

### Tonsil Victim Saves Tots

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — Robert Adler, 24, had tonsillitis and was home at Chaska Beach in Huron Monday.

Lisa O'Connor, 4, and her sister, Carol, 7, plunged through thin ice into the waters of Lake Erie about 60 feet off the beach.

Adler's wife, Carol, saw them go down and called her husband, a 24-year-old Huron high school teacher.

Adler jumped out of bed and crawled over the ice on his stomach to reach the girls. He broke through once, but climbed out to grab Lisa, who was in water over her head, and Carol, who was clinging to the edge of the ice.

The girls were treated for exposure and frost bite.

Adler went back to bed with his tonsillitis.



### Rebel Leader Rejects Plan

TUNIS (AP) — Ferhat Abbas, premier of the Algerian rebel government-in-exile, today rejected any peace plan which would "Balkanize" Algeria into separate ethnic or religious states.

Such solutions are not workable, Abbas said in a statement. "The Algerian people reject them."

The statement was prompted by indications from Paris that French President Charles de Gaulle was considering some kind of ethnic or religious division of Algeria as a solution to the five-year rebellion there. France would retain control of areas largely settled by the French.

**OPPOSED TO DEFENSE**

ASHEEN, S.C. (UPI) — James F. Byrnes, former U.S. Supreme Court justice and secretary of state, said Monday night the nation's "admirals and generals should settle their differences behind closed doors."

Byrnes told a civic club that once the President has made a decision about defense funds, military officials should drop their own arguments and "strive to prove their commander-in-chief was right."

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### FCC Chief, Legislator In Clash Over Payola

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman John C. Doerflinger of the Federal Communications Commission and Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.) have clashed publicly on whether payola is widespread in television and radio.

Both men spoke Monday to about 200 representatives of stations affiliated with the CBS television network. Doerflinger, who opposes Harris' idea for federal monitoring of programs, had the first inning.

He told the broadcasters: "I would suggest to the printed media that if a chill is put upon freedom of expression in the broadcast media, how far be it from a bleak winter for the printed media?"

Harris, chairman of the Legislative Oversight committee which exposed rigging of quiz shows and some payola abuses, then got his licks.

He said "the exposures have been well publicized. They have been admitted and it has been admitted. It is not a hoax, nor is it a canard."

That was a direct slap at Doerflinger who in a speech a week ago said charges of widespread corruption in the industry "are, in my opinion, canards." In the same speech Doerflinger said "admittedly there have been some reprehensible deceptions and practices. Proportionately, it has been small and no worse than in other industries."

Harris contended Doerflinger's compromise of broadcasting with other industries is an argument for the status quo. Harris cited the testimony before his committee of Boston disc jockey Stan Richards, who said he got \$6,000 in loans and gifts from record makers but saw nothing wrong with it.

Harris said Richards viewed

### Burma's U Nu Meets Nikita

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Former Prime Minister U Nu will fly to Calcutta Tuesday to join Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Indian Prime Minister Nehru in talks about a high-level conference of Asian and African leaders, the usually well informed newspaper the Guardian reported today.

The proposed conference would be similar to the 1955 Bandung conference, the paper said.

### MILWAUKEE MONKEY SHINES

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI) — Edison, a monkey at the Milwaukee County Zoo, can't keep his paws off the electrified front of his cage, officials said today.

"He seems to get a charge out of it," keeper Arthur Danielczyk said.

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## Passengers Of NW Trains Prayed For Deliverance

Editor's Note: Fifty years ago today, as some passengers sang to pass the time and others prayed for deliverance, an avalanche roared down upon two snowbound trains in the Pacific Northwest.

By PAUL WELLS

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — In the torn, muddy handbag turned up by frantic rescue workers as they dug in debris of the avalanche was a water-stained note.

"I trust in God to save us," the note handwritten read.

But Sarah Jane Covington, 69, never reached Seattle for her golden wedding anniversary celebration only a few days away.

She was one of 96 who died a half century ago on March 1, 1910, in the nation's worst rail avalanche disaster near the summit of the Cascades 60 miles northwest of here. There were only 23 survivors.

For seven days the Pacific Northwest lay in the grip of the great storm.

Hour after hour the snow piled deeper in the high Cascades where slides had topped a westbound Great Northern Railway passenger train and a four-car mail train through the final week of February.

Drifts measured up to 30 feet at the rail portal of Wellington, at the west portal of the 2 1/2-mile old Cascade Tunnel on the transcontinental Great Northern Line through Stevens Pass. The elevation was 3,105 feet.

Above the trains, parked on a narrow siding carved from the flank of the steep ravine, lay an ominous 2,000-foot snowfield.

Anxiety, tension, anger and fear spread like an infection among the passengers. Only 43 were left of the 53 who had started west from Spokane Feb. 22. Many were women, children, sick and infirm.

Twelve men had hiked out in two parties over dangerous slides and armpit-deep drifts to scenic Hot Springs four miles to the west. Many of the scores of laborers and trainmen striving to free the

trains were unable to hide their worry.

Ruby El Hult, Seattle author of the mounting crisis in her forthcoming book "Northwest Disaster,"

For days there had been a clamor among the passengers for the trains to be backed into the tunnel for added safety.

James H. O'Neill, 38, superintendent of the G.N.'s Cascade division, rejected the request, repeated insistently no safe place could be found.

Never had there been a slide from the slope above, he said. And the cold, dank tunnel was impractical because smoke from the engine, kept going to warm the coaches, would suffocate those aboard.

By the final day, moving the trains was impossible because the four rotary snowblowers were either out of commission or trapped between slides.

A committee headed by Edgar Lemman, 47, a Hunters, Wash., lawyer, demanded a showdown with railway officials. With telegraph lines down, O'Neill had gone to message for assistance. Trainmaster Arthur Reed Blackburn saw the committee.

After an angry exchange, Blackburn said nothing could be done. But he would not put his refusal in writing.

The passengers gathered to pray in one of the coaches, led by the Rev. James H. Thomson, 57, of Bellingham, Wash. That night there were stunts, recitations and group singing to allay mounting terror. Two women and six men laid plans to walk out the next morning.

The peril became acute the night of Feb. 28 as 43 passengers and 73 railway workers slept fitfully on the two trains and three other workings rested in small units nearby.

Snow turned to rain. Thunder shook the canyon walls, loosening new slides.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on March 1 lightning lit the sky. A horrified workman saw the giant snow cap give way above the trains and

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REJECT "DEATH" PROPOSAL

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — A committee of the Virginia Legislature rejected Monday a proposed bill to abolish capital punishment in the state.

In 1914 the Washington Supreme Court reversed a lower court award of \$20,000 to the small son of one of the victims and held the railway blameless. The avalanche was ruled an act of God.

The Great Northern later spent \$10 million dollars to relocate 40 miles of track and build an eight-mile tunnel, the longest in the Western Hemisphere — through the Cascades at a lower elevation. The new route was completed in 1929.

Overhead, Wellington — renamed Tye to help blot out memory of the tragedy — fell into decay. Only 3,900 feet of concrete snowsheds erected after 1910 remain a monument to the dead.

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### NAMED COMMANDER

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. (UPI) — The Cunard Co. announced Monday the appointment of Capt. Donald Murdoch MacLean, 61, as commander of the Cunard fleet to succeed Capt. George Morris. MacLean is currently master of the Mauretania.

### Court Records

**KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

Edwin Bechard, violation basic rule, \$25 for each.

Edward Fred Pinner, improper muffler, \$50 forfeited.

Warren Raymond Taylor, fall stop at stop sign, \$5 forfeited.

Edward J. Fitzpatrick Jr., murder in the first degree, time to advise court regarding preliminary hearing set March 1 at 10 a.m.; remanded to officer; held without bail.

James Harold Wryn Jr., fall stop at stop sign, \$5 forfeited.

Billy Grace Fields, permit four people to ride in front seat, \$5.

Edward Joseph Fern, fall stop at stop sign, \$5.

George Keen, fall stop at stop sign, \$5.

Henry Junior Crutchfield, fall stop at stop sign, \$5.

William Scott Oppelt, fall stop at stop sign, \$5.

Wigmore William Schull, fall stop at stop sign, \$5.

Raymond Thomas Barkley, improper muffler, \$7.50.

Derrald Lee Wise, improper muffler, \$7.50.

Richard Allen Howard, violation basic rule, \$10.

**KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT**

Roland Milo Hunter, vagrancy, continued.

Hawley Harvey Hood, hold on warrant from district court.

Roland Ray McDaniel, drunk, \$25.

Marilyn McKnight, drunk, \$25.

Clyde Vaughn, drunk, \$25 or five days.

Milton Hill Mack, minor in possession of liquor, continued.

Rosevelt Carter, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.

Leon L. Avery, vagrancy, continued.

Caledonia Jackson, vagrancy, continued.

Charlene Jackson Hood, vagrancy, continued.

Joseph Wahl, drunk, \$25 or five days.

Milton Sessler, disorderly conduct, continued.

Donald Bralton, drunk, \$25 or five days; petty larceny, continued.

Raymond Orville Greory, drunk, \$25 or five days; petty larceny, continued.

John Earl Sorensen, drunk, \$25.

William Bluecloud, drunk, \$25 or five days.

Robert M. Gray, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.

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