

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, President-elect Kennedy has named all but one of the members of his cabinet and is expected to complete the job by appointing J. Edward Day of Los Angeles to be postmaster general.

He had just previously appointed his brother Robert to be attorney general and C. Douglas Dillon, a Republican, to be secretary of the treasury. Day is a business man, an insurance executive, with no particular political background other than that he has been a friend of Adlai Stevenson. His job will be to manage one of the biggest business institutions in the world — the U.S. postal service.

Dillon's job will be to keep our nation solvent.

Of all President-elect Kennedy's cabinet choices, the selection of his brother to be attorney general probably involved the most soul-searching.

Leading Democrats are saying privately they think he may have made a mistake. Senator Carroll, of Colorado, a Democrat, goes a little farther. He says: "I'm not opposing the appointment. I merely question the wisdom of it."

Nepotism, which is the practice of giving important political or business positions to members of one's family, became common centuries ago, especially during the Middle Ages. Rulers appointed their nephews (the word nepotism comes from the Latin word for nephew) and other relatives to positions of strategic importance, thus increasing their own power and influence.

For that historic reason, the practice is still regarded with considerable suspicion.

A grave responsibility certainly rests on the shoulders of young Bob Kennedy. (He is in his very early 30's and looks at least ten years younger than he is.) He HAS to be good. If he slips . . . ANYWHERE along the line in the years to come . . . it will be rough.

There is little doubt that he is good. He was chief counsel of the senate rackety committee, of which his brother was a member. He did a splendid job. He was able. He was fearless. He was effective in the tough and politically dangerous Hoffa business that occupied so much of the senate rackety committee's time. He pulled no punches. Because of his diligence, he acquired a lot of powerful enemies, who will remain his enemies.

It took political courage to appoint his brother, but President-elect Kennedy probably feels that for his attorney general in the years to come he must have someone in whom he has COMPLETE confidence.

It took some courage to appoint a Republican to the post of secretary of the treasury. Dillon has been a reasonably prominent Republican. He has been an assistant secretary of state. He and his wife contributed a total of \$9,550 to the Nixon campaign.

But . . . he is a former investment banker. He was born a Swiss — and the Swiss tend to be hard-headed in business matters. For too many years, we have been putting out more dollars than we have been taking in. In the future, for quite a while, we must take in more dollars than we put out.

Presumably, President-elect Kennedy feels that Dillon is the man to do the job, even if he is a Republican.

Of this much, there can be no doubt —

We are entering a period in our history when politics must be subordinated to patriotism. Grave dangers face our country. These dangers are both military and fiscal. We face a powerful and aggressive enemy who is dedicated to our destruction. For reasons it is not necessary to go into here, our financial house is not in very good order.

In the choice of his cabinet, President-elect Kennedy seems to be seeking to meet this trying situation with a minimum of politics and a maximum of common sense.

Rescue 50

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP) — Nigerian U. N. troops fought a six-hour battle with Congolese soldiers to rescue the 50-member staff of an Austrian field hospital, the United Nations reported Saturday.

Shooting Times

OREGON
December 18
7:00 a.m.—4:40 p.m.
December 19
7:00 a.m.—4:40 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
December 18
6:30 a.m.—4:36 p.m.
December 19
6:30 a.m.—4:36 p.m.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Occasional rain or freezing rain today. High today 34-45.

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Weather

Northern California: Variable cloudiness and little change in temperature today.

Mount Shasta - Siskiyou area: Intermittent snow above 4,000 feet and occasional rain lower levels today. Little change in temperatures.

Second Major Air Disaster Hits In Germany

FAA Probes Crash Ruins; Death Toll At Least 136

NEW YORK (UPI)—A Civil Aeronautics Board spokesman said Saturday one of the two giant airliners which collided over New York may have been off its assigned course.

Philip Goldstein, chief of the Accident Investigation Division of the CAB and coordinator of the intensive investigation of Friday's crash, said one of the planes was being tracked on radar and, on the basis of information at hand, the other was not.

Goldstein said that if both the Trans World Constellation and the United Air Lines DC-8 jetliner had been under "positive control" of their respective control towers for their landing approaches, it meant one of the planes was off course.

He was asked specifically if both were under "positive con-

trol." Goldstein replied: "I don't know that."

Federal Aviation Agency Administrator Edward R. Quesada said earlier that it appeared both were under the positive control of the control towers. The Trans World plane was bound for LaGuardia airport and the United jetliner was to land at Idlewild International Airport.

The death toll surpassed the all-time record of 129 Air Force men killed in a C124 Globemaster crash near Tokyo in 1953 and the 1956 collision over the Grand Canyon killing 128 persons aboard United Air Lines and TWA planes — the same lines involved in Friday's tragedy.

Eighty-three of the 84 persons aboard the 575 mile an hour UAL jet from Chicago died when it plummeted from snowy skies like

a missile into a Brooklyn residential street at 10:34 a.m. EST.

The fantastic impact of the half-block long plane and the accompanying explosions and holocaust killed nine persons on the street, in a funeral parlor and the "Pillar of Fire" Methodist Church.

Boy Survivor Of Crash Dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Baltz, 11-year-old lone survivor of the double plane crash over New York Friday, died Saturday of his injuries.

Stephen died at 1 p.m. Methodist Hospital said the main cause of his death was extensive damage in his lungs.

Burns and contusions contributed but the hospital said doctors could not combat the damage to the lungs.

Stephen's death brought the collision toll to 137 persons. All passengers and crews of the United Air Lines plane and the TWA super constellation which collided were killed. Nine persons on the ground where the United plane crashed in Brooklyn also were killed.

Hope had been expressed earlier Saturday that Stephen could survive. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baltz of Wilmette, Ill. They were at the hospital when he died.

Twelve persons were injured, two critically.

A total of 134 bodies had been taken to morgues. Firemen still dug through the rubble of Brooklyn's Sterling Place Saturday.

Cattle Die In Mishaps

Eleven head of cattle were the only casualties in a series of accidents involving a truck, two cars and a wrecker Friday at about 9:15 p.m. on Spring Creek Hill north of Klamath Falls.

The chain of mishaps began when a cattle truck registered to the Madras Fast Freight Co. and driven by Richard Wayne Reid of Sweet Home went off the road and overturned. A wrecker subsequently overturned trying to right the truck and two cars crashed into cattle on the road. No drivers or passengers were injured.

State police said it was snowing heavily at the time.

Reid told police he was driving south at about 20 miles an hour when the trailer started to fish-tail. He chose to run the truck into the embankment on the west side of the road rather than risk going over a cliff on the other side. The truck tipped over and about eight head of cattle were killed.

An M&M wrecker overturned while trying to right the truck and had to be towed away by another wrecker.

Cattle from the truck wandered onto the road and were struck by cars driven by Ronald Anthony Olson of Spokane and Gary Michael Leaver of Yuma, Ariz. Olson, his wife and three children escaped injury when their car hit and killed three cows. The Olson car was traveling at about 25 miles an hour. Leaver and four other teenagers in his car were also unhurt when they hit a single cow in the road. The animal ran into the woods. Front ends of both cars were badly damaged. Leaver said he was driving about 35 miles an hour and visibility was bad because of the snow.

Another accident Saturday at 6:15 p.m. on Route 39 south of Klamath Falls involved two trucks and a car. No one was injured when a car driven by Joseph M. Paulazzo hit a tow chain between the trucks as they were making a turn off the highway.

Curtis L. Hudson was driving a Western Pipeline truck being towed by James L. Sexton. All were northbound. State police said Paulazzo was passing other cars behind the trucks when they started their turn. The car was badly damaged.



A KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY is planned for today at the Klamath Auditorium, sponsored by the Elks Lodge for the less fortunate children, beginning at 2 p.m. A puppet show and a clown will be on hand for entertainment and Santa will also make an appearance. Here, Elks prepare bags of candy and nuts for the children. Left to right are C. H. Ellis, Floyd McMillan, Charley Biehn and Irving Burke.

Pre-Session Confab Said Big Success

SALEM (AP) — A five-day legislative fiscal conference — a briefing on the budget and other knotty matters to come before the legislature — was termed a success Friday.

House Speaker Robert Duncan, the man who presided over the pre-session confab, said that it would improve greatly the quality of legislation.

The conference was held for the first time this year. It was held in advance of the legislative session which will begin in January.

Those named to participate were legislators expected to be named to the Ways and Means and Tax committees in the coming legislature.

Duncan said those who attended learned much more about state government than they could learn in an entire legislative session.

He said it plans to sponsor a proposal to invite all new members to a similar briefing session to be held two years from now.

Straub, Pearson Leave Senate Issue Unresolved

GRESHAM (AP) — State Sen. Robert Straub, D-Eugene, and Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, debated but were unable to agree Friday night on who should be president of the next session of the Oregon Senate.

Straub, who is Democratic state chairman and a backer of Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, for the presidency, said the situation was one in which the Republicans in the Senate will determine who will be the next president, despite the fact that Democrats hold a 2 to 1 advantage.

Pearson, president of the Senate at the last session, and a backer of Sen. Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, said the party organization has no right to involve itself in the matter. He said it was traditional for the Senate to elect its leader with support of both parties.

Corbett has the support of the majority of the Democrats. Boivin has the support of all the Republicans and enough Democrats to assure his election.

Straub told the audience of 75 persons that the dispute between himself and Pearson is not one of personalities nor is it a fight between liberals and conservatives. "The issue," Straub said, "is the sound principle of government that under our two-party system the majority party accepts the position of leadership and then accepts responsibility of leadership."

Straub argued that Corbett should get the job because he has received the vote of a majority of Democratic senators at a party caucus.

Pearson argued that Boivin should get the job on the ground that the Senate president is first in line for succession as governor and consequently should be elected by all senators, not just the majority party.

Trains Collide

BRESCIA, Italy (AP)—The locomotive of an Italian luxury train slewed off its rails Saturday into the path of an oncoming express train. Passenger coaches were slammed helter-skelter and there were seven known dead and about 40 injured.



STEARNS SCHOOL is growing to take care of swelling population in the South Suburban-Falcon Heights area. Four new classrooms are in process of construction.

School Building Is Progressing

Construction of four classrooms one class at Stearns that is using the health room at present and an additional first grade class anticipated there next fall.

Workmen of the Brosthouse Construction Company have erected frame walls and are in process of finishing the roof.

No precise date has been set for completion. School officials said the rooms will accommodate a fifth grade and a sixth grade currently attending classes in quonset-type buildings at Altamont Elementary School at least by next fall and probably this spring. They will also furnish room for

one class at Stearns that is using the health room at present and an additional first grade class anticipated there next fall.

Max Marvin, principal, said a survey indicates the school will receive about 80 first graders next year in contrast to about 60 when school began this year.

Included in the structure will be boys' and girls' lavatories.

The one story annex will have concrete floors covered with vinyl asbestos tile, wooden walls covered with a brick veneer, and plank roof supported by glue laminated beams, said the architects.

Morrison and Howard and Engineer Starbuck.

The Brosthouse Company won the contract with a bid of \$56,031. Much of that expenditure will be covered by federal funds allocated on basis of number of federal families to be served by the school.

When the rooms are complete, the school plant will contain 16 classrooms able to handle 480 youngsters comfortably, plus multipurpose room and other basic facilities. The architects say the building is designed for relatively easy further expansion if the need arises.

Air Force Plane Plows Into Munich

By BERHARDT GARBE

MUNICH, Germany (UPI) — A U.S. Air Force plane carrying American students to England for Christmas hit a towering church spire Saturday and crashed into a packed streetcar in the heart of Munich, killing 60 to 70 persons.

Munich police said 20 persons aboard the plane were killed outright, 13 students and 7 crewmen. An estimated 35 persons were burned to death aboard the streetcar when it was engulfed in gasoline. Another 10 to 15 pedestrians were killed but the area was so littered with bodies an exact count was delayed.

The plane, en route to Northolt, faltered after take-off from Munich's principal airport in a heavy fog and crashed barely four minutes later. The pilot radioed he was in trouble. As he fought for control the plane sheared off the cross of a cathedral spire and fell into the street below.

It was the second major air disaster in 24 hours. Friday two airliners collided in a storm over New York City, killing at least 137 persons as the two planes fell in flames in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Saturday's crash was the first major air disaster in which the victims on the ground outnumbered those aboard the plane.

Mrs. Johanna Starkmeyer, a Munich housewife who was watching the flow of busy and happy Christmas shoppers from her window, said the "air was filled with a terrifying roar, followed by loud clattering on the roof of my house."

"We all dashed down for the street because we thought the house was coming down on us," she said. "We had hardly reached the street when a tremendous explosion deafened us, a wave of hot air hit us and dense smoke was all over."

"I was leaning against the walls of a house, my face blackened; tears rolling over my cheeks. I saw a streetcar covered by flames, human bodies lighted like torches falling out of it, rolling over the ground."

The doomed plane was sent from England Friday to take the students home from their school, the Munich branch of the University of Maryland, where last minute going-away parties were held Friday night as the young people prepared to join their families all over Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Today the school was plunged into mourning.

At Northolt Airbase in England, parents of the students waited at home with their grief. A bus sent to the airport to meet the plane stood waiting last night even after word of the disaster was received.

The Air Force said Maj. Gen. Ernest Moore, commander of the

3rd Air Force, had flown to Munich to head the investigation. Rumors said the uniform of a two-star general was found at the disaster scene but the Air Force said a major was the highest ranking officer aboard.

The Air Force said the plane, C131 military version of the Convair, had taken off from the Munich-Riem Airport outside the city. It was loaded with students who attend a school operated by the American military as a branch of the University of Maryland.

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Talkative 'Bomber' Is Psycho

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—"It's hard to say if I'd do it again," said a New Hampshire man, 73, awaiting in jail Saturday. He admitted he planned to bomb President-elect John F. Kennedy.

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Explosion Injures 17

BENTON, Ark. (AP) — A derailed freight car exploded at the village of Traskwood Saturday, injuring 17 persons and forcing temporary evacuation of the town. The blast shot flames 1,300 feet into the air. It was followed by a fire and a mushroom cloud of smoke which could be seen for miles. The fire was under control late Saturday night, but firemen said it might burn for two days.

Bits of metal were showered over half a mile from the train and one man was blown into a tree. Several houses near the derailment about a quarter of a mile north of the town were shattered like kindling wood, witnesses said.

None of the injured was seriously hurt. Only Harry Doddridge, 63, who was blown into a tree, was admitted to a hospital. He was held for observation.



HAILE SELASSIE

Klamath People Hurt In Wreck

TERREBONNE (AP) — Four persons, including three men from Klamath County were injured Saturday in a head-on collision on Highway 97 near this Deschutes County community.

Police said ice on the highway apparently was responsible for the crash. Driver of one of the cars was Mrs. Sylvia Mix, 54, Terrebonne. In the other car were Paul Erwin Stippich, 20, and William Harold Day, 21, of Klamath Falls, and Paul Virgil Thomas, 21, Fort Klamath.

Thomas was in critical condition with a head injury. The other three persons were less seriously hurt.

Asmara lies 400 miles north of Addis Ababa. The two cities are connected by road. Considering the distance, Haile Selassie presumably took a plane, but the embassy here had no details.