snow 1 in.  
Snow depth 33 in.  
Last year 100  
Year before 68  
Skilling Good

An inch of wet snow fell on hard-packed surface making good skidding, the rangers reported. Skies were overcast this morning; wind calm and it was not snowing. Highway 62 is open with chains advised. Chains were required to road from Annie Springs to the rim. It is anticipated that the warming but will be open on Saturday and Sunday.

**MI. Shasta Highway 99 and Everett Highway:** No chains required with 70 inches of snow at 9,300 feet. Skilling good, clear.

## Massive Wave Of Cold Knives Eastern States

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A massive cold wave knifed across the Eastern half of the country today in the wake of winter's most severe and destructive weather, which left a heavy toll of dead and homeless.

Storms abated, and floods in some areas appeared easing. But the punishing blows from the violent midwinter snow, sleet, and rain storms and floods left many sections staggering.

Conditions were in the disaster stage in some of the flood-stricken regions.

At least 88 persons were dead from floods and other effects of the storms in 14 states from New Mexico to the Eastern seaboard.

Damage to property was in the millions of dollars. No estimate could be made of the human misery and suffering in the flooded sections of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky and Indiana.

Although the influx of cold weather appeared lessening the flood danger in some of the five states, thousands remained homeless. The cold also added to the suffering. Downstate communities still were threatened by further damage and evacuations.

Thousands of workers were idled in Pennsylvania, Ohio and

New York as steel mills, coal mines, and other industries shut down because of floods. Roads were inundated, curtailing travel. Hundreds of schools remained closed.

A state of emergency was declared in many sections of western Pennsylvania and some Ohio cities.

A dozen coal miners were either trapped or drowned when overflows from the swollen Susquehanna River poured into an anthracite mine near Pittston, in northeast Pennsylvania. Thirty-three other miners got out. Twenty-six of them were rescued after wandering through the tunnels in waist-deep water for seven hours, while seven others escaped by climbing an air shaft.

The threat of serious flooding in Pittsburgh passed, but the swollen Ohio River menaced downstream areas as it surged into Wheeling, W. Va., Steubenville and possibly East Liverpool, Ohio.

The flooding Allegheny River and its tributaries caused heavy damage in western Pennsylvania. Ohio reported 12 persons lost in the state in 25 years. Other storm-related deaths included 12 each in Illinois and Wisconsin; Iowa 8, Indiana, Texas, and Michigan 6 each; Kansas, Kentucky, and New York 5 each; New Mexico 3; Oklahoma and Missouri 2 each; and New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 1 each.

## Castro Tribunal Condemns Officer

**HAVANA, Cuba (AP)**—The defendant in Havana's first show-case war crimes trial was convicted just before dawn today and sentenced to death.

A three-man tribunal of Fidel Castro's revolutionary officers found Maj. Jesus Sosa Blanco, 31, a career army officer, guilty on five counts of murder, homicide, robbery, looting and damage.

The verdict was returned after a trial of almost eight hours and more than four hours of deliberation by the three judges.

A crowd of 17,000 shouting, jeering Cubans who had jammed Havana's Sports Palace for the start of the trial had gone home hours before. Only about 300 newsmen and armed, bearded guards from Castro's forces heard the verdict as it was read out in the sports arena.

Sosa Blanco's counsel, Capt. Aristides Dacosta, had said he would appeal a conviction to a five-man Superior Court provided under the new legal code put in effect after dictator Fulgencio Batista's overthrow Jan. 1. The higher court has not yet been named.

Dacosta had challenged the legality of trials under that code, contending that all crimes charged to Sosa Blanco were allegedly committed before Jan. 14 and that the death penalty did not exist then.

The Cuban Constitution of 1940 barred capital punishment. It was modified by decree Jan. 15 to permit executions for war crimes. Dacosta's argument also applies to the estimated 1,500 Batista partisans arrested since the dictator's overthrow, and to the 250 or more persons already executed by Castro's firing squads.

Sosa Blanco's trial was the first of three Castro had announced for the Havana Sports Palace to justify to the world his speedy military judgment of Batistas, some 250 of whom have already been executed.

Another trial was scheduled to

get under way this afternoon, but it was not known how the slow progress of the first hearing would affect the schedule.

Nearly 400 foreign newsmen were in Havana at Castro's invitation for the demonstration of his justice.

The revolutionary chief told a news conference Thursday that the trials and executions will end "as soon as possible and the sooner the better. Only the most notorious criminals are being selected for trials before revolutionary tribunals."

The bearded leader, who now is chief of Cuban armed forces, repeated his estimate that "not more than 400" persons will be executed for the 20,000 murders he claims Batista's dictatorship perpetrated in its six-year reign.

**POLICE SEEK NY KIDNAPER**  
NEW YORK (AP)—Police today had one clue—a woman's handwriting—in the kidnaping of an ailing, 23-day-old child from a West Side apartment Thursday. It was the city's second baby abduction this year.

A specimen of the kidnaping's handwriting was obtained in the form of a note written at the mother's request before the latter left on a wild-goose hunt for a nonexistent Bronx apartment.

In the note the woman kidnaped—said to be pregnant—wrote that she represented to be her name, address, and telephone number. Police assumed the name was fictitious after finding that the Bronx address was a fake. The phone number turned out to be an unlisted one and that of persons not possibly involved in the case, police said.

In view of reports that the kidnaping is an expectant mother, the handwritten note was to be used in a canvass of hospital records and medical offices.

Police and the FBI had teamed up in an all-night search of the area around the Manhattan apartment from where John Tavarez disappeared with a woman his mother had met just two days ago. The grief-stricken father broadcast a radio and TV appeal for the baby's return.

Authorities described the woman being sought as 5 feet 2, weighing about 160 pounds, having brown hair with blonde streaks, and "obviously pregnant." They said she was wearing a dark blue coat and black shoes, and probably was Cuban. They said she was wearing a "slave bracelet" chain on her left leg.

## Bank Robbed Of \$50,000

**SAN PEDRO, Calif. (UPI)**—A smooth-working bandit who held up the Bank of America branch for nearly \$50,000 Thursday and escaped in a car driven by a confederate was sought today by police and the FBI.

The bandit, playing the role of a prosperous merchant, gained entrance to the commercial section of the bank reserved for deposits and withdrawals of \$1,000 and up by flashing a check made out in four figures.

Once inside the merchant section, which is blocked off to the public by a locked door, the bandit handed a note to teller Thomas Setka, 23, which read: "This is no toy. Don't give an alarm. Empty the drawer and give me all the money. If you sound the alarm it will be your last one."

The bandit indicated he had a gun under his coat. Setka handed over \$49,307 and the holdup man escaped out a rear door and into a car driven by a confederate.

About 30 employees and 15 customers in the bank failed to realize what was going on until after the bandit fled.

## Lost Sight To Return

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Buddy Thornhill, 7, who has undergone 11 eye operations, is going to see clearly—possibly within two months.

Dr. William J. Ferguson Jr., a specialist who treated the Natchez, Miss., youngster for glaucoma here, told newsmen that Thursday.

Mrs. Louis A. Thornhill, practically in tears, added: "You know what Buddy is doing right now? He's chasing a balloon in our hotel room."

His mother said that Buddy, whose real name is Hugh, could detect only light previously but now could see colors.

Buddy may never need another operation, Dr. Ferguson said. The youngster's right eye was taken out in a previous operation.

Buddy's trip here with his parents was financed by Natchez residents.

## World News In Brief

**United Press International MINERS**—Pittston, Pa.—Twelve men are trapped in a mine tunnel flooded by the Susquehanna River.

**WEATHER**—Flood emergencies hit Pennsylvania and Ohio, driving 20,000 persons from homes.

**LIVING COSTS**—Washington—The government monthly cost-of-living report says living costs dropped slightly in December for the first time since last August.

**KIDNAP**—New York—Volunteer baby-sitter kidnaps 23-day-old boy after sending mother on wild-goose chase.

**LIMOUSINE**—Washington—House's gift of \$1,000 new limousine to Joe Martin appears to have become political issue.

**REPUBLICANS**—Des Moines—Republican National Committee rallies behind statement of what party stands for.

## Vice Charge Jails 4 Women As Police Follow Up Expose

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Detectives posing as out-of-town professional men raided a well-furnished Manhattan apartment Thursday night and arrested four women on vice charges.

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**By JAMES J. HEALY**  
United Press International SAUSALITO, Calif. (UPI)—Film star Sterling Hayden, his four children, and the crew of his 90-foot schooner were believed to be somewhere on the bounding main today, but the question was, which way were they bounding?

Hayden, 42, sailed from San Francisco Bay Sunday supposedly headed for Santa Barbara. But his former wife believes he may have taken the children on a South Seas film-making cruise, despite a court order forbidding it.

Mrs. Betty Anne de Noon Hayden said through her attorney she has asked the Coast Guard to make a search for the schooner, Wanderer. With a fair wind, it should have arrived in Santa Barbara late Tuesday.

A Santa Barbara pilot told United Press International he flew 100 miles up the coast Thursday morning and did not sight Hayden's vessel.

Hayden, veteran sailor, purchased and refitted the Wanderer especially for his "dream voyage" to the South Seas. It was learned that before leaving Sunday, he ordered an extra 100 pounds of meat, nearly 30 gallons of milk, and an extra 30 gallons of fresh water stowed aboard.

Including himself, there are eight men, five women and seven

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children aboard. The extra supplies would not be necessary for the three-day trip down the California coast.

Last week, Hayden was awarded custody of the children in a bitterly contested battle with his former wife. The children are Christian, 10; Thor, 9; Gretchen, 8 and Matthew.

However, Superior Judge Emil Gumpert denied Hayden the right to take the children on the voyage. Gumpert said he thought the ship, which was built in 1833, was too old and that members of the crew lacked sailing experience.

Hayden told United Press International before the decision was handed down that he had gone into hock "up to my eyeballs" in the film-making venture to "do something honest" for television.

He said he had mortgaged everything but the ship in order to make the trip, which includes stops at Tahiti, the Marquesas, the Thursday Islands, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

**Pickup Perks Up Patrolman's Parental Passion**  
DUNSMUIR—Bill Cooney, Dunsmuir police officer, had his first maternity case on Sunday night. Travelers from Oregon finding the arrival of the stork imminent appealed for help.

Hurried arrangements were made at property owned by Vern Myers, just west of town.

"We opened the tailgate of the trailer just in time," Cooney said. "There it was, the loveliest little brown foal with white blaze and white socks."

It was named "Pickup" on the spot. Mother, Mozette, and father, Golden Chance, members of a six-horse caravan en route to Fresno, are both registered quarter horses.

Owner O. Y. Mankins and his assistant, G. A. Endsley, expressed their appreciation and left Officer Cooney a big fat cigar.



**HONORARY LIFE** memberships in the community Concert Association have been presented to Dr. and Mrs. George I. Wright by the association executive board. Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Klamath Falls pioneers, have supported the concert association for many years and have attended most of the musical events in the city. The presentation was made by Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education in Klamath Falls schools.