

# The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
From Fort Dix, New Jersey:

Elvis Presley leaves this army post for civilian life today, apparently ready, willing and able to resume his show business activities. He heard 5 a.m. reveille for the last time. With his separation papers and his final pay of \$109.54, he will be on his own.

As he passed through the gates on his way out, the army prepared to heave a collective sigh of relief. His tour of duty presented problems. One of the big problems was PROTECTING him from screaming fans and milling newsmen every time and everywhere he appeared.

But, his superiors say, he made a FINE soldier. He came in as a raw recruit and rose to the rank of sergeant. These fan demonstrations never upset him. He stuck to his knitting and learned his trade as a soldier, earning his promotions the hard way.

Personally, I think Elvis' hitch in the army did him a lot of good. If so, WHY?

Well, it's like this: He became a celebrity very young. Being a celebrity is dangerous business. It is UPSETTING business. It upsets all the normal standards. It leads those who achieve it to think they are something special and wonderful — that they don't need to live by the standards that govern a sane people. Nothing can be more dangerous than that.

In his hitch in the army, Elvis Presley faced a routine of hard work and discipline. Nearly everybody despises hard work and discipline. But they are good for nearly everybody. Especially a certain amount of hard work. The primrose path seldom develops character. More often than not, hard work and discipline DO develop character.

It may turn out that Elvis Presley's army service was the best thing that ever happened to him.

## Sentencing For Thief Set

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — A convicted supermarket robber, Donald M. Thompson of Klamath Falls, will be sentenced Monday.

Thompson was convicted of a \$2,700 holdup of a chain grocery store last Labor Day.

State police arrested Thompson last year at his Klamath Falls home and took him to Medford for trial.

He was arrested on a warrant from California, where police wanted to question him about a series of Northern California supermarket holdups.

Thompson, prior to coming to Klamath Falls, worked as a district manager of a San Francisco Bay Area supermarket chain. At Klamath Falls he had worked as a consultant for a local market chain.

## Nevada Slated As A-Test Site

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) has completed its underground non-nuclear high explosive tests in a Louisiana salt mine and will transfer the experiments to Nevada.

The AEC experiments began in mid-December 1959. The tests were conducted in a section of the Carey salt mine near Winnfield, La.

The tests included a series of 17 high explosive blasts ranging from 20 to 2,000 pounds. They concluded Friday morning with two 200-pound shots.

## Worst Storm In Ten Years Surges Into Newfoundland

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst winter storm to hammer the Northeast in more than a decade surged into Newfoundland Saturday knocking out power lines and snarling traffic.

The gale, centering mainly on the eastern part of the province, was expected to dump up to 10 inches of snow. Blowing winds up to 55 miles an hour quickly piled up snowdrifts that clogged highways.

In the United States — from the Canadian border to Dixie — snow-blitzed residents still felt the storm's waning lash. Up to a foot of snow fell in southwest Michigan and northern Indiana. Temperatures plummeted to near zero in some Southern states. Snow flurries plagued New York and parts of New England.

The weather death toll across the nation totaled at least 160.

The main concern for most was "operation digout" — clearing snow-choked streets and highways and removing cars from under giant snowmounds.

Air, rail and highway transportation returned slowly to normal schedules, but some delays and cancellations were reported — particularly in metropolitan areas.

# Havana Ship Blast; Fidel Blames Yanks

HAVANA (AP) — Prime Minister Fidel Castro declared Saturday night U.S. interests opposed to his revolution were responsible for explosions aboard a French munitions ship in Havana Bay.

The explosions ripped through the ship Friday, killing from 50 to 73 persons and injuring from 206 to 345.

Unofficial pro-Castro sources here earlier had blamed the disaster on the United States.

Speaking before a throng at a mass funeral service for the blast victims, Castro asserted the explosions were set off deliberately by parties interested in keeping arms from Cuba.

## Sheriff Aide Who Resigned Files For Job

Dale Mattoon, veteran deputy sheriff who resigned Friday after 27 years service, climaxed his day by filing for sheriff on the Republican ticket.

Mattoon filed at 3:30, after having spent most of his afternoon accepting best wishes from courthouse friends at a coffee-and-cake party in the sheriff's office.

Mattoon to date has no opposition on the Republican ticket. Two Democrats, L. W. Harroun and Dale Smith of Bly, have filed for the office. Sheriff Red Britton, a Democrat, has not yet filed for reelection, but he is expected to do so.

Mattoon's decision caught most of the courthouse by surprise. He had announced intentions to visit Florida for three or four weeks, then return here and go fishing. He and his wife Lavina left for Florida this morning and expect to return in early April.

On his declaration of candidacy, Mattoon pledged "More efficient law enforcement with less cost to the taxpayers." He made no formal statement.

## Floe Victims Safe, Sound

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Two men who lived on moose meat sausage and dry biscuits, slept in ice igloos and drank snow water for a week were safe in Kotzebue today.

George Baumann, 58, polar bear hunter from Nevada, Mo., and Lee Holen, 43, Anchorage pilot, were rescued Friday, a week after their light plane was forced to land on an ice floe in Chukchi Sea.

Holen described their ordeal in a telephone interview from Kotzebue, about 200 miles north of Nome.

He said they spent their first night sleeping on the wings of the plane, which partially sank through the top layers of the floe. After two days Holen said they left because of the ice's instability.

Using a raft fashioned from the plane's gas tanks and often leaping from one rotting ice cake to another, the two made it some 30 miles to shore.

Only their sleeping bags and the snow igloos that protected them at night kept them from freezing in the near zero temperatures, Holen said.

Holen said they hiked down the coast toward Kivalina for four days. Thursday night they met a party of Eskimos who took them into Kivalina.

Among those interested in seeing that Cuba does not get arms, he shouted angrily, were "officials of the United States government."

The bearded Prime Minister said the detonating mechanism that caused the blasts was put aboard the ship at a foreign port and was triggered as one of the grenade boxes was moved.

Castro charged that "a North American consul and military attaché" in Belgium had tried to block the sale of Belgian arms to Cuba.

Since they tried by diplomatic means to prevent that arms would be sold to us, we have the right to think they could have tried to prevent it by other means," Castro shouted.

Castro led a mass funeral for victims. Six of the dead were French crewmen. The rest were Cuban soldiers and workers unloading a cargo of Belgian arms.

All work in Havana except for the operations at the docks disaster scene, was halted in honor of the victims. Castro delivered the main funeral oration.

Castro said the explosion occurred in the ship's hold where 30 tons of rifle grenades were stored. He discounted the possibility they could have detonated through the accidental dropping of a box.

He told a huge crowd a test by his air force after the explosion proved his point. He said a plane dropped two boxes containing grenades from altitudes of from 400 to 600 feet. Then, dramatically holding up two grenades, he said: "And here they are. They didn't go off. I can assure you they couldn't go off if they were dropped 100 or 1,000 times."

He couldn't be accidental. It had to be intentional," he added.

## Fifteen Die In Fires

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death-dealing fires struck hard at children throughout the nation Friday.

At least 14 children and a mother perished.

In Little Rock, James Edda Austin, 2, and his sister, Elizabeth, 5 months, died in a house fire. Their mother and a third child were burned.

At Evansville, Ind., an explosion and blaze in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ditsch took the lives of six of their seven youngsters. Dead were Michael, 9, Gregory, 8, Dennis, 5, Timothy, 4, Tommy, 3, and Roxanne, 20 months.

At Easton, Md., four children died of suffocation in a fire which broke out after strong winds toppled the chimney of their two-story frame home.

The victims, all Negroes, were Dorothea Mills, 9; her sister Yvonne, 1; Quinton Lewis, 8, and Margaret Thomas, 5. Six other children were carried to safety.

At Buffalo, N.Y., truck driver Richard Jackson wonders how he is going to tell his wife Mary that their two children perished in a fire in their apartment home.

Jackson was en route home when a flash fire killed the youngsters, Stephen, 4, and Cynthia, 14 months, and sent the 24-year-old mother to a hospital with critical burns.

Jackson whispered to a nun at Mercy Hospital: "She doesn't know it yet."

At St. Louis, Mo., a house fire killed 25-year-old Shirley Green and seriously burned her four children, Richard, 7, Michael, 5, Deborah, 3, and a baby about 11 months old. All are Negroes.

## Accident Toll Shows Increase

PORTLAND (AP) — More persons were hurt in traffic accidents last year than in any previous year. The total number injured was 20,425, which was 17 per cent more than in 1958.

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Department also said the number of traffic accidents was 7 per cent greater, although total mileage driven increased only 3 1/2 per cent from the year before.

Oregon's mileage death rate was computed at 6.2 deaths for each 100 million miles traveled, compared to 5.4 deaths per 100 million miles traveled for the nation as a whole.

## Brown Concedes 'Chances Slim'

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Governor Edmund G. Brown, conceding that there is almost no chance that the Legislature will abolish capital punishment this session, has indicated he will try again next year.

"The climate is not good for a fair discussion of the issue this year," he told a news conference Friday.



BRIG. GEN. Curtis R. Low, left, arrived at Kingsley Field Friday to pay a farewell visit to the base personnel and his friends before leaving for his new assignment, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. With the general are Capt. Ray Royce, 28th Air Division Hamilton Field, and Lt. Col. Wilson V. Edwards, acting base commander of Kingsley, right. A reception was held in the local officers' club for the general Friday night.

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## Explosion KO's Bomarc

A Bomarc-B missile erupted into a fiery column on its launch pad Saturday. The failure, seventh straight for the interceptor rocket, could kill its development program.

Shortly before the countdown reached zero, flames spurted from the base of the 47-foot missile, licked up its side and consumed it.

The Air Force said there was no explosion. An announcement reported "a malfunction developed causing the missile to be destroyed on the launch pad by fire."

The announcement said no members of the launch crew were hurt but that some damage was done to the pad. The Air Force began an investigation.

The failure almost certainly will have an important bearing on whether the costly Bomarc-B program is continued. A congressional committee has been critical of this missile and would like to drop it in favor of the Army's Nike-Hercules.

## Quake Report Conflict Told

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Quake experts said Saturday one U.S. and several European seismic stations recorded an earth shock on Feb. 2 about the time a tremendous blast was reported to have rocked a Soviet base near the Finnish border.

The seismographic evidence was conflicting, however, as to whether the shock occurred in Russia or Northern Finland.

A dispatch from Helsinki last week quoted unidentified Finnish sources as saying a great explosion hit the Soviet base at Alakurtti in the Karelo-Finnish Soviet Republic about mid-day Feb. 2.

Alakurtti, in what used to be Finland, is believed to be a Russian missile base, the Helsinki dispatch said. The base is just north of the Arctic Circle across the border from Finland.

## Refrigerators Said Dependable

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — If your electric refrigerator suddenly goes haywire don't be cool to it, usually it's one of the most dependable of home appliances, according to a survey of 2,327 families here.

Woodbury College Research Clinic disclosed yesterday that 90 per cent of the families needed no service on their refrigerators during 1959. Less than 8 per cent needed one service call and only 1.8 per cent required more than one repair call.

## Actors Guild Plans Strike

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — The Screen Actors Guild Saturday planned to go ahead with its scheduled strike Monday against major movie studios despite reaching agreement with three more independent producers.

The latest settlements came Friday when the Guild signed contracts with Otto Preminger's Caryle-Alpina S. A. Productions, Phillip Jordan's Longridge Productions Inc. and George Sydney's International Pictures — Posa Films International S. A.

Now signed are one major studio, Universal-International, and five independents, including Frank Sinatra's Dorchester Productions and Tony Curtis' Curt-Leigh Organization.

## DEADLINE

The deadline for registering for the May primary election is April 19. County Clerk Charley DeLap said a voter must register if:

1. You moved, whether from one precinct to another, or even within your own precinct.
2. You moved from one county to another in Oregon.
3. Your name has been changed.
4. Your political party has been changed.
5. You failed to vote in at least one county-wide election in the past two years.

Registrations are accepted at DeLap's office in the courthouse.

## Ike Postpones Trip Home

RAMEY AIR FORCE BASE, Puerto Rico (AP) — President Eisenhower, resting in the balmy Caribbean from his South American tour, decided Saturday to put off his return to Washington until Monday afternoon. He originally planned to fly back Sunday.

Eisenhower is feeling fine generally, but is still hoarse. White House Secretary James C. Hagerly told newsmen in announcing that the President will prolong his stay at this U.S. Strategic Air Command base.

Eisenhower arrived Thursday night, tired out after his 10-day tour. He said with a smile he was bushed.

Supporting evidence came Friday when the President, who usually shoots in the 80s, took a 25-over-par 97 in a foursome under a scorching sun on the Dorado Beach Club's championship 18-hole golf course. Russell (Rusty) Gilbert, the Dorado club pro, said: "He is just tired and worn out."

A date for another game Saturday morning was canceled.

Within a few days after his return he will make a nationwide radio-TV report on his tour of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. He started work on that report at his residence Saturday morning.

## Blast Rips Atlas ICBM

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — An Atlas intercontinental missile blew up while being fueled in a routine training operation Saturday.

The mysterious explosion occurred on one of three operational Atlas launch sites, a spokesman said. It was not disclosed whether this West Coast missile base had another Atlas on stand-by 15-mile alert.

The Air Force said no one was injured in the blast, which occurred "at noon."

A spokesman said the missile, 82 feet tall, "destroyed itself" as it was being fueled in a routine training operation.

At least one missile on the three combat-ready pads at Vandenberg reportedly is armed with components of a nuclear bomb, ready to be launched on 15 minutes notice. There was no indication, however, whether the missile that exploded contained these components. There was no nuclear explosion.

The Air Force said an investigation was under way to determine the cause of the explosion.

## Crews Clear Agadir Debris

AGADIR, Morocco (AP) — Troops wearing surgical masks Saturday began clearing earthquake-shattered Agadir so a new city may rise on the ruins where up to 12,000 persons died in the darkness between last Monday and Tuesday.

Bulldozers tore at two Moroccan sections of the town where almost all hope was given up of finding any more survivors. And the bulldozers are working.

Hammed V ordered special care be taken in any areas where survivors might miraculously be alive.

The government denied that the strict quarantine and total evacuation of the city had been precautionary measures to avoid this very thing.

It is estimated that perhaps 2,000 bodies still are in the areas where the bulldozers are working. The final death toll of the quakes, tidal wave and fire may never be known although Crown Prince Moulay Hassan announced Friday night that 12,000 dead would not be an exaggerated estimate.

## Judge Denies Stereo's Motion

PORTLAND (AP) — Circuit Judge Arno Denecke denied Friday a motion to dismiss an indictment that charges stereotyper Levi S. McDonald with a part in the bombing of 10 trucks in the Portland newspaper strike.

McDonald's attorneys attacked the indictment as improper, contending the grand jury that returned it had been influenced by newspaper publication of statements by McDonald's accusers.

But the judge held McDonald had not proved his rights were violated and there was no proof that the grand jury was prejudiced.

He gave McDonald until Tuesday afternoon to make his plea.

# Jury Makes Request To Rehear Transcript

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The jury Saturday asked to hear once more Dr. R. Bernard Finch's testimony about the day his wife was shot to death.

Reading of an estimated 400 pages of transcript began Saturday afternoon in open court. Attorneys said it would continue Monday.

Jurors emerged from seclusion in the virtually empty county courthouse to make their request following a morning of deliberation.

Their attention evidently was focused on the actual shooting of Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch and the events immediately preceding it.

Govt. B. Cooper, Finch's lawyer, read his client's direct testimony to the jury. As he read, Cooper was half-buried in the witness stand behind sticks of transcript — amounting to two million words, the equivalent of 25 book-length novels.

Prosecutor Fred N. Whichello will read the testimony the doctor gave under cross-examination.

The two defendants were present — as required by California law — when Cooper reread the testimony.

The jury was locked up at 4:45 p.m. It will reconvene 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Before they were locked up, the jurors had heard 63 of the estimated 400 pages they had asked to hear.

Two other requests by the jury foreman, Treasury Agent A. W. Alm, were turned down by the judge. One was for a .38-caliber revolver, the other for a pair of

rubber surgical gloves similar to those Dr. Finch has testified he used in playing with his dog the night of the slaying.

The judge said neither item was in evidence.

California law does not permit a jury to have the transcript while deliberating. Testimony will be reread to the jurors under controlled conditions.



WALTER H. TURNER

## SP Employee Seeks Post As State Rep

Walter H. Turner, 57, announced today that he will file his candidacy for Democratic candidate for the secretary of state's office on Monday.

Turner resides at 4688 Thompson Street with his wife. He is a conductor and brakeman for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and has been a resident of Klamath County since moving here from Dunsuir 15 years ago.

Turner has had 12 years' experience in legislative work on both state and national levels; and at present is chairman and representative of the Oregon State Legislative Committee of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen.

He is an officer in the Klamath County Civil Defense organization, is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Klamath Falls Elks Lodge.

In filing for the state post, Turner said that if elected, "My experience in legislative work will help me to serve the people of Klamath County in a fair, impartial manner." He also pledged himself "to work for the advancement and betterment of all in the county."

He placed himself on record as in favor of the improvements that are being made at Oregon Technical Institute and said he would work toward continued support for the school.

Commenting on the tax situation, Turner said, "Taxes on property are at an all time high. We cannot continue to increase this burden."

Turner becomes the second candidate to file on the Democratic ticket for the representative posts. Previously, incumbent Carl Yancey announced his intentions of seeking reelection.

## Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Showers and some brief clearing today. Highs 42-48; low tonight 32-40.

Northern California: Rain today with heavy amounts likely on the Russian, Eel and Feather River watersheds; snow in the mountains above 5,500 feet to 7,500 feet; little change in temperatures.

## Telephone Boom

NEW YORK (AP) — The storm skyrocketed the telephone business in the metropolitan area. The day's phoning in the five boroughs hit a record of 25,579,538 calls. The previous record for one day was 26,983,930 on Dec. 9, 1957 during the subway strike.

## Pair Of Dangerous Felons Captured By State Police

SALEM (AP) — Police, following footprints in the snow, Saturday captured two dangerous convicts who sawed their way out of the state mental hospital Friday night.

Neither of the men put up a fight when police walked into a barn where they had been hiding.

The convicts are James Norman Jensen, 39, who was convicted of first degree murder in an ax slaying at Medford six years ago, and James Stanley Amason, 29, sent to prison eight years ago for an assault and robbery conviction.

Both men were considered extremely dangerous and were the objects of a widespread search throughout the night.

State police Capt. R. G. Howard said that a hospital attendant had admitted accepting a bribe and smuggling hacksaw blades and a supply of food to the prisoners to aid their escape.

The two men sawed through the bars of their third-story cell window and then climbed down a rope of bed sheets. The escape was made in a driving rain storm Friday night. The men were lightly clad.

The two men had been transferred from the state penitentiary to the mental hospital's ward for the criminally insane.

Jensen was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Fern Hile of Medford in 1954. He was sentenced to die in the state gas chamber but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 1957. On the recommendation of the prison psychiatrist, he was moved to the criminally insane ward in January of this year.

Amason was moved to the ward in November, 1959.

Police, checking the Pratum farming district east of Salem today, found two sets of footprints in the snow. The prints led to a barn owned by the J. D. Long family.

A third inmate, William Hugh Mitchell, escaped with the two, went to his home in Salem, and was taken back to the hospital last night by his family.

## Soviet Aid

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent voted to send medicine and food to quake victims in Morocco. Pravda said today. The amount was not indicated.