

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Delayed fuse wisecrack:
Senator Morse declares his intention to campaign against his Democratic colleague, Senator Richard Neuberger, when Mr. Neuberger comes up for re-election and re-election in 1960.
It looks like you've got it made.
More of the same:
On the way back to Geneva, after attending the funeral of America's great secretary of state, the foreign ministers conferred at length in a B-38 flying at some 30,000 feet elevation.
I suppose that's what one could call diplomacy at the highest level.

From Los Angeles:
A lumber company president and five companions have left here to try to conquer the Colorado river in REVERSE (that is GOING UP instead of COMING DOWN) in two outboard boats.
"Why am I doing it?" the lumberman asked.
"I'm doing it because it's never been done successfully before. It's a challenge. I have the river in my blood."

Well, it's his money he is spending and it's his life he is risking. I can think of more constructive ways to spend his money and risk his life, but I hope the time never comes in the United States of America when a man isn't permitted to spend his money and risk his life in whatever way he chooses—so long as the exercise of his right to do as he pleases with his life and his money DOESN'T INFRINGE UPON OR LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

The bureau of the census has just published a study of public employment in which it gives statistics as to the number of people employed in federal, state and local government throughout the country. For some reason, it chose the month of April of the year 1957 and collected statistics as of that month. The figures are rather interesting.

For example:
In Oregon, the total number of people employed by ALL units of government in April of 1957 was 73,988. The distribution was as follows:
Federal employees 19,217
State employees 18,618
Local govt employees 36,153

In total, it looks AWFUL. But when broken down in relation to population, it isn't too bad.

In Oregon, the number of federal employees figures out at 108.6 persons per 10,000 population. In Washington, the corresponding figure is 200. In California it is 172. The national average is 131.
In Oregon, the number of state employees per 10,000 population is 105. In Washington, it is 85. In California, it is 71. The national average is 71, exactly the same as in California.

In Oregon (in April of 1957) local governments employed 216 persons per 10,000 population. In Washington, the figure is 240. In California, it is 236. The national figure is 210.

I suppose it takes a lot of employees to run the governmental affairs of 10,000 people.

Still—
It seems a bit out of keeping that in a remote and non-spectacular state such as Oregon—which has no immense government enterprises such as the spectacular atomic enterprise at Hanford up in Washington—FEDERAL civilian employees should outnumber STATE employees.

Personally, I'm inclined to go along with Thomas Jefferson in his statement that "that government is best which governs least."

POLICE PROTECTION

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI)—Alligators sometimes turn up in unexpected places in this south Florida city. Police today added a course in alligator wrestling to their regular training program for policemen.

Louisiana's Long Slips Into Clinic

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long, at odds with the Legislature and troubled by other matters, flew here Saturday and entered a psychiatric clinic.
The governor, 63, made the semisecret flight in a National Guard plane from Baton Rouge, the Louisiana state capital. News-men learned he was en route after the plane took off.
Long stunned Louisiana legislators earlier this week with apparently uncontrollable shouting. After the outburst at the capitol, friends and foes urged him to seek rest.

Witnesses said Long stepped from the ship and entered a car which took him to John Sealy Hospital here. Five men accompanied him—three in military uniform and two civilians.
They went to the hospital's psychiatric clinic, a private agency operating under Dr. Titus Harris. He is chief of neurology and psychiatry at the University of Texas medical college in Galveston. Medical men rate the clinic among the top three of its kind in the nation.

Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.), a nephew of the governor, later said in Baton Rouge that his uncle had left the state for medical treatment. He promised further explanation at a joint session of the Louisiana Legislature Sunday night.

"Lt. Gov. Leith Frazier has been informed and is now serving as acting governor," Sen. Long added in a statement.

The governor, long known for spicy language, directed some bitter words at individual lawmakers and political enemies earlier this week.

Gov. Long also had told Louisiana newsmen, after a trip to Washington last week, that federal agents were investigating his income.

On still another front, the governor ran into criticism recently for using a Louisiana National Guard plane to fly male entertainers from Atlanta for a legislators' party.

The governor is a political heir of his late brother, former Louisiana Gov. and U. S. Sen. Huey Long, who gained national attention through varied antics and his slogan, "Every man a king." A disgruntled citizen assassinated Huey Long at the capitol in Baton Rouge.

There was no advance notice of the hush-hush flight to Galveston. A guard at the governor's mansion in Baton Rouge said Long was asleep upstairs while he actually was on his way here.

Gov. Long's set-to with Louisiana-lawmakers started with some mild profanity at a hearing witnessed by school children and nuns. After punctuating his remarks with a few "damns," he cracked:

"I sent for my Bible, but it didn't get here in time. Let's me and the children and the good nuns swear we don't use any profanity as long as it is possible."

Gov. Long called the Legislature into a special joint session next day. He said in advance he

intended to apologize for the way he tried to revive his proposals—already rejected by the lawmakers—to ease voter registration laws.

Instead the governor delivered scathing attacks for 1 hour and 35 minutes on individual legislators and political foes. After the tirade, he strode ashore-faced from the chamber.

At one point he labeled Rep. J. K. Smith one of the "wine-heads." Smith had fought Long's proposed wine tax.

Ending the session with a prayer, the Rev. Percy Sanders asked forgiveness for "some of the things we have seen."

First Storm Headed For Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Louisiana coastal areas braced Saturday for arrival of the season's first tropical storm, Arlene, with winds of 50 miles an hour.

The U.S. Weather Bureau predicted the wavering storm center would continue northward and move inland near Vermilion Bay on the central coast.

The storm was in the Gulf about 90 miles south of Lafayette, La., and was moving northward 5 to 10 miles an hour.

Arlene resumed its course to the north after stalling in the Gulf overnight. Gale winds were predicted for the central Louisiana coast and the weather bureau said the disturbance should weaken rapidly after moving inland.

Arlene's size and intensity are not expected to change much, the bulletin said.

Highest winds were estimated 30 miles an hour within 50 miles of the center and in some heavier squalls to the north of the center. Grand Isle, La., about 40 miles south of New Orleans, reported 40-mile-an-hour winds and tides two feet above normal at midnight.

Gale warnings were displayed from Galveston, Tex., to Grand Isle for winds 35 to 50 miles an hour. The warnings called for rough seas and tides two to four feet above normal.

The Weather Bureau advised small craft from Galveston, to Pensacola, Fla., to remain in port.

Arlene became a storm Thursday in the middle Gulf. Since it was first spotted it has changed directions several times.

It was first headed for the Louisiana coastline below New Orleans. But it changed directions Friday afternoon and veered toward Lake Charles, in the south-west corner of Louisiana. Later, it got on its present course.

Despite Arlene's change of mind about its destination, residents of the Lake Charles-Cameron area were taking precautionary measures. They still have vivid memories of Hurricane Audrey, which smashed through their area June 27, 1957.

Audrey took more than 500 lives and caused property damage almost beyond estimate.

North Entrance To Park Opened

The north entrance road into Crater Lake National Park opened to two-way traffic on Friday, according to Tom Williams, park superintendent.

Crews have been working on the scenic rim road for some time, he said, and it may be possible to have it open to traffic within a week or 10 days.

The warming hut in the park is open daily and preparations are going ahead to have the lodge open for the season on June 15.

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Prayer, Play Mark Holiday

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Prayer and play marked the 91st annual observance of Memorial Day as the nation paid homage to its dead of five major wars, and the beach and summer resort business got under way.

From Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac from our national capital to far-off Hawaii, services were held by veterans and other patriotic groups as well as by relatives of those who died for their country. Hundreds of parades celebrated the occasion.

In keeping with tradition, the day marked the exodus of city folk to seashore, country and mountain areas. Highways, trains and planes were crowded with holiday travelers.

At Arlington, memorial services were held in the semicircular

stone-benched amphitheater. President Eisenhower's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns was to be laid by Sumner G. Whittier, administrator of veterans affairs.

The President planned a quiet hour at the White House, with no formal activities scheduled.

At Rindge, N.H., Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of Union Veterans joined in laying wreaths on the open-air altar overlooking a vista of forest and rolling hills.

President Eisenhower sent a wreath and each of the 50 governors a single white rose for the New Hampshire ceremonies.

At Long Beach, Calif., the Navy American Legion post readied wreaths to toss onto the sea in tribute to Navy war dead.

In western Los Angeles, Girl Scouts decorated 30,000 graves in the Veterans Administration Cemetery.

At Honolulu, children joined veterans groups in placing leis on 17,000 graves of World War II and Korean War dead.

At Hyde Park, N.Y., Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) addressed memorial exercises at the gravesite of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Also at Honolulu, the Navy remembered Pearl Harbor dead in ceremonies astride the sunken hulk of the battleship Arizona.

The bodies of more than 1,000 officers and men lie entombed in the hull—tragic reminder of the Japanese attack almost 18 years ago.

At Unity, N.H., they honored New

Hampshire's unknown soldier—soldier No. 73, who volunteered to fight in the Revolution only to become ill and die as his comrades marched into Vermont where they beat back British troops at the Battle of Bennington. Soldier No. 73 was one of the recruits mustered by Gen. John Stark when he arrived in Unity July 30, 1777.

Across the Atlantic Ocean, taps were sounded on the hill at Chateau-Thierry in France, where an American graveyard of World War I overlooks the Marne.

Americans in Britain held their observance Friday, a day early, at the Whitehall cenotaph. They placed a wreath at the British national memorial and then prayed in St. Margaret's, the little church familiar to thousands of American servicemen.

Oregon Feels Traffic Rush

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon paused to honor its dead Saturday. But there were perils for the living on this Memorial Day.

The advance guard of a rush of holiday traffic hit the highways. Authorities have been fearful that the state may pay a heavy price in traffic fatalities for its holiday.

However, no traffic deaths were reported in the state as the week-end began.

The first fatality of any kind reported was in Portland, where Elmer Wickham, 64, a retired printer, suffered fatal burns in a blaze at his apartment early Saturday.

Memorial services, meanwhile, were scheduled throughout the state. In Portland, the sad notes of taps hung over the Willamette National Cemetery.

Holiday Traffic Deaths Spiral

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Traffic 131
Drownings 37
Miscellaneous 14
TOTAL 182

Holiday traffic fatalities mounted at an alarming rate in the early hours of the two-day Memorial Day weekend and safety officials urged drivers to take extra precautions to hold down the final death toll.

"The toll of dead is running well ahead of last year's Memorial Day holiday," a National Safety Council spokesman said. "We ask

every driver to remember he is responsible not only for his own safety and his own life but for the safety and lives of others."

The Memorial Day weekend—the first warm weather holiday and traditional opener for heavy auto travel—brought out hundreds of thousands.

Drivers faced beefed-up enforcement by authorities and stern warnings from the National Safety Council.

The NSC, in estimating weekend travel by some 40 million autos, also said traffic accidents may cause 260 deaths.

The council's estimate covered a 34-hour period from 6 p.m. (local time) Friday night to midnight Sunday.

The Weather Bureau in Chicago forecast both good and bad weather for travelers. Sunny weather was expected in the Pacific Coast and Southwest. Thunderstorms and showers were on tap for most of the country. Heavy rains were forecast for portions of the lower Mississippi Valley and Tennessee Valley.

During the early hours of the weekend, 13 persons lost their lives in four separate collisions.

In the north central North Dakota town of Towner, four persons were killed and six others injured in a head-on crash of two vehicles.

A dentist, a woman and three teen-agers perished in another head-on collision just south of Knoxville, Tenn. Three others were injured, police said. In the crash after a car driven by a youth crossed over on a divided highway.

Four persons were killed and two others injured when a car and tractor-trailer collided near Pee Dee, S.C.

Still another multiple-fatality accident saw three high school students returning from a prom burned to death when their car left the road and exploded near East Livermore, Maine.

Round-the-clock patrol work and manpower concentration in traffic danger areas were emphasized in many communities.

Highway patrolmen and local authorities in many states were under a "traffic condition red" alert with warning lights on police cars flashing continuously throughout the weekend.

An Associated Press survey of motor vehicle deaths during a comparable 34-hour weekend, May 15-17, showed a highway fatality count of 262.

Large Rock Saves Lives

A large rock embedded alongside of the Lake of the Woods road about 10 miles west of Klamath Falls was credited by state police with preventing almost certain tragedy about 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

A Cornelius, Oregon, woman, Mary Jo Stewart, suffered a broken leg and her daughter, Amy Joe, 5, a badly lacerated tongue as a result of the mishap.

Joseph Leo Ferris, Route 2, Box 94, Cornelius, told state police he was coming down the grade, towing a 21 foot trailer behind his station wagon, when the trailer began whipping back and forth.

He said he was doing less than 50 miles per hour, and applied the brakes which apparently caused the trailer to jackknife and plunge over the embankment, carrying the station wagon with it.

However, a giant rock caught the vehicle and prevented it from dropping into the deep water of upper Klamath Lake.

Neither Ferris nor the infant daughter of Mrs. Stewart, Blaine Marie, were injured.

Peace Ambulance moved the injured to Klamath Valley Hospital, and the vehicles were hauled back to the highway safely.

More Than 17,000 Killed In Lingering 'Cold War'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cold war, like hot war, has its casualties to be counted on Memorial Day.

More than 17,000 servicemen have been killed in manning and operating the nation's defenses in the "peacetime" years since the end of the Korean conflict.

These are men who died in using the weapons and equipment of defense—planes, ships, tanks, combat vehicles. It does not include the civilian-type fatalities—servicemen killed in highway crashes and other off-duty accidents. Nor does it concern the deaths from disease and illness.

Military accidents, of course, caused most of the deaths. But a few were slain, as in hot war, by the "potential enemy" when aircraft strayed too close to Communist borders.

These 7,000-plus fatalities occurred in a military force averaging about 2,800,000 men during the years of 1954 through 1958. The rate may not be drastically out of line with the accident rate for a comparable civilian population.

But these men would not have died in the manner they did if they had not accepted the mission of the airman, sailor or soldier.

For those who may wonder why the military pays "hazardous duty compensation" to its fliers, paratroopers and others engaged in dangerous missions, the statistics can provide an answer.

The Air Force's personnel office proffers an explanation which also is applicable to other hazardous military personnel.

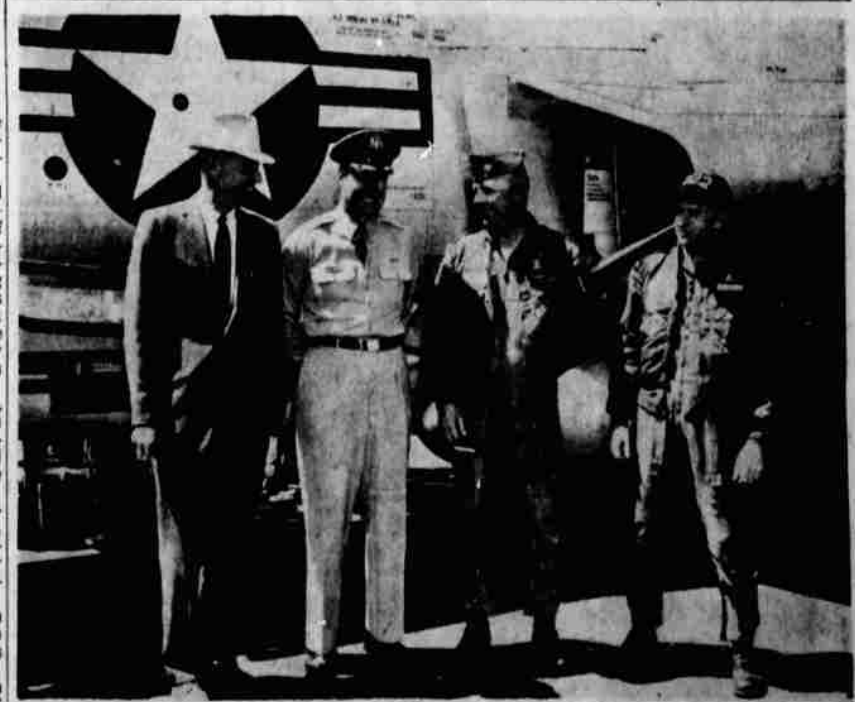
"The type of individuals needed as military aviators will not expose themselves to a lifetime of hazardous duties of military flying without some worthwhile compensation to offset the continuing threat of death. Responsibilities are heavy and a mistake can cost millions, to say nothing of the lives involved. The flier's family is constantly faced with the loss of his support."

The casualty list was composed, in far the greater part, of death to crews and occupants of military aircraft. The Air Force total was 3,921, the Navy and Marine Corps 2,983 and the Army 177.

Complete statistics are not readily available for all services. Thus, there are no immediately available records on the number of Air Force deaths other than in aircraft accidents.

The Navy and Marine Corps, in addition to the 2,063 plane crash fatalities, lists 1,428 other deaths from a variety of causes.

The Army, operating only a comparatively small number of light aircraft, still has its own list of aviation fatalities—177 for the four-year period. Army paratroopers, like aviators, are extra-hazardous personnel. During the four years, 20 paratroopers died in training drops and maneuvers.



THE FIRST F-101B touched down at Kingsley Field about 10:15 a.m. Thursday. Here, Mayor Lawrence Slater, far left, and Col. Jack Williams, Kingsley Field commander, second from left, pose beside the plane with the two officers who brought it in. Next to Williams is Lt. Col. Carl H. Leo, and far right is Capt. William J. Hill. The new F-101B will be used to acquaint ground crews and pilots with its operation. All current F-86D's Sabrejets will eventually be replaced by the F-101's.



REGISTRATION OF LOCAL ELKS is being urged by Eston Belsiger, general convention chairman for the Elks State Convention in Klamath Falls, June 4-6. More than 2,000 out-of-town registrations already have been received. Here, left to right, Exalted Ruler George Flitcraft and Mrs. Flitcraft sign with Bud White, behind counter, chairman of registrations. Bill Carter, also behind counter, accepts the registrations of Joe De-Grande and Charlie DeLap. The convention program includes golf and bowling tournaments, three dances including the Elks Grand Ball, barbecue, trapshooting, and other activities.