

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The California state senate passed a bill fixing the state speed limit at an ABSOLUTE 65 miles per hour. The assembly had already passed the bill. Governor Brown had requested it and announces this morning that he will sign it into law next week.

Beginning next New Year's Day—

If you push the needle up to more than 65 in California on the open road (the bill permits zoning at lower speeds in congested areas or on bad roads) and a cop clocks you and sirens you down, it will be just too bad.

You will have violated the law, and that will be that.

California now has a 55 mile law, which will remain in force until next January, but it permits a driver to go faster if he can prove it was safe under all the circumstances to do so. The present law is not fundamentally dissimilar to Oregon's "basic" speed law, which gives the driver considerable leeway in unzoned areas.

What California has done is to DO AWAY with this leeway and to say flatly that 65 mph is the outside limit of safety.

The new California speed law didn't whisk through the legislature without opposition. One senator growled: "On some highways, especially freeways in Los Angeles, you'll get run over from behind if you drive at only 65." Another one remarked that on long, straight desert highways with comparatively little traffic "it doesn't make a bit of difference whether you drive 65 or 165, because you can't hurt anything." (Except yourself, someone might add.)

A reasonable comment is that the trouble with permitting the driver to be the judge of speeds at which it is safe to drive is that THE JUDGMENT OF SOME DRIVERS IS GOOD WHEREAS THE JUDGMENT OF OTHER DRIVERS IS VERY BAD.

Let's put it this way:

It is quite true that — given GOOD drivers, with cars in PERFECT condition—speeds in excess of 65 miles are safe under proper conditions.

But—

Speeds of 50 mph are likely to be SAFER.

And—

30 mph would almost certainly be safer still. But, human nature being human nature, you couldn't enforce a 30 mph limit without as many cops as there are drivers.

The problem is to find a REASONABLE compromise. That is what California is trying to do.

Come 1960, the results will be watched with a good deal of interest.

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — The fire which destroyed the Hotel Gary claimed another life Thursday night, bringing the death toll to five.

Howard Deitch, 53, whose wife lost her life in the blazing building early Thursday, died at a hospital of injuries. The couple had lived at the hotel.

Mrs. Mary McAlarney, another hotel resident was still unaccounted for. A man and a woman were considered in serious condition. Thirteen others were injured less seriously, with seven still hospitalized.

Hazleton fire officials and the state fire marshal's office launched an investigation to determine the cause of the blaze, which roared up the elevator shaft of the five-story, 75-year-old brick structure.

There were 53 guests in the hotel, many of them elderly persons.

Bank Named Tribe Trustee

The Department of the Interior has announced the completion of a trust agreement under which the United States National Bank of Portland replaces the Bureau of Indian Affairs as trustee for the tribal property of the Klamath Indian tribe of Oregon.

Under terms of the agreement the Indian Bureau's area office in Portland on March 3 conveyed to the bank deeds for a total of approximately 140,000 acres of tribal land with \$737,608.61 of tribal funds. The major portion of the tribal land is forested and will be managed by the bank in accordance with sustained yield principles under a plan previously approved by the department.

The bank also took over full authority and responsibility formerly vested in the Secretary of the Interior in connection with timber contracts and grazing permits on the tribal lands which have not yet expired.

A roll of the 473 remaining members of the tribe was turned over to the bank along with the other documents on March 3. In addition, the bank has taken over responsibility for deciding on a request which the remaining tribal members have recently made for a per capita payment from their available funds. Because the request was made at a time when negotiations with the bank were well along toward completion, no action was taken on it by the department prior to final execution of the Trust Agreement.

Pioneer IV Has Vanished Into Heavens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pioneer IV vanished into space today and may never be heard from again.

The space probe tracking station at Goldstone, Calif., lost contact at 7:15 a.m. PST today when the probe's transmitting signals became very weak.

At that time the probe was traveling toward the sun at about 3,960 miles an hour, 412,000 miles from the earth.

The Goldstone station installed a special filter in its tracking gear and followed the space probe for an additional nine minutes.

The last contact was made at about 7:24 a.m.

Asked if there was any likelihood of further contact with Pioneer IV a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it was unlikely.

He added that since the probe's battery apparently had gone dead, it was unlikely that the Goldstone station would make any further search for it.

"We think that this is it," he said.

"Pioneer IV is gone forever."

Earlier the gold plated cone had been sending clear signals from more than 400,000 miles out.

Goldstone picked them up at 4:50 a.m. They came from a point deeper in the great void than any transmission ever before recorded.

NASA scientists calculated the distance at 403,000 miles and the gold-plated cone's speed at 3,960 miles an hour.

At that time the Pioneer had been under radio observation for about 80 hours, longer than any other such space traveler.

Earlier a "really good signal" was reported by the General Electric Co. tracking station at Scheidegg, N.Y., from nearly 400,000 miles. That was at 2:02 a.m.

Roy Anderson, head of the operation, estimated the distance, and said that "never before has any radio signal of this type been picked up from so far out in space."

He said the signal, "essentially unchanged from yesterday, a really good signal," was first picked up at 5:02 a.m.

The signals from America's sun-bound satellite were picked up earlier at Jodrell Bank, England.

New Fair Bill Considered

TULELAKE — California state legislation which may drastically affect the futures of California fairs and expositions is being closely watched this session by members of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Board, it is revealed by Paul Christy, board president.

William Whitaker, manager of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair, now serving as chairman of the Northern California Fairs and Expositions Association, is presently in Sacramento to assist the Western Fairs Association draft a new fair bill, and to "attempt to ward off attacks on the state rate horse funds which provide revenue for the state's various fairs."

Whitaker, before leaving Tulelake, said, "These beautiful fairgrounds and the complete operations and costs of the fair have not cost the local taxpayers a cent. We would like to keep it that way."

Christy and other members of the board in explaining a possible change in the method of handling fair and exposition funds, pointed out that the evident crisis of a deficit state budget may pose a problem to the fair if new means of raising funds are not found. "We have no argument," he said, "against economy in government, but we feel that a suggested transfer of all reserve funds into the general fund is not a solution."

"The simple truth is that 'fund grabbing' from existing state agencies such as the Fairs and Expositions Division, will not solve the problem. The same deficit, bigger and bolder than ever, would exist next year. A new means must be found to raise cash. This is the real problem facing our legislators in Sacramento."

Whitaker pointed out that the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair is operated through a four per cent levy against money bet at race tracks, and that no local taxes are used. If all the 79 fairs in California gets from this source, Whitaker said, were withheld and every fair closed up, it would save less than one sixth of the amount needed to give state employees a proposed five per cent increase in wages.

U.S. Embassy To Reopen Doors

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — The U.S. Embassy planned to reopen today after a letup in anti-American demonstrations.

The Bolivian Foreign Ministry said it did not expect any more trouble and advised embassy workers they could return to their homes in the capital. They were evacuated to the suburbs Monday to escape rioters. None was hurt.

CRASH KILLS 25

DURBAN, South Africa (UPI) — Authorities said today that 25 native mine workers were killed and 23 others were injured Thursday when a bus left the road on a curve and plunged into a deep ravine near Matatiele, East Griqualand.



COLD SPRING Forest Camp

looked its name last week when these pictures were taken at the well known hikers' jumpoff spot on the slopes of Pelican Butte. The site was reached with a Sno-Cat over snow varying from three inches to just under four feet at the old cabin. Purpose of the trip was a snow survey by the SCS on a newly laid out snow course on the ridge above the cabin. An average depth of 48 inches was found on the course on February 26. The top picture shows the cabin with Gene Cox, SCS, standing beside it in the snow. In the lower picture Gene is getting a winter drink from the spring itself, well buried under a blanket of snow.

Beauty Test Progress Told

Oregon's ideal Miss, Sandra Phelps of Klamath Falls, and Junior Miss America candidates from 26 other states are in Mobile, Alabama, today going through their paces in the second round of a four-day judging period.

Sandra will know Saturday whether she is to be named the year's ideal high school senior girl and if she is to win a scholarship worth \$5,000.

Even if she is judged a runner-up, she will win one of several scholarships worth \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500.

She won over six other candidates from all over the state in a December race for the Junior Miss Oregon title.

She is a 17-year-old senior at Klamath Union High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phelps.

Sandra is undergoing a series of beauty, poise, personality and talent displays in the rigorous judging schedule.

Besides winning the scholarship, if she wins, she will make personal appearances around the nation.

The contest is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a nationwide organization for young men.

It is part of the Azalea Trail Court, an annual Mobile pageant.

Bank Robber Gets 15 Years

Freddie Lee Connor, convicted of robbing the Mount Shasta Bank last November, was sentenced to serve 15 years in federal prison by Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert in Sacramento Thursday.

In passing sentence on the mother of two children, Judge Halbert turned aside a request for a new trial. The request was based on a statement by a prosecution witness that she lied during Mrs. Connor's trial.

Esther Lee Wood, 18, a bank teller, filed an affidavit earlier this week claiming she lied when she identified Mrs. Connor as the bandit. Yesterday, she filed another affidavit saying she told the truth originally.

This move prompted Judge Halbert to ask Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Woodward to investigate "this entire matter."

Mrs. Connor had been convicted by a federal court jury which deliberated three hours on the verdict following a week long trial in early February.

Eight Marines Die In Crash

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (AP) — Eight Marines died early today when a C-119 transport crashed here in a heavy rainstorm. One man survived.

Storms Knife Midsection; Activities Near Standstill

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Winter rocked parts of the nation's midsection today with one of its most damaging snow storms, sharply curtailing activities in eight states.

Much of Iowa, hit by its worst March snow storm in 10 years, was nearly paralyzed.

Heavy snow and gusty northerly winds created blizzard conditions in much of the storm belt. However, temperatures were in the 20s and no severe cold was reported.

The late winter storm, sweeping in from Colorado and Wyoming, pounded wide areas in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Michigan. It headed into sections of the Northeast.

Heavy snow warnings were posted for northern Michigan and for parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

In the Midwest storm zone, huge drifts blocked highways, halting travel on many main arteries. In sections of southeastern Iowa several counties reported every road impassable. Driving conditions were extremely hazardous.

Air travel was grounded in many places. Many schools in Iowa and Wisconsin were closed. Business and industry slowed operations, with workers hampered by travel conditions.

Iowa reported at least 10 deaths from the blizzard, the worst in the state since 1939. One death attributed to the storm was reported in Wisconsin.

Snow removal operations were delayed because of the strong winds and falling snow in many areas. Heaviest falls in Iowa were up to 17 inches at Ottumwa. In Wisconsin, the heavy wet snow ranged up to 14 inches in some southern counties. The covering at Unionville and Princeton, Mo., both in north central Missouri, ranged from 15 to 17 inches.

Although the storm abated in Nebraska, winds up to 35 m.p.h. whipped the eastern region during the night. Schools in Lincoln and

Omaha, closed Thursday were to reopen, as was the University of Nebraska, also forced to suspend classes because of the storm.

The intense storm centered in the mid-Mississippi Valley during the early morning. Snow continued from Missouri northward to Minnesota and eastward into Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

The bodies of a father and his 3-year-old daughter were found on a snow drift on a country road near their home in Wauke, Iowa, just outside Des Moines.

Rain pelted a vast area east of the snow zone from northeastern Illinois, Indiana and lower Michigan across the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes region to the Appalachians. More than 4 1/2 inches of rain drenched Charleston, S.C., and heavy falls doused extreme southern Georgia and northern Florida.

Most of the debate in the Senate Thursday came from opponents of the bill.

"On some highways, especially freeways to Los Angeles, you'll get run over from behind going only 65," growled Sen. Charles Brown (D-Shoshone), who owns a 300-plus horsepower air-conditioned sedan.

"People going through San Bernardino County on their way to Las Vegas will have mirrors built all over their cars to watch out for cops."

SPRENZ-Wellsville, N.Y. — A car believed to have been stolen at Bessemer, Pa. by Frank Sprenz, one of the FBI's "most wanted" fugitives, has been spotted in western New York state.

FIRE—Little Rock — State police probe Negro boys reform school fire which killed 21 inmates; Gov. Faubus says tragedy inexcusable.

CREDIT—Washington — Government tightens up credit in face of mounting Democratic demands for easier money policies.

BODIES—Fredericksburg, Va. — Searchers fan out from sawdust pit in hunt for bodies of two remaining members of missing family.

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Prime Minister, President To Open Talks March 20

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional leaders talked over the Berlin situation with President Eisenhower today and welded a united stand of firmness against Soviet threats, and preparation for any eventuality.

Democrats and Republicans joined in hitting that note after a 90-minute White House conference. Yet they emphasized that firmness does not mean rigidity or unwillingness to negotiate.

"There is no thought of yielding to pressure," Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas told newsmen.

He added that on the other hand the United States and its allies are determined to explore every possible avenue which could maintain peace with honor.

Eisenhower and Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will open talks here March 20 on the situation. Macmillan also will review for the President his recent Moscow conferences with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Announcement of the plans by Macmillan to come here was made by the British and U. S. governments before Eisenhower's conference with the congressional leaders.

Accompanying Johnson were House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.); Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois; and Rep. Charles E. Halleck of Indiana, the House GOP leader.

They said Eisenhower had not proposed that Congress take any specific action regarding the Berlin situation.

The four later went to the office of White House press secretary James C. Hagerty. Each of them made a brief statement.

Rayburn called the conference very informative.

"The upshot," he added, "is

that we are united. We have no parties in this thing."

The congressional leaders made it plain Eisenhower has not asked for any resolution by Congress to support his German policy; comparable to the Middle East resolution two years ago.

Dirksen added he does not look for discussion of any such resolution in the Senate.

Halleck also spoke of determination to remain firm as the dominant sentiment at the conference.

Dirksen said that the United States "is leaving the door open for negotiations so that it may not be said we are rigid, instead of firm."

Johnson, last to speak, said it would be foolish to pretend that the situation in Berlin does not warrant great concern.

Then he went on to say that all possible ways to achieve a just settlement will be looked into, but emphasized no thought is being given to yielding to Soviet pressure.

Johnson said also that attention will be given to see that "we are thoroughly and adequately prepared" for any eventuality.

The President also included Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy and Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter in the conference.

According to reports which have reached officials here since Macmillan's talks with Khrushchev, Macmillan will urge Eisenhower to reduce his conditions for a summit meeting.

The British leader is apparently convinced that at present Khrushchev is determined to push his demands for withdrawal of the Western powers from Berlin, and for a German peace treaty.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said the Macmillan talks will cover "the evolving Berlin situation, the broader questions of Germany and of course Macmillan's visit to Moscow."

Hagerty denied the conference with congressional leaders was dictated by any emergency.

Hagerty said the congressional leaders would consider the same subjects discussed Thursday at a 1 1/2-hour special session of the National Security Council. He said that meeting covered "the evolving situation in Berlin and the broader question of Germany."

Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy told a news conference meanwhile that he and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are agreed it would be virtually impossible for the Soviet Union to make a major surprise attack on this country with planes or missiles.

Little Rock Fire Officials Probe Blaze

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — State fire officials moved today to place or absolve blame for a pre-dawn blaze which killed 21 teenagers at the Negro Boys Industrial School Thursday.

Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who visited the scene at nearby Wrightsville while the ruins smoldered, called the tragedy inexcusable.

He said it could not have happened "except for the negligence of someone."

Sixty-nine youths between the ages of 15 and 18 were locked in a dormitory in the north wing of a large building which was leveled less than an hour after the blaze was discovered.

Forty-seven escaped death by kicking out heavy metal screens. The doors to the building were never unlocked. No one with a key was in the building when the fire broke out.

One boy ran 150 yards to Supt. L. R. Gaines' home but the building was in flames when Gaines arrived with a key.

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Convict Flees After Freeing 4 Hostages

FLAT ROCK, Ala. (AP) — A fleeing convict freed a state patrolman, a married couple and a fellow convict near this north Alabama town early today after holding them hostage more than 12 hours.

The convict, William E. Smothers, continued his desperate bid for freedom in the married couple's car. The highway patrol said he was believed heading for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he has relatives.

Smothers, serving 160 years in prison on six robbery convictions, overpowered the patrolman and a trusty convict in a police car south of Birmingham Thursday.

"He used a key he made himself to unlock his handcuffs in the back seat of the car," said Patrolman Otto Dees.

"He was in the back seat and I was in the front. He got a strangle hold on me and held a piece of steel against me and took my gun."

Then, Dees said, Smothers ordered the trusty, Ted Easley, a convicted killer serving 25 years, to drive to the home of Smothers' sister, Mrs. Fulton Weems, at Birmingham, where Smothers got a suit and \$10.

"Then we just drove around a while," Dees said, "until Smothers spotted a car parked in front of a house."

The dead men were Homer Flint Kellams, 65, of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Airlee Ralmond Allen, 19, of Bonn, Germany, an interpreter. Kellams was a brother of Vivien Kellams, tax-fighting Connecticut woman industrialist and unsuccessful aspirant to the U.S. Senate.

The wounded man, William Hobbs, 27, of Siloam Springs, was shot in the chest and abdomen but was reported in satisfactory condition in the hospital at Tienenn, 70 miles southwest of Oran, near the Moroccan border.

A French spokesman said Kellams was the first American killed in the four-year-old Algerian rebellion against French rule.

Traveling in a rented car on a photographic tour, the three men had entered the rebel-infested area of Algeria from Morocco. They were ambushed at dusk Wednesday on a lonely road in a mountainous region known as Col du Jui (Jew's Pass), 20 miles west of the frontier.

By official count, 35 Africans have been killed and 63 wounded in this war.

WARREN CANYON
Skiing is reported good by the Fremont Highlanders at the Warren Canyon Ski Bowl near Lakeview. Snow depth is 18 inches; snow and snack bar will operate Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11 a.m.

BLANTYRE, Nyasaland (AP) — Security forces ranged over Nyasaland today mopping up bands of African nationalists who took up arms and war axes in their fight to throw off British rule.

The latest bloody clash came Thursday when security forces were ambushed at a roadside on the Zomba-Namwera Road north of Blantyre.

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