

# Mountain Rammed By Plane In East

MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—An Allegheny Airlines plane, groping for a landing in a snowstorm, crashed into a 1,000-foot mountain today. A doctor at the scene said there were three survivors among the 25 aboard "but two aren't expected to live."

Dr. W. W. Wilcox told newsmen the survivors were being taken to the hospital at nearby Williamsport. One of them was a man named Materossy from Philadelphia, he said, but had no further details.

Dr. Wilcox said the rescue teams found three survivors but he did not know if they were passengers or crewmen. There were 22 passengers and 3 crewmen aboard.

The plane was en route from Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio. It struck Eagle Mountain about midway from the top.

Tom Schadt, a salesman, said he saw the twin-engine plane approach the Williamsport - Montourville airport, turn away for a new landing try, and then head directly toward the nearby mountains in this central Pennsylvania area.

"I heard the pilot gun his motors," Schadt said. "A second or two later there was a gigantic crash."

Schadt was visiting his company's plant, which adjoins the airport.

The plane circled around and then disappeared in the mist and snow, he said.

An Air Force helicopter pilot searching for the plane radioed that he had sighted it. "It's a complete charred wreckage, except for the tail section, which is intact," he reported.

Others said the plane did not burn.

The copter pilot, not identified, said he could see one passenger still strapped to a seat high up in a tree.

In Washington, an airlines spokesman said an Air Force sergeant, whose name was not obtained, was dropped from the helicopter and picked up one survivor who was taken to a Williamsport hospital.

He said the helicopter, from Olmstead Air Force Base at Harrisburg, returned to the crash scene with doctors from Williamsport and later radioed a request for more medical aid. He expressed hope that this indicated additional survivors.

Myron McGrath, manager of the airport, said he understood there was one survivor, but it was not clear immediately whether the pilot and McGrath were talking about the same person.

Allegheny Airlines has carried passengers since 1949, without a fatal accident. In the last two years it has won national awards for safe operations.

Montourville is about 90 miles north of Harrisburg, the state capital. Eagle Mountain lies between U.S. Highway 15 and the community of Muncy.

State Police described the visibility as "practically zero."

The Air Force helicopter located the plane about 11:25 a.m., some two hours after the plane—a Martin executive-type craft—was due at the airport. The plane left Philadelphia around 7:18 a.m. There were scheduled stops at Harrisburg, Williamsport - Montourville, Bradford and Erie, Pa., and Cleveland.

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## In The Spirit Of The Season --- DECEMBER

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EXCHANGES of good will on some parts of the earth are coming a little early this year as President Eisenhower visits 10 countries with an eye to keeping the world at peace. Calendar month, above, provides quick reference to country visited on any one of the 19 days the President will be gone.

# Chief Of Defense McElroy Resigns; Gates Given Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Neil H. McElroy resigned today as secretary of defense and President Eisenhower chose Thomas S. Gates Jr., now deputy secretary, to succeed him.

The resignation, long expected and effective immediately, was announced by the White House while McElroy was attending a meeting of the National Security Council with Eisenhower presiding.

At that session the President awarded the Medal of Freedom to McElroy for "outstanding service to his country and his dedication to his task."

In a letter to Eisenhower dated Nov. 27, McElroy said he was resigning for personal reasons of an urgent nature.

McElroy is expected to become chairman of the board of Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati soap manufacturing firm. R. R. Desprez, present chairman, plans to retire, and he said he will ask the board to elect McElroy as his successor.

McElroy was president of P&G when he was appointed secretary of defense.

Eisenhower, in a "Dear Neil" letter, accepted McElroy's resignation with regret and expressed "deep appreciation of your distinguished service." McElroy served as defense chief for 26 months, starting in the fall of 1957.

Eisenhower gave Gates a recess appointment. A formal nomination will go to the Senate when Congress reconvenes in January.

Gates, 53, has been deputy secretary of defense since last June. He took that job at Eisenhower's request after having resigned as secretary to the Navy to return to private business. He is a Philadelphia investment banker.

Gates was the Navy's civilian chief from 1957 until earlier this year. Prior to that he served as undersecretary of the Navy.

McElroy now 55, has presided over the Pentagon longer than any other secretary of defense except Charles E. Wilson who served 4½ years. McElroy took over in the fall of 1957 as Wilson's successor.

McElroy has been intending to step down earlier but his plans were revised because of the death May 8 of Deputy Secretary Donald A. Quarles who had been groomed to take his place.



NEIL H. McELROY

Gates has been intending to act as secretary of the Navy last July 1 but was persuaded to stay on in the deputy post.

In connection with that change McElroy said on May 19, "I have suspended my plans for departure. I don't know when I will be leaving if at all."

Later that day he made it slightly more specific by saying he would "certainly be here into December."

Since that time McElroy has pinned his continued stay in part to familiarizing Gates with the over-all administration of the department and in part to the preparation of the budget for presentation to Congress in January.

That latter task was cleaned up earlier this month in final conferences with Eisenhower at the President's vacation headquarters in Augusta, Ga.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
From Washington:

An estimate that fresh water can be produced from sea water at a cost of 42 cents per thousand gallons in a nuclear-powered conversion plant has just been made public by the Interior Department.

The plant would have a capacity of 50 million gallons per day.

This cost figure (whittled by the Fluor Corp. of Westminster, Cal.) is by far the lowest to result so far from research sponsored by the department's office of saline water. Current costs are in excess of a dollar per thousand gallons.

The Fluor Corp. said the estimated cost of 42 cents is sufficiently low to make such a proposal a potentially important source of supplemental water for many areas of the world.

In this year when it looks like it just can't rain in the State of Jefferson that sounds interesting.

But—

Before going off the deep end, let's do a little figuring. In this part of the world we figure irrigation water in terms of acre feet. An acre foot is an acre of water a foot deep. Without getting into exact decimal points, there are about 325,800 gallons in an acre foot. At 42 cents per thousand gallons, an acre foot of water would cost about \$136 in the Klamath country the average duty of water, taking all of our crops into consideration, is somewhere in the neighborhood of three acre feet.

Present cost of water in this area is somewhere around \$1.50 an acre foot, or \$4.50 for enough water to irrigate an average acre for a crop year. At \$136, three acre feet of water would cost \$408.

So—

You see—

Irrigation water derived by nuclear conversion from sea water isn't just around the corner.

Still—

There is hope.

The first pound of plastic to come out of the research chemists' test tubes cost several hundred dollars — presumably several THOUSAND dollars if all the costs were included and loaded onto just one pound.

Now plastic is so cheap that it is being used for this, that and the other purpose in a wide range of industries. When Wilbur and Orville Wright got the first rudimentary puddle - jumper off the ground for a few seconds, no one could have imagined the huge jet liners of today.

So—

Let's hold our faith in the future. Maybe the West won't dry up and blow away even if J. Pluvius decides to stay on strike.

## Safety Council Says 445 Died

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic accidents during the four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend claimed 445 lives — a smaller toll than could be expected in a non-holiday period of similar length, according to National Safety Council estimates.

The council made no prediction of the highway death toll for Thanksgiving weekend. It estimated that a 102-hour non-holiday period from Wednesday evening to Sunday midnight at this time of year would produce 470 traffic deaths.

Fires during the holiday weekend killed 70 persons and 135 died in miscellaneous accidents for an overall toll of 650.

## Mass To Be Sung For Students Who Died In Fire

CHICAGO (AP) — "Dies irae, dies illa."

This is a phrase intoned by Roman Catholic priests and choirs during a mass of the dead. Literal translation of the Latin means, "Day of wrath, day of reckoning."

A mass for the dead will be sung at 6 p.m. in the church of Our Lady of the Angels on Chicago's West Side.

Cardinal designate Albert G. Meyer of the Chicago diocese will be celebrant. There will be many other priests at the mass.

In the church will be some 1,000 persons, all admitted by ticket only.

The prayers of those in Our Lady's Church — the parishioners shorten the name this way — will be for 92 children and 3 nuns who died after a fire swept through a stair well in the school building near the church exactly one year ago today.

It was about 15 minutes before school ended for the day on Dec. 1, 1958 when a cloud of smoke and flame leaped up the stairway. In minutes, panic spread.

Some children leaped out of windows. Others ran terrified into corridors.

Some 1,200 children were in school that day. The bodies of 87 children and 3 nuns were found in the charred debris. Others died in hospitals during the months that followed. The last, a boy, died Aug. 9.

## Cubans End Trial Of Yanks; Verdict Slated Wednesday

HAVANA (AP)—A military tribunal today ended an 18-hour trial of 2 Americans and 37 Cubans accused of conspiring to overthrow Prime Minister Fidel Castro's revolutionary regime. The court announced it would not reach its verdict before Wednesday.

The prosecution demanded the firing squad for Frank Austin Young, 38, a commercial pilot who was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and makes his home in Miami, Fla., and for Fernando Pruno Bertot, 24, Cuban, and former student at Columbia University in New York.

Thirty-year prison sentences were sought against 12 others, including Peter John Lambton, 24, a British-born naturalized American of Nassau, Bahamas.

The government said it would accept lesser sentences or even acquittal for the other defendants.

Under new legal rules recently promulgated by Castro's cabinet, the prosecution as well as the defense can appeal a verdict.

A second tribunal was scheduled to begin hearing testimony in Havana today against Rafael Del Pino, 23, of Miami, a naturalized American who once supported Castro, and five Cubans, all accused of being counter-revolutionaries. The death sentence is sought for all six.

Del Pino was captured last July when he flew a small plane from Florida and tried to pick up Cubans seeking to leave the country.

Young, Lambton and their Cuban codefendants were captured during a clash with Cuban troops during which one soldier was killed.

Both Americans denied in pre-trial statements that they came to Cuba to plot against the government. Lambton said he was on an assignment to take pictures of counter-revolutionaries for an American company he identified as the Independent Press Service.

In Miami, Fla., Carl Stewart, head of the press service, said he had sent Lambton to Cuba to take photos and to collect background information for use in magazines aimed at a male reading audience.

Stewart said he had employed Lambton previously on assignments but had never sent him to Cuba before.

A month ago, Stewart said, he went to Cuba himself with miniature cameras and the same kind of identification papers carried by Lambton.

"I don't think much will come of it," Stewart said of the trial.

Young said he came to Cuba to serve as Lambton's guide. Shown documents with his signature as "commander of group," he testified he had only signed the papers to show the Cubans how to draw up orders. His Cuban attorney said Young knew no Spanish and therefore could not have led the group.

The two cases are the first to be handled by military tribunals since their reinstatement. During the first six months of the Castro regime, they sent about 355 persons before firing squads.

Chants of "to the firing squad will" rang out at Santiago Monday night after Castro asked a crowd of 500,000, "What do you want for counter-revolutionaries?"

The bearded leader lashed out at foreign interests and Cuba's wealthy during a three-hour speech marking the third anniversary of his revolution, which began in Santiago.

## Net Admits Faking Noise

NEW YORK (AP) — Two networks say their technicians in New York dubbed in some of the crowd noises heard in television coverage of President Eisenhower's recent trip to Europe.

The American Broadcasting Co. and the Columbia Broadcasting System acknowledged Monday night that in a few instances recorded crowd noises were used where the real sounds were either lacking or failed to fit in with other film.

The National Broadcasting Co. said it used only the sound which actually accompanied the President during his travels.

An ABC spokesman explained "When Eisenhower was traveling in Bonn (West Germany) from the airport by car, we had only a man with a hand-held camera riding in a truck to cover him, where before we had natural sounds of the crowd. We obviously can't suddenly go into dead silence. So you use a little crowd noise or perhaps a little music."

Movie newsreels have long used recorded sound to accompany films when the natural sound was inappropriate.

Sig Mickelson, president of the CBS news division, issued a memorandum on prerecorded sound effects in news programs.

"In general the use of prerecorded sound effects should be avoided," he said. "Where, however, it is impractical to record the natural sound, and such sound is purely incidental, having no bearing on the editorial content of a program, prerecorded sound effects may be used."

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SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

## Oregon Girls Win Honors

CHICAGO (AP) — Two 4-H Club girls from Eastern Oregon today were named national winners—one in forestry and one in beef production.

Jean Wick, 17, La Grande, is the forestry winner, one of 12 picked in the United States for that honor at the 38th National 4-H Club Congress, meeting here.

Margaret Ann Burk, 19, Vale, is the beef program winner. Five others in the United States shared in this top award of \$400 each.

Miss Wick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wick, has had forestry as her major project each year of the seven she has been in 4-H work. She has lectured and displayed a collection of insect pests and diseases that attack trees. The club of which she is a member has planted 1,200 trees and shrubs.

In addition to her forestry work, which has won her her state fair awards in both Oregon and Idaho, she is a blue-ribbon winner in sewing and cooking.

Miss Burk, a pre-medicine student at College of Idaho, has a herd of 22 registered Herefords valued at \$4,710 and four head of non-registered cattle valued at \$373.

A general warmup throughout the South was predicted by the weather bureau. A six degree warmup in most states was expected for today and another six degrees Wednesday.

The chill sent shoppers skurrying for heaters and blankets. Transformer fuses were blown out in scattered Miami sections because of the extra electricity load.

## Florida Views End Of Cold

MIAMI (UPI) — Shivering tourists and natives alike looked for a return to 70-degree weather today to take the frost out of the normally mild Florida climate.

The U.S. Weather Bureau expected temperatures to climb above 70 to dispel a cold wave that has gripped Florida and other southern states for the past several days.

Sun-seeking tourists were startled to find a reading of 42 Monday, a record low for Nov. 30 in Miami.

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## South Pole Pact Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Soviet Union and 10 other nations signed a treaty today for peaceful use of the vast antarctic area.

The pact was hailed immediately by the two big powers as a major demonstration of what can be done by international cooperation toward peace.

President Eisenhower described the unprecedented treaty as "an inspiring example of what can be accomplished by international cooperation in the field of science and in the pursuit of peace."

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TRADE TOKENS, issued by Klamath County merchants from 1900 up to the last five or six years, that have been collected by Melvin O. Carmichael are on display at the Klamath County Museum. Tokens are from business establishments of Klamath Falls, Chiloquin, Merrill, Madoc Point and Pelican City. Carole Gervis takes a look at collection. Museum hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. daily.

## U.S. Population Hits 179 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population at 179,031,211 as of 8 a.m. today.

This was the calculation made for the bureau's "Census Clock," a counting device installed in the Commerce Department lobby. The clock's figures change minute by minute to reflect population changes due to births, deaths, immigration and emigration.

The population estimate a month ago was 178,890,000.



GROUNDWORK is being laid for functioning of the 1959 Christmas Clearing Bureau which will coordinate the efforts of those organizations and individuals interested in the annual Christmas cheer program. Names of those who will be remembered and those who wish to help will pass through the Christmas Clearing Bureau to prevent overlapping duplication. Mrs. Irma Barker, left, staff member in the Klamath County Public Welfare Office and Mrs. Virginia Dixon, center, executive secretary, Klamath Basin Chapter, American Red Cross, with Paul Campbell, executive secretary, YMCA, are working with Mrs. Lewis Kendall, right, of the Salvation Army, committee chairman, on the program.