

# Airliner Crashes In Dense Fog; 50 Killed

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**JOHN KERBOW**, Klamath County representative in the Oregon Legislature, announced during a Junior Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night that he will not run for a third term. At left is Les Snively, Jaycees president.

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
From Washington:  
Nearly one-eighth of the federal budget for the next fiscal year (a fiscal year is a financial year) will go to pay interest on the public debt.  
The Treasury estimates that interest charges in the 1961 fiscal year will come to nine billion, 585 million dollars. That is more than it cost to run the entire federal government before World War II.

**Question:**  
How much is a billion dollars?  
Somebody figured it out this way the other day:  
If a man stood over a big hole in the ground and dropped in a \$20 bill once every minute, day and night, it would take him 95 YEARS to throw a billion dollars into the hole.

Put it like this:  
The annual interest charge on the federal debt of the U.S.A. is approximately nine and a half billion dollars. Standing at the edge of a big hole and dropping into it a \$20 bill once every minute, day and night, it would take a citizen of average ability 95 years to drop in ONE billion dollars.

So—  
You see—  
It would take him a little better than 900 YEARS to throw in enough to pay our interest bill for JUST ONE YEAR. The poor devil would probably die of boredom before he got his job done.  
Pretty rough?  
You ain't heard nothin' yet.  
Listen:  
If the annual interest bill on our national debt remains approximately stable at nine and a half billion dollars a year, the poor guy would fall behind at the rate of about 900 YEARS EVERY YEAR.

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**TO HOLD TV HEARINGS**  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate communications subcommittee announced it will open hearings Feb. 2 on the allocation of television channels with members of the Federal Communications Commission as the first witnesses.

### John Kerbow Will Not Run For 3rd Term

John Kerbow, state representative from Klamath County, told an audience of Junior Chamber of Commerce members Monday night that he will not be a candidate for a third legislative term when his tenure runs out in a few months.  
Kerbow said he hopes to spearhead a "Kennedy for President" campaign in Klamath County during the primary elections period. If Sen. John Kennedy wins in the Oregon primaries, Kerbow would like to be the Democrat candidate's campaign manager in Oregon.

Kerbow also said he hopes to be Oregon campaign manager for Sen. Richard Neuberger when the Oregon Democrat runs again for election to the U.S. Senate.  
"Holding public office was a great experience," said Kerbow. "I hope I was of service to the county and state."

"But I like organizational politics. I think I will be happier ringing doorbells in behalf of other candidates and the Democrat Party, and I think I will be of greater service to the county, state and party that way," he said.  
"More people of both political parties ought to get into organizational politics," he added. "We should all take more interest in issues at stake and try to get more people to the polls. That way, we could get better representation."

Kerbow was elected for the first time in 1956. He was 25 years of age—one of the youngest representatives ever sent to the Legislature by Klamath County.  
"Would you run again for public office?" a Jaycee asked.  
"I would run if the right opportunity presented itself," Kerbow replied.  
Kerbow also stated he believes Harry Boivin, state senator from Klamath Falls, will be elected the next president of the State Senate.

**ROBESONS IN RUSSIA**  
MOSCOW (UPI) — The official Soviet news agency Tass reported the arrival in Moscow Monday of American Negro singer Paul Robeson and his wife. The Robesons came here on the invitation of the Soviet Peace Committee, Tass said.

### Fire Razes Building In Pendleton

PENDLETON (AP) — A three-story building in the heart of downtown Pendleton was a smoking shell at dawn today after fire raged through it for hours.

Six business houses, a physician's office and a series of apartments were wiped out.  
Damage was in six figures but there were no reliable early estimates of loss.  
No one was hurt.  
Every available fireman fought the blaze in biting cold and snow that drifted down over pools of ice that spread out over streets and sidewalks.

Firemen, too, were ice-coated as spray from the hoses froze on them. The temperature was 12 degrees at the weather station and much colder on unofficial downtown thermometers.

The burned structure was the Stangler Building, commonly regarded as one but actually two joined buildings with apartments on the second and third floors. It had a frontage of about half a block at SE 1st Ave. and Court St.  
It was occupied on the ground floor by Carl Sherwood Appliances; Gillette Music Co.; Credit Bureau of Pendleton; Witherall & Witherall, accountants; Guy F. Johnson Co., realty; Sherwood and Roberts, insurance; and Dr. Stanley Simons, physician.

The alarm was sounded at 11:34 p.m. Eight hours later firemen were still pouring water on the embers.  
Downtown traffic was disrupted as firemen blocked off a wide area to protect their hoses and to keep people off the hazardous ice.

### Ex-Admiral Fights Birds

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Vice Adm. Raymond J. Mauerma (USN, Ret.) is at war with the birds.

Mauerma is deputy commissioner of public property. Recently he hung wartime surplus submarine nets on the city's courtyard entrances to keep thousands of pigeons from flying in.  
But the admiral lost his battle with the pigeons. Like everybody else, they now walk into the courtyard entrances.

Mauerma turned his attention to the thousands of starlings which roost above the city hall courtyard at dusk. They perch around a sixth-floor ledge and make a massive nuisance of themselves.  
Monday Mauerma launched a campaign with his own secret weapon — noise.

He sent two assistants to the eighth-floor roof with a shotgun filled with blank ammunition. They fired away for about 15 minutes. The sound boomed over Penn Square.  
The starlings swooped off in a body. When it was all over, they swooped back.

### Northwest Paralyzed By Heaviest Snowfall

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The heaviest snowfall in years all but paralyzed normal activity in a broad area of Northwestern Oregon and Southwestern Washington Monday night and today.

Driving east winds whipped the snow into drifts that plugged side-roads and caused major trouble on main highways.  
The snow continued to fall and forecasters said it might last all day and into Wednesday.

Oregon's Gov. Mark Hatfield called on all people in Northwest Oregon to stay off the streets and highways unless their business was necessary. He canceled an evening trip to Newport, on the coast, where he was to have spoken.  
There was ice from freezing rain at Eugene. The snow began north of there, was 6 inches deep at Salem and 3 inches at Toledo, Wash.

Portland's airport had 4 inches early today and the city's west hills had more with many drifts two and three feet deep.  
In the Columbia Gorge the snow was 7 inches deep and was being driven by winds that cut visibility almost to zero. Motorists were warned to stay off the highway there, U. S. 30, unless travel was mandatory. Drifts ranged to 4 feet deep.

The snow extended into Central and Eastern areas. At Redmond it was 13 inches deep and at Pendleton it was 9 inches.  
All schools in the stricken area were closed. This extended from Eugene—where ice caused it—through Salem, Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Even Lewis and Clark College, in hilly southwest Portland, called off classes today.  
Portland's SW Broadway, the main business thoroughfare, was all but deserted at this morning's customary rush hour.  
But Monday night, when the snow came unexpectedly and caught motorists without chains, just about all streets in the city were jammed with stalled cars. Every uphill slope was fringed by abandoned automobiles. In the west hills many remained there this morning, under mounds of white.

At Gresham, east of Portland, huge drifts closed highways and no early morning bus schedules were attempted. Hundreds of Gresham residents work in Portland and they were effectively cut off from their jobs.  
The toll bridge office between Portland and Vancouver said traffic was thin this morning and the cars that were moving were going slowly.

A truck-trailer rig upset this morning on the Bantfield Expressway at NE 83rd Ave. at Portland's eastern edge, further complicating traffic problems in that area.  
The Weather Bureau said there had not been so much snow in the Portland area since January, 1956.

But to the south at Grants Pass, pavements were dry and the temperature was 36 degrees.

### Texas-Oklahoma Strip Hit By Far-Ranging Storm

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
A far-ranging snowstorm that developed over the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle over the week-end hammered the Northeast today, dumping heavy falls in many areas.

Northerly winds, trailing the storm, powered cold Canadian air southward from the Rockies across broad areas eastward. It was far below zero in sections of the Rockies.

### Weather

**FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity:** Partial clearing today, with snow late tonight and Wednesday. Highs 30-40; low tonight 18-24.

High yesterday ..... 35  
Low last night ..... 23  
Precip. last 24 hours ..... 0.05  
Since Oct. 1 ..... 1.80  
Same period last year ..... 2.10  
Low in area, Chemult ..... 18

### Personal Income Hits New Mark

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Personal income hit a record high in December as factory production surged ahead to recoup steel strike losses.

The Commerce Department said Monday incomes advanced about 1 per cent last month. The gain, large for one month, lifted total personal income to an annual rate of \$390,700,000,000.

For all of 1959, incomes — wages, salaries, rents, profits, dividends and other payments to individuals — totaled a record \$380,100,000,000.

### Sugar Fields Note Attacks

HAVANA (AP) — New fire-bomb attacks on several sugar cane fields were reported today. The semi-official newspaper Revolution said some of the planes came from the United States.

Reports from Cienfuegos said soldiers, militiamen, armed peasants and workers opened fire Monday night on three light planes said to be dropping fire-bombs on cane fields in the Sagua la Grande region. Another small plane dropped burning flares into a field near a sugar mill.

### New Treaty Gives Japan Equal Status

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Japan today signed a treaty formally raising Japan, once a defeated, U.S.-occupied World War II enemy, to the status of an equal partner in U.S.-Japanese relations.

With President Eisenhower in attendance, Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi signed for Japan and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter for the United States in a historic ceremony at the White House.

Appropriately for historians, the signings took place in the East Room of the executive mansion—the same room where President James Buchanan received the first Japanese envoys when Japan resumed contact with the outside world 100 years ago.

The new defense treaty is similar in many ways to pacts America has signed with 41 other free world allies.

America recognizes that an armed attack on Japan "would be dangerous to its own peace and safety" and promises to "act to meet the common danger."

Japan cannot pledge reciprocity to help defend U.S. territory in case of attack because her U.S.-sponsored constitutional provision renouncing war is interpreted as barring her from sending troops outside Japan.

But Japan grants use of land, air and naval bases in Japan by U.S. forces without time limit.

The two countries agree to consult "whenever the security of Japan or international peace and security in the Far East is threatened." They also promise to collaborate economically and to settle any disputes between them by peaceful means.

The treaty will last at least 10 years. After that either nation must give a year's notice before canceling.

### New Petition Seen As Move

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new petition for a writ of habeas corpus appears the next legal move in Caryl Chessman's 11-year fight to cancel his date with death set for Feb. 19.

This was indicated Monday by his attorney, George T. Davis, after U.S. Dist. Judge Louis E. Goodman denied a motion to set aside the convict's execution date.

Davis had contended the Feb. 19 date was invalid on grounds a Los Angeles Superior Court, which set it, lacked jurisdiction. He argued that a stay granted by Judge Goodman in 1955 "remains in force."

Goodman ruled that his previous order "has long since been superseded by decisions of the State and U.S. Supreme Courts."

### Plunge Of Turbo-Prop Ship Worst In Virginia History

HOLDCROFT, Va. (AP) — A Norfolk-bound airliner groped erratically through dense fog, then plunged into a swampy ravine near here late Monday night. Fifty persons died in the flaming wreckage.

The crash of the Capital Airlines prop-jet Viscount was the nation's worst air disaster in nearly a year and the worst in Virginia history.  
It wasn't until nearly 8 a.m.—

TACOMA (AP) — Jerrold D. Knisely, 39, a Weyerhaeuser Company project engineer here, was among the 50 persons who died in the crash of a Capital Airlines Viscount in a marsh near Holdcroft, Va., Monday night. He was in the east on company business.

Knisely, a member of Weyerhaeuser's engineering staff since 1951, is survived by the widow, Joyce, a daughter, Tabula Sue, 7, and a son, Mark Clayton, 2.

He was born in Monte Vista, Colo., and was a 1951 graduate of the University of Washington as a major in electrical engineering.

He was a Navy veteran and served from 1939 to 1945.

more than nine hours after the big four-engine plane dropped nearly straight down into the muddy ground—that rescue workers could enter the cooling wreckage in search of the 46 passengers and 4 crew members.

The first body was brought out at 7:50 a.m. and by 9:15 a.m. searchers, crawling through the tangle on hands and knees, had emerged with six stretchers.

By 11:30 a.m. about three-quarters of the victims had been removed from the plane and hauled up the sides of the ravine. From there Army trucks carried them to Richmond.

Bernard C. Doyle of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, said identifications had been made of some passengers. He said these were the few who were still recognizable.  
Some passengers had seat belts on, Doyle said, an indication they may have had some inkling of impending trouble.

"Have you ever seen an old shed that's been set on fire and fallen down with the tin roof on top of it?" asked John Finnegan Jr., a Richmond fire battalion chief who drove the 30 miles to offer assistance. "That's what it looked like."

"I would say absolutely there was no chance for anyone to get out of it."

Among the victims were Mrs. Eugene Gilbert, 25, of New York City, a partner with her husband in youth research work; Albert W. Rueff, 32, and Charles A. Truhn Jr., 42, Ford Motor Co. executives at Louisville, Ky., and the wife and stepson of a pilot for another airline, Mary Blanche O'Connell and Troy Woodall Durham, 10.

The plane, Capital Flight 20, was en route from Chicago to Norfolk via Washington. It left Washington at 9:45 p.m. and the pilot, Capt. James B. Fornasero, 50, a veteran of almost 20 years of airline flying, made a routine radio check with the Norfolk tower while over Tappahannock. He was due at Norfolk at 10:30 p.m.

Then at 10:20 p.m. farmer Robert H. Tench heard the plane circling over his home, 50 miles northwest of Norfolk.

It made one pass overhead, too here.

The yard was filled with black smoke, Tench said. From an upstairs window he could see "just a little glow" in the chick woods about 300 yards behind his home.

The cause of the crash, second major air disaster in Virginia within three months, remained unknown. Officials of Capital, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the FBI and other agencies made on-the-spot studies, then moved to Richmond to open official investigations.

low, Tench thought, but "not so severe." Then a minute or so later—"long enough to read a few sentences in my book" it came over again. This time the house shook.

"The third time he came over, the motors were wide open. Then she hit. The noise just stopped. When I heard the engines stop, then I figured he'd gone into the river."

His wife and 6-month-old daughter were among the 46 passengers and four crew members who died in the flaming crash of the Norfolk-bound Capital Airlines Viscount near Holdcroft Monday night.

Robinson and Lyons were among a dozen relatives and friends who waited fearfully for news of the overdue plane.

The airliner was to touch down here at 10:30 p.m. It fell and burst into flames near the Chickahominy River in Charles City County 30 miles southeast of Richmond just before 11:00 p.m.

It was 1 a.m. before Capital officials began breaking the news nervously, gently.

Some wept. Others took it in shocked silence.  
By 1:30 the ordeal was over for James Riddelle, customer service manager for Capital, and other Capital officials.  
But for those who waited tragically were only beginning...  
Stratford Moss seemed to keep himself under control. His wife was on the plane.  
Mrs. D. A. Hunter learned at 1:15 a.m. that her mother-in-law, Ida Hunter, was among the dead. She broke into tears, Dr. T. C. Royer, called to the airport by Capital officials, went to her side.  
Relatives and friends waited nervously in a partitioned room. Some smoked, some drank coffee.  
One woman sat by herself, looking out the window at the airport lights and twisting her hands in attitudes of prayer.  
Relatives and friends were taken to a second-story dining room. Separately, they were told of the tragedy.

**MOTHERLY-TYPE THIEF**  
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Police said today a "motherly-type" thief swiped two dozen diapers from a backyard wash line



**FUN IN THE SNOW** is reflected in this unique bit of snow sculpturing done by Carol Hanson, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hanson, 446 Riverside, and a sophomore at KUHS. The family moved to Klamath Falls earlier this year from Sacramento, and Carol turned her artistic talents loose in this effort. With a bone in a dish, the dog is baying at the moon while a youngster in the background looks on. The snow scene attracted a great deal of attention from neighbors and others passing by.

### Crew Trying To Save Town

KAPOHO, HAWAII (UPI) — Workmen began building two giant dikes early today in a grim race to keep a river of molten lava from destroying Kapoho.

Giant bulldozers went to work on the eerie glow of Puna's lava fountains shortly after Gov. William Quinn declared the district a "major disaster area" and cabled President Eisenhower for federal emergency funds.

The dike-building project was under the supervision of Dr. Gordon MacDonald, who directed the valiant but futile effort to save nearby Warm Springs resort Monday.

MacDonald said he would build one earth barrier 1,500 feet long and a second barrier 1,000 feet long. They will be 20 feet high and 50 feet wide.

The dikes will be used to divert a giant river of lava which threatens this village, beach houses at Puna, and other populated areas.

Quinn made his plea to Eisenhower Monday night after a two-hour inspection tour of the stricken area. He said the lava flow, which is 30 feet deep in some sections, has covered 180 acres of farm land.



**THIS CHARMING YOUNG MAN** might be something of a charm himself. He attended the OTI-Eastern Oregon basketball game last Friday and encouraged OTI toward a 64-63 victory, first in the Oregon Collegiate Conference. Next night OTI decided things more decisively, 90-65. The charmer is 3-year-old Billy Burrell, son of OTI yell king Glenn Burrell. His admirers, from left, are Catherine Jeffries, Bev Casteel, Sharon McCollum, and Lynn Jordan.