

Klamath Falls and vicinity - Fair today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. High both days 38-43. Low tonight 22-28.

Northern California - Fair through Friday; slightly warmer afternoons. Mount Shasta-Siskiyou area - Fair and warmer today and tonight; cloudy Friday. Sierra Nevada: Fair and slightly warmer through Friday.

Herald and News

Kennedy Offers Denver Man Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy today offered a post in his administration to Byron Leslie (Whizzer) White, Denver attorney.

Kennedy and White gave this news to reporters on the doorstep of the Kennedy home in Georgetown, but declined to say what the position is.

White, 43, is a close friend of Kennedy. He was better known as "Whizzer" White while an All America football star at the University of Colorado.

Dean Rusk Contender For Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dean Rusk, who served as an assistant secretary of state in the Truman administration, today was reported under very serious consideration by President-elect John F. Kennedy for appointment as secretary of state.

White has been mentioned for both attorney general and solicitor general in the Justice Department.

Being vague, White told newsmen that no specific post was discussed. But when reporters asked if he had enough information about the offer to make up his mind, White grinned and replied, "Yes."

British Lower Interest Rate

LONDON (AP)—The British Treasury announced today a cut in the Bank of England lending rate from 5 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent.

The Bank of England rate sets the pattern for interest on loans by all British banks and other lending institutions.

One immediate effect of the cut should be to slow down the flow of "hot" money from the United States seeking the higher interest rates available here.

This should help stem the serious recent outflow of America's gold reserves to foreign banking centers.

The bank rate reduction also represents a relaxation of the Conservative government's severe credit squeeze.

This has been blamed for extensive layoffs in the automobile industry. The industry's exports have dwindled in recent months and the credit squeeze made it difficult to sell the overflow in the domestic market, since it hiked the cost of installment buying.

The 5 1/2 per cent Bank of England rate had been in effect since Oct. 27, when the rate was reduced from 6 per cent.

Saturday Program Will Climax Drive For Fund

A one-hour television program on KOTI-TV Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. will be the climax in a week-long over-the-top drive of the United Fund toward its \$139,000 goal.

The program will feature representatives from all the communication media in the area and will also feature such musical groups as the Sweet Adelines, Sound Tracks, and the KUHS Dixieland Band.

A special four-minute film with Lillian LeFever, taken in her hospital room in Portland, will also be shown on the program.

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HERE'S A CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY!

Special Areas Designated For Tree Cutting

Christmas treeing, like skiing, is a winter activity that makes the cool season more bearable.

This year, anyone who wants a tree is invited to cut his own in special areas designated by Weyerhaeuser Company and the forest service.

No charge will be assessed, except for Shasta red fir (silver-tips) in forest service land. A silver-tip permit costs a dollar.

The Weyerhaeuser cutting area begins about 25 miles west of Klamath Falls off Ashland-Klamath



THE 200TH PINT of blood donated by airmen at Kingsley Field is loaded aboard the refrigerated truck for delivery to Portland, A.S.C. Bill Bartholomew, information officer, left, gives Don Turner, American Red Cross truck driver a helping hand. Kingsley Field's quota of 200 pints of blood was exceeded by 52, setting a new Kingsley record.

Teamster Union Chief Posts Bond On Charge

CHICAGO (AP)—James R. Hoffa, indicted with two associates in a Florida real estate venture, surrendered to a U. S. marshal Wednesday, posted \$10,000 bond, then hustled back to a hotel to take up the business of his powerful Teamsters Union.

Hoffa's appearance before U.S. Commissioner C. S. Bentley Pike was sandwiched in between rounds of Teamsters conferences at a South Side hotel.

The president of the nation's biggest union was named in a 12-count indictment voted by a U.S. District Court grand jury in Orlando, Fla. The indictment, charging mail fraud involving alleged misuse of union funds, linked Hoffa with two other men in a 2,400-acre land development project, Sun Valley, Inc.

Without waiting to be served with a warrant, Hoffa sped downtown to the U. S. Marshals office, surrendered and was fingerprinted.

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Castro Claims Victory In Battle Near Havana

HAVANA (AP)—The government claimed today it had destroyed a band of insurgents in a battle at Cabanas only 32 miles west of Havana.

An army communique said the entire band was cleaned up with the capture of 11 men, including its leader, Capt. Clodomiro Miranda Mendiola, who was badly wounded, and the killing of his brother.

An officer in Prime Minister Fidel Castro's army was killed and four men wounded.

Although the army claimed the entire band was wiped out, earlier reports said Miranda Mendiola had 200 heavily armed men with him when he deserted Castro's forces and took to the hills only a few days ago.

The reports said Miranda Mendiola, commander of the garrison at Seboruco, took his outfit on maneuvers in the mountains of Pinar Del Rio Province and when he reached a selected spot informed them he was deserting and gave them a choice of returning to their post or joining him. Two hundred men reportedly stayed with him.

Provincial Commander Demirdio Escalona personally directed a force of militiamen, reported to number 2,000, that was sent after the deserters.

Kingsley, OTI Set Records At Bloodmobile

Kingsley Field personnel and Oregon Technical Institute set all-time records this week when both sponsors of the December visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile from Portland went over their quotas. Added to the first day donation of 139 pints by the Moose Bowlers, the last two-day quotas gave Klamath Falls the highest donation record in several years for one operation, with 634 pints.

A previous base record was set last year when the base donated 196 pints. Base quota for this year was 200 pints. Total donated was 252. OTI with a quota of 225 pints gave 243.

Since so many people are concerned at this time of the year with other needs, Red Cross officials expressed appreciation Thursday to those who made possible the fine December record in Klamath County.

Col. Rupert C. Welch, base commander, along with Red Cross officials expressed their thanks and appreciation for the record-breaking donation at the base. Said a nurse, during the course of the Kingsley Air Force people can always be counted on to support Klamath Falls community activities. They not only provide protection for us, but when asked, they generously give blood for use in case of emergency. They have our thanks for a job well done.

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Small Vote

CORVALLIS (AP)—Two thousand persons were eligible to vote for a new director of the Corvallis Rural Fire District. Five did.

S. E. Gruver of Corvallis got all the votes—cast by the president and secretary of the board and three members of the Election Board.

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First Negro Considered For Cabinet

NEW YORK (AP)—The Herald Tribune said today that Rep. William L. Dawson, D-Ill., leads the field for appointment as postmaster general by President-elect John F. Kennedy. If appointed, Dawson would be the first Negro in the Cabinet.

The newspaper went on to name other possibilities for the remaining posts. In listing them, the paper said that while they are subject to change, "it can be stated authoritatively" that those on its list reflect Kennedy's current thinking.

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Moon Scares Daylights Out Of SAC

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—It took almost 60 seconds for the country's strike-back force to tell the difference between the moon and a hostile missile in an incident two months ago, the Strategic Air Command has revealed.

The SAC reported the Oct. 5 false missile attack warning Wednesday after a British newspaper, the Manchester Guardian, said a similar incident occurred last week.

The SAC said the Oct. 5 false warning was the only recent incident.

A SAC spokesman at nearby Offutt Air Force Base said a signal flashed at SAC's underground control center when instruments at Thule, Greenland, mistook the moon for a missile approaching the United States.

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Airmen Are Poised For A Flying Catch Of Orbiting Capsule

Congo Authorities Order UN Blockade

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—The United Nations announced today Congolese authorities have ordered a blockade of all U.N. military surface transportation in the Congo.

Brig. Indarjit Rikhye of India, chief U.N. military adviser, said it was the most serious challenge to face the United Nations since the beginning of its Congo operation.

"It could paralyze our activities," Rikhye told a news conference. "We are not prepared to accept this position at all. It is completely out of the question that the United Nations should submit to this order."

The first test will come Tuesday when a U.N. military supply shipment is scheduled to sail up the Congo River, the chief traffic artery in this nation of few highways and railroads.

Victor Nendaka, head of the National Security Police, ruled that the Congolese surface transport monopoly, Otraco, should carry U.N. military supplies only with his special permission.

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The spokesman adds that the error was detected in less than 60 seconds. Which is to say that it took about a minute to tell the difference between the moon and an approaching hostile missile. He adds that several optional plans short of committing the nation's bomber and missile fleet might have been followed if there had been reason to believe the alert was genuine. He says SAC commanders have emphasized that just one enemy missile would NOT send our strike-back force into action.

What happened? Presumably signals designed to detect approaching missiles bounced back from the moon. Presumably these bounced-back signals indicated only one approaching object. But... what if at the same time signals had been bounced back from some of the numerous satellites circling the earth?

What would have happened then? It's a ticklish era we're living in.

We need to be very, very sure indeed of the discriminating accuracy of the robots we must depend on to warn us of an enemy effort to destroy us when we aren't looking.

More interesting news: As dispatch from Sacramento this morning relates that a new battle over California's \$1.75-billion water program is brewing for the 1961 legislature and threatens to cause a North-South split similar to the battle that tied up adoption of the program for years.

The dispatch adds: "The KEY point is who should control the purse-strings for the gigantic system of canals and reservoirs to take water from Northern California to the Southern part of the state?"

Hmmmmmm. Up here, it seems to most of us, the KEY POINT is how much of our water (the water of the California counties of origin and the water that flows down from Southern Oregon into California) will be SURPLUS?

We don't know—yet. We don't know how much water, for example, will be necessary for the development for our industries in the future. We do know we have a lot of pulp timber. We know that will eventually be one of our LEADING industries.

It will require a LOT of water. We aren't dogs in the manger. We're perfectly willing to share our SURPLUS water with others who face a water deficiency.

But—Before it is committed permanently for export to other areas we want to be very sure indeed as to what OUR OWN water needs in the future will actually be.

Firms Plead To Charges

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—America's largest makers of electrical equipment today made various pleas of guilty, no defense, and innocent to federal antitrust charges of price fixing and bid rigging. The pleas were in one of the nation's largest criminal actions under the antitrust laws and cases involving annual sales of more than \$2 billion.

One defendant, W. C. Rowland, an official of the Westinghouse Electric Corp., pleaded innocent. His trial will be set later.

The conspiracy charges were leveled in 20 separate indictments handed up by four different federal grand juries at various intervals beginning last February.

All told 29 firms and 46 individuals were indicted.

President Asks Observance

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today called upon the American people to plan and carry out appropriate observances during the 1961-65 centennial of the Civil War.

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