

By FRANK JENKINS
Oregon's Governor Hatfield is worried by what he calls the possibility of a legislative plot to promote enactment of a sales tax.

At a news conference held in his office yesterday, he told reporters that "a group of Republicans are sending up a trial balloon for a tax set-up that would have the state's building program financed by a four-cent cigarette tax with no increase in the income tax."

At the same time, he added, "The Democratic leaders who over the week-end advanced a sales tax proposal are trying to make the picture gloomy enough that we will be faced with no alternative but their pet proposal."

He concluded that maybe a plot is being hatched to paint the situation in such a gloomy light that we will appear to have our backs to the wall and in the ensuing hysteria we will get ourselves into a sales tax.

This, he thinks, would be fiscal brinkmanship.

A sales tax, he said, "will hit the low income earner, the retired, the welfare recipient, the widowed."

True enough.

But—

So do all other taxes. Taxes are a part of the cost of doing business, and have to be added to prices. So EVERYBODY pays.

Personally, I'm not enamored of a sales tax. Especially when it is added to THE TAXES WE ALREADY HAVE.

In that event, it merely raises more money. When more tax money is raised, the modern tendency is to SPEND IT. The more money government spends, the more money it has to reach into the taxpayers' pockets and take out.

The more money government takes out of the taxpayer's pocket, the less money the taxpayer has left to spend for himself.

Many of the problems and many of the disappointments of the modern world arise out of the fact that government—at all of its various levels—is taking so much money out of the people's pockets that the people don't have enough left to buy for themselves all the wonderful modern conveniences they'd like to have.

What shall we do about it?

I'm coming to believe that the only feasible way to keep taxes from rising is for government to SPEND LESS.

What do you think about it?

Firm Plans Weed Plant

WEED — Long-Bell Division of the International Paper Company Wednesday announced plans to construct a new planing mill at its Weed branch.

Plans call for a new structure 330 feet long by 235 feet wide. The building will house a modern planing mill, grader, storage space for finished lumber and improved facilities for lumber shipment.

Construction will be adjacent to shed 17 which is a rough lumber storage shed.

Materials will be handled in the new planing mill, and modernized storage shipping areas have five overhead cranes. Other equipment to be installed include three planes together with trimmer and other related equipment.

Construction is scheduled to begin March 15 and it is estimated the work will be completed by September 1.

All facilities were designed by Inbenco Engineers, Inc., in conjunction with Weed branch personnel. Construction will be by T. H. Peterson, Inc., of San Leandro.

Europe Leaders Foresee Meeting

PARIS (AP) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and President Charles de Gaulle see the West and the Soviet Union moving toward a foreign ministers conference and possibly summit talks, French sources said today.

Adenauer was in a cheerful mood as he took off for home after talks with the French leader. An official spokesman said they reached no dramatic decisions and planned no Paris-Bonn axis designed to impose their thinking on their Western allies.



DISTRICT CAUCUS of all American Legion Posts in District 4 was held in Malin last Saturday. These officers were important speakers and visitors at the meeting. From the left are George Nelson, department commander of the American Legion; Tom Wheeler, District 4 commander; and Bud Johnson, national field representative of the American Legion. (See Story on Page 6-A)

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Many Boys Cremated In Reform School Fire

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Twenty-one boys perished in a fire that destroyed the main dormitory of the Arkansas training school for Negro boys at nearby Wrightsville today.

The doors of the big brick and frame building were locked and windows were barred with heavy metal screens.

Survivors had to kick their way through the tough double screens in order to get out of the blazing building. Sixty-eight boys ranging in age from 14 to 17, were housed in the structure.

The bodies of 12 youths were found piled in a corner. Apparently they died in a vain attempt to break through a window.

Nine other bodies were found in the ruins.

Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who

went to the scene as soon as he learned of the fire, declared it was inexcusable that doors were locked and no supervisor was on hand.

Angrily, the governor told newsmen: "If there had been an adult on duty with the keys at the time the fire started, I don't believe a single boy would have burned."

Faubus announced an investigation would be made to determine why the boys were locked up without arrangements for quick evacuation.

Firemen said they believed the fire may have started in a part of the dormitory away from the sleeping boys. Origin of the fire was undetermined, but an electrical storm was raging when the flames broke out about 4 a.m. and lightning may have struck the building.

George Williamson, a 16-year-old survivor, said he was awakened by screams.

"There was smoke all over. I couldn't see anything," Williamson said. "I found a window and got out."

The building burned down within an hour. Firemen from Little Rock, 12 miles away, arrived too late to bring the blaze under control.

A vocational teacher normally slept in the dormitory. But he entered a hospital Feb. 21 and no adult took his place.

Faubus said he inspected the building last year and found safety precautions were adequate.

The governor promised at a news conference shortly after he returned to Little Rock that new studies of safety conditions at other Arkansas institutions would be made immediately.

As firemen, sheriff's officers and prisoners from a nearby county penal farm probed the smoldering ruins of the dormitory, shaken survivors wandered about the scene.

Firemen said a few more bodies might be found in the rubble. Authorities were unable to make a complete roll call of survivors, but most of the inmates were accounted for.

Pair Killed In Explosion

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — An elderly man and wife died today in an explosion that ripped apart their two-story home.

The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ruohonen, both in their 70s. Ruohonen was a retired railroad worker.

Fire officials said the explosion was caused by illuminating gas.

Two others in the house were found alive.

Martha Ruohonen, about 40, suffered from burns and shock. She was unconscious in the wreckage when firefighters arrived.

Her son, Gary, 10, was found in a dazed condition on the street nearby. He suffered only minor burns and bruises.

The explosion was witnessed by the engineer of a passing freight train.

He leaned on the engine's horn until he roused the residents of the entire neighborhood.

Defense Pacts Signed By U.S.

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The United States today signed bilateral defense agreements with Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

The Soviet Union has voiced bitter objections to the treaties, with Iran singled out for special denunciation.

The three countries are members of the Baghdad Pact. The United States offered bilateral defense pacts to each although it is not a full member of the pact.

The baby, ill with a cold when he was taken from beside his sleeping twin brother last Friday, appeared to have been well cared for, the FBI said.

The baby was reunited with his mother, Ruth Flores, 35, widowed mother of six, at the Ontario police station.

Mrs. Flores and the friendly woman she had allowed to sit with her children, faced each other tearfully.

They had first met last Feb. 17 when Mrs. Yocum, calling herself Ann Williams and identifying herself as a social worker from a local church, called on Mrs. Flores to "feed" Mrs. Flores' husband, Joseph, who was killed in a gas explosion last summer and the community of Ontario has contributed food, clothing and needed services to the family ever since.

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— Photo by Virginia Blohm

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 20-26. High Friday 55-60. High yesterday 57. Low last night 19. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 3.75. Same period last year 13.29.

CRATER LAKE

Northern California — Fair through Friday. Little change in temperature. Northerly coastal winds 8-15 miles an hour, reaching 25 locally.

High yesterday 52. Low last night 24. 8 a.m. today 32. No new snow. Snow depth 82. Last year 148.

There was a slight overcast this morning in the park but it is a nice day. The ranger station reported, Highway 62 and the road to the rim are open, free of snow and bare.

Three Dead, Two Injured In Hotel Fire

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — Screaming in terror, guests shinned down cables or climbed or were borne down fire ladders early today as flames raged up an elevator shaft of the five-story Gary Hotel.

Authorities said there were three known dead, 2 other persons unaccounted for and 2 more critically hurt.

At least 24 persons were taken to hospitals for treatment of burns, cuts, smoke poisoning and shock.

The register of the 100-room, 75-year-old hotel in Hazleton's business district showed a listing of 61 persons.

Two of the dead were removed soon after the fire broke out. A third body was found later.

The entire front wall of the hotel collapsed into heaps of rubble. It was thought the two missing persons might be dead in this wreckage.

Victims fled from the flaming building, their night clothes ablaze. Others stood and sat dazed in the street as 100 firemen from four companies fought the raging fire for more than two hours.

Efforts to control the blaze were hampered by icy streets and ice-coated hoses resulting from the biting 23 degree weather.

Flames shot from the windows and burst through the roof of the brick building as firemen arrived. Residents stood at windows on the upper floors screaming for help.

Two of these were George Klem, 22, and his wife, Beverly, 18. The Klems waited 20 minutes for help at the window of their fourth floor, rear apartment. Finally, in desperation, Mrs. Klem grabbed a television cable and slid to a pole from where she was able to swing to the roof of an adjoining 1½ story building.

Her husband followed by the same route. Both suffered lacerations of the hands.

The scantily clad Mrs. Klem, shaking with fright and holding aloft her wife's slashed hands, told of her escape.

"We tried to make the fire escape but we couldn't. It was too hot and smoky. I tried wrapping a wet towel around my face but it didn't help. I decided to grab onto the wire and take a chance."

"I slid down. The crowd holed for me to let go but I wasn't letting go for anyone. It was awful. I can't believe we got out."

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The combination of high winds and heavy snow had a staggering impact on the hardest hit areas.

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Khrushchev Backs Away On Deadline

LEIPZIG, East Germany (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today he is prepared to postpone the May 27 deadline for Berlin-provided fruitful East-West negotiations are under way then.

Khrushchev said the May 27 date might be postponed until June 27 "or maybe July 27. We are in no hurry."

He cited an old Russian saying: "Never count your chickens until autumn."

The Soviet Premier made his remarks in an impromptu speech at a luncheon given by the mayor of Leipzig.

The question was brought up by Ian Mikardo, member of the British House of Commons and a deputy chairman of the British Labor party.

Mikardo asked Khrushchev what he meant to do about the May 27 deadline.

Khrushchev noted that the West has been calling the May 27 deadline an ultimatum.

"That is not true," Khrushchev said.

Then came his remarks about a postponement.

He warned again that the Soviet Union will sign a separate peace treaty with Communist East Germany if the West refuses to sign a peace treaty with all of Germany.

Khrushchev also warned the West against using force on the Communist world.

"Whoever bumps us with his elbow will break it," he said.

He said the Soviet demand for a peace treaty was made urgent by the fact that nearly 14 years have elapsed since the end of World War II.

Dulles Said 'Radioactive'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has been slightly radioactive since Tuesday when he received an injection of ray-emitting gold at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

But there has never been a time, authorities said today, when President Eisenhower or other callers couldn't have looked in on him with complete safety.

They could, in fact, have perched beside his bed for hours without suffering any detectable effects, but "it would not have been good medical practice," one expert told United Press International.

For 10 years it has been standard practice when cancer patients are treated with radiogold to isolate them to some extent. Attendants who administer the injections handle them with great care and wear lead aprons. This is to keep them from getting radiation doses greater than the "permissible maximum" set for such workers.

Visitors, if the patient is able and willing to receive any, are required to keep a certain distance from the bed — a distance usually marked by a line drawn in colored chalk.

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A GROUP OF SKIERS last weekend at Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl are enjoying the 55 degree temperature and more than 20-foot deep snow depth. Peggy Walsh, Herald and News correspondent in the Dunsmuir area, took this picture from the parking lot looking up into the ski area.

Counterfeit Ring Broken By T-Agents

CHICAGO (AP) — The Secret Service said today it has confiscated more than \$750,000 in counterfeit \$100 bills and arrested 25 persons in smashing a nationwide fake money ring.

Agents seized \$726,200 in fake bills before they could be put into circulation, said Paul J. Paterni, head of the Secret Service Chicago office.

Another \$25,000 passed in 22 states has been recovered.

Paterni said two Chicago ring leaders of the operation were seized Wednesday night.

However, he said the printing equipment of the gang was not found.

Paterni said, "We have recovered all of the money passed through department stores and other merchants."

He said he did not know how much of the spurious currency was not accounted for.

Paterni said much of the counterfeit money was purchased by undercover agents, without actual payment of cash, in consignments for which a price of \$9 per \$100 was agreed upon.

The Chicagoans named by Paterni as head of the counterfeit ring are Alphonso Amabile, 40, and William Rabinio, 39.

A number of arrests and some convictions have been made in other cities since the investigation began, but government knowledge of the ring's Chicago headquarters was not disclosed.

Paterni said the first break came in mid-November when an undercover agent met Floyd V. Vincenti, 29, in Cahmet City, Ill., and was shown samples of the bogus bills. He negotiated for \$100,000 in the fake currency to be placed on a consignment basis.

While negotiations were in progress, Secret Service agents arrested two women for passing identical bills in Dallas and Houston, Tex. The women, Vida Jane McMillen, 26, and Alva Jane Kirk, 20, were sentenced to prison Dec. 12.

Dec. 15, an undercover agent in Chicago obtained the government's first wholesale batch, \$29,000 in counterfeit bills. Three days later, Vincenti was seized in New York City when he flew there with another \$80,000 in fake money for the undercover agent.

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World News In Brief

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

RODIES—Fredericksburg, Va. — The bodies of a man and a little girl have been found in an abandoned sawdust pit near the place where a family of four disappeared seven weeks ago. Authorities are expected to identify the bodies of those of Carroll V. Jackson Jr., 41, and one of his daughters.

EAST-WEST — An East-West wrap-up by Cables Editor Walter Logan includes the following developments:

WASHINGTON—U.S. and Britain appear at odds on key points of long-range strategy for dealing with Khrushchev.

LEIPZIG — Khrushchev confers with East German leaders on separate peace treaty for East Germany.

LONDON — Macmillan begins task of convincing Western Allies to follow his lead.

KIDNAP—Ontario, Calif.—Nine-week-old Eric Flores, who was kidnapped last Friday from the crib he shared with his twin brother, has been found unharmed and returned to his widowed mother. A woman has been arrested for investigation of kidnapping.

PIONEER — Washington — America's space robot speeds toward a permanent orbit around the sun after passing the moon.

SPRINGFIELD, Pa. — Search for fugitive bank robber moves from Ohio to Pennsylvania.

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Discoverer I is the first of a series designed to show man how he can venture safely into space and back.

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — U.S. Information Agency offices in Cochabamba and Oruro were targets Wednesday night of anti-American riots that previously had taken two Bolivian lives. Calm returned today.

Dispatches from Cochabamba, an industrial center and tourist resort of 80,000 in central Bolivia, reported a mob sacked the USIA office there after police turned demonstrators away from the U.S. consulate.

After breaking down the door, said an account published by the newspaper Presencia, the rioters threw furniture and documents from the balconies and set them afire. Others carried away typewriters and other office equipment. Windows were smashed. Police finally dispersed the mob with tear gas.

At Oruro, a western Bolivian city of 32,000, demonstrators broke windows of the USIA office with stones.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

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HALTS SUDDEN BREAKS

ATLANTA (UPI)—Personnel officer Vaughn Rice of the Georgia Revenue Department said today that the practice of checking in for work at 8:30 a. m. and going directly to the coffee shop for a coffee break will no longer be condoned.

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Discoverer I Determined In Polar Orb

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Discoverer I, whose fate has been a mystery since it was launched last Saturday, achieved its goal of becoming the first polar-orbital satellite, the Air Force announced today.

The ballistic missile division said that since blastoff from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., 41 tracking reports have been received. All, it added, coincided closely with the predicted orbit.

Thus ended nearly a week of suspense over whether the 1,300-pound cylinder, second-heaviest satellite launched by the United States, entered orbit.

After a perfect launch, signals were heard for a few minutes. But tracking stations at various points on the earth were unable to receive the expected radio signals on schedule.

Sporadic signals have since been received.

The Air Force said: "It is believed the sporadic nature of the radio signals received from Discoverer I result from the continuously changing altitude of the satellite which consists of a 19-foot-long second-stage rocket as it moves through space."

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