

By FRANK JENKINS
Screwball question:
How much is a billion dollars?
Well, it's a thousand times a million dollars.
But—
How is any ordinary person going to imagine 1,000 MILLIONS of dollars?

In an effort to dramatize a billion dollars, so that the magnitude of it can be grasped by the average citizen, the Kiplinger Magazine recently put it like this:

"If a person had started in the year A.D. 1 with a billion dollars and had given away \$1,000 EACH DAY, in this year of 1960 he still would have enough left out of his original billion to continue his generosity at the rate of \$1,000 a day for almost 780 YEARS, or until the year 2739."

And—
That's without getting any interest on his original billion. If interest at five per cent was added it would take so long to get rid of it that the commies might blow us up with a nuclear bomb before the stuff got disposed of.

In a similar effort, the World Book Encyclopedia puts it like this:

"If a billion dollar bills were placed end to end, they would extend a distance of 96,670 miles, or about four times around the entire world." By way of emphasis, it adds:

"With one billion dollars, you could buy one million automobiles, each costing one thousand dollars. Placed bumper to bumper, these would extend a distance of 3,314 miles, or farther than from San Francisco to Boston."

Hmmmmmmmm.

The World Book fails to state whether the cars would be compacts or Cadillacs, or Lincolns, or Imperials—or, since the World Book edition in our library was published more than a decade ago, maybe it was referring to Model T's.

That confuses the illustration.

So—
Let's turn to a more modern example.

The public debt of the U.S.A. at this moment in history is somewhere in the broad, general neighborhood of 350 billion dollars—give or take a few billions. The federal budget SURPLUS at the end of the federal fiscal year last summer (and we were right proud of the fact that it was a surplus instead of the rather customary deficit) was just about a billion dollars, with maybe an odd hundred thousand over for good measure.

Suppose we stay in the black to the extent of a billion dollars a year from here on—which looks a little dubious in view of the liberal platforms of our liberal politicians.

Well, . . .
At the rate of a billion dollars a year, it would take us 350 YEARS to pay off our public debt. And that assumes that we will stay in the black every year instead of going into the red to the extent of a billion or so.

The BIG question:
Isn't it getting about time for us to quit going into debt and start PAYING OFF?

STRICTLY INADEQUATE

PORTLAND (AP)—The highwayman came riding, riding . . . on a bicycle, and tried to hold up a Portland Traction Co. bus.
When the masked man climbed aboard and said, "This is a holdup," the driver, seeing he apparently had no gun, booted him off the bus.
The highwayman then pedaled away.

Disaster Toll Increases One

NEW YORK (AP)—The death toll from the worst disaster in aviation history rose to 134 today.
Dr. Jacob K. Krooks, 64, succumbed to burns suffered when he was sprayed with flaming fuel from a jet airliner which tore into a Brooklyn residential section Friday after a collision with another airliner.
Dr. Krooks, a dentist and president of the Brooklyn Council of Boy Scouts, was walking his dog at the time. The dog disappeared. Only its leash has been found.

Open Tonight

Most stores will be open until 9 o'clock each evening this week through Friday for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.



AN HISTORIC EVENT took place Wednesday noon on the Stateline Road east of Malin when the first United States section of the giant Alberta-California Natural Gas Pipeline was dedicated and placed in the ground. The ceremony also marked the crossing of the Oregon-California border. Both state governments were represented along with officials from companies involved in the giant project. In the picture at the left, state senators Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls, left, and Stanley Arnold of Susanville, right, discuss the project with H. W. Haberkorn, second from left, and M. H. (Hap) Chandler of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The center



picture shows part of the large crowd which watched the ceremony observing as pipe is lowered to be placed in a casing beneath the road, which marks the border. The line can be seen stretching north toward Bonanza. In the picture at the right, Klamath County Commissioner Frank Ganong presents Senator Arnold with a gift package of Klamath Gem potatoes and wild plum jam. The dignitaries met at a luncheon in Klamath Falls after the ceremony to consider the future of the pipeline. Senator Boivin, Commissioner Ganong and Klamath Falls Mayor Lawrence Slater agreed that the line should provide a substantial boost to the Klamath Basin economy.



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Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity —
Fair and mild through Friday.
Low tonight 30-35; high Friday 50-55.

High yesterday 47
Low last night 29
Precip. last 24 hours none
For year 5.19
Last year .84

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Northern California — Fair through Friday except overcast in Central Valley and locally elsewhere; little temperature change.

St. Shasta-Siskiyou area—Fair with little temperature change through Friday.

HOOVER SAYS . . .

Organization Of US Youths Set By Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said today that "at this very moment, the Communists are completing final arrangements for a conference to be held in Chicago beginning Dec. 31 . . . to formulate plans for a new national youth organization."

The Communist party, U.S.A., remains the largest subversive organization in the United States, Hoover said in a year-end report on FBI activities to Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers.

Hoover did not elaborate on his announcement about the Chicago meeting. But an FBI spokesman said there were indications the session would draw a substantial attendance of representatives from various areas of the Communist party. He declined to give other information on the meeting.

Hoover said that under the leadership of Moscow-trained Gus Hall the U. S. Communist party has strengthened ties with the Soviet Union and with Communists in Cuba and elsewhere.

The new national youth organization, Hoover said, "will be clandestinely directed by party members." He said the U. S. party has started a new publication, New Horizons for Youth, under editorial direction of its national youth director, identified by the FBI as Daniel Rubin of New York.

"In addition," Hoover said, "the Communists hope to repeat the success which they achieved on the West Coast last May in spearheading mob demonstrations by college students and other young people against a committee of Congress."

This referred to a demonstration in San Francisco at a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Hoover's claim that demonstrators were goaded by Communists, echoed by committee Chairman Francis E. Walter, D-Pa., was denied by a group of students involved.

Riot charges against 62 of the student demonstrators were dismissed by Municipal Judge Albert A. Axelrod, who said they were merely trying to protest what they believed to be an undemocratic hearing. Axelrod added, "I am convinced they were not engaged in subversive activity."

In his report to Rogers, Hoover said the FBI's activities in 1960 were highlighted by actions against Soviet espionage, as well as with important criminal arrests for kidnappings and other major crimes.

"During this period of grave international tension, America cannot afford to relax her internal defenses even momentarily," Hoover said.

Famed Gambling Club Is Sold For \$16 Million

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Harold's Club, the pioneer among Nevada's ornate, bustling legal gambling halls, was sold to a syndicate Wednesday for \$16 million by the family that founded it in 1935.

The syndicate includes Oliver Kahle, owner of Oliver's Club at Lake Tahoe, and Ben Jaffe, Kahle's Lake Tahoe associate and landlord of the big Tropicana Casino in Las Vegas.

The sale requires approval by the Nevada Gaming Commission. The club was owned by Raymond I. (Pappy) Smith and his sons, Raymond A. and Harold.

Pappy, with 30 years experience in carnivals, sent young Harold to Reno in 1935 to set up a legal gambling business with a carnival wheel. The whole family arrived in 1937. All worked as dealers and croupiers until the operation boomed and they had to hire help. The Smiths were the first to hire women as dealers.

Mitchell Will Head Rail Study

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today named Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell to head a 15-member commission to investigate the dispute between railroads and the operating unions over work rules and practices.

The President selected Mitchell upon the recommendation of the railroads and the five railway labor organizations involved in the controversy over what the railroads call the featherbedding problem.

In announcing the membership of the commission, Eisenhower said the group represents "a major and constructive innovation that will prove to be a significant achievement in the progress of labor-management relations toward greater maturity and stability."

In addition to Mitchell, Eisenhower named four other public members of the commission.

He also approved the recommendations of the carriers nominating five members and the recommendation of the operating unions selecting five others.

Mitchell in mid-October hammered out an agreement between the railroads and the operating unions which resulted in setting up the commission.

As public members, in addition to Mitchell, Eisenhower named the following:

John T. Dunlop of Belmont, Mass., professor of economics of Harvard University; Charles A. Myers, of Weston, Mass., member of the staff of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Francis J. Robertson of Washington, D.C., attorney and arbitrator, and Russell A. Smith of Ann Arbor, Mich., arbitrator.

13 Lifted From Storm-Torn Ship

Records Tell Story Of Confusion Preceding Crash; Quesada Answers

NEW YORK (AP)—Radio tapes show that a United Air Lines jet streaked off course just before colliding with a Trans World Airlines plane over Staten Island, but the recordings offer no clue as to why.

The tapes released Wednesday by the Federal Aviation Agency disclose that the La Guardia field controller tried, but failed, to reach the TWA Super Constellation after warning it of the approaching jet.

An instant later came the voice of the radar-scanning La Guardia controller saying: "I think we have trouble here with a TWA Connie. There's something wrong! He's not moving or anything. He might have got hit by another airplane."

Last Friday's crash was the worst in aviation history. The TWA craft went down in flames on Staten Island. The United jet crashed 11 miles away into a crowded Brooklyn area.

In Washington Wednesday night FAA Administrator E. R. Quesada said the Preston holding stack—where planes circle while waiting to land—and the Idlewild radar were working normally at the time of the crash. The jet was headed for Idlewild, while the TWA plane was being brought into La Guardia.

Quesada said Idlewild's approach control was "prepared and ready" to guide the jet into the airport but could not locate the plane.

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NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Navy helicopters from the aircraft carrier Valley Forge today gingerly hoisted 13 of 28 survivors of the broken tanker Pine Ridge from the bobbing stern section.

Seven of the ship's company of 35 aboard the Pine Ridge were feared lost when the 10,400 ton vessel ripped in two Wednesday in mountainous seas 100 miles off Cape Hatteras, N.C. The tanker's master, Clark Snyder of Philadelphia, was reported among the seven missing. They were in the bow section when it broke away and capsized.

The skipper of the Valley Forge, Capt. Clarence A. Melvin, advised the Navy he hoped to pick up the seamen remaining in the stern section before sunset. These survivors were reported in no immediate danger with light, heat and food available on their rolling hulk.

Seas that ran to waves of 30 feet in Wednesday's 50 to 60 knot winds had abated to 10-foot waves and the wind was down to 23 knots at noon.

An air and sea search continued for possible survivors in the water with seven Navy ships, three Coast Guard vessels and 10 aircraft.

The destroyer Conway messaged it had recovered two 20-man life rafts dropped by Coast Guard planes — but they were empty.

Survivors airlifted from the hulk reported that the master, all the mates, the quartermaster, radio operator and steward were in the bow of the ship and were unable to reach the stern section when it tore away.

The recovery of the survivors was the second recovery operation for the Valley Forge this week—but a different kind of recovery. On Monday a Marine

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Salem Man Faces Trio Of Charges

MEDFORD (AP)—Jackson County Dist. Atty. Thomas J. Reeder Tuesday filed three charges against ex-convict John R. Taylor, who is accused of wounding a state policeman and stealing two cars.

Taylor was charged with assault with intent to kill and two counts of grand larceny.

Taylor, a 27-year-old Salem man, was accused of firing three shots that wounded state policeman Donald Cain at Ashland Tuesday night.

Police said Cain had stopped Taylor, a hitchhiker, for questioning. They quoted Taylor as saying he shot Cain in an effort to escape. Police said Taylor was carrying stolen guns and did not want to stand trial for being a convict in possession of firearms.

Taylor is accused of stealing at least two cars in his escape attempt.

He was captured near The Dalles Wednesday morning after attempting to run a police roadblock.

Taylor suffered a non-critical wound in the shooting affray at Ashland and a minor wound at the time of his capture.

Cold Grips Midlands After Snow

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A huge mass of icy air enveloped much of the country today from the eastern Rockies to the Atlantic seaboard. Dixie got its chilliest weather of the year.

The cold came in the wake of a heavy snowstorm on the first day of winter which left a blanket of white across wide areas.

Not much relief from the cold in the eastern half of the country was in prospect immediately.

At least 55 deaths were blamed on the snowy, cold and blustering weather. Ohio alone counted 25 deaths, 24 due to overexertion while shoveling snow. Other storm deaths included 8 in Illinois, 5 in Michigan, 4 each in Kentucky, Missouri, New York and Indiana and 1 in West Virginia.

It was much colder in Atlanta this morning than in Anchorage, Alaska, as the mercury dipped to 13 above in the Georgia metropolis. At the same time it was 28 in Anchorage.

The cold air covered parts of northwest Florida, with a reading of 29 in Gainesville. It was freezing in Daytona Beach and a cool 45 in Miami.

Abandon Hope For Plane Crew

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (AP)—Hope was abandoned today for all nine men aboard a U.S. Navy bomber after several bodies were recovered near wreckage of the aircraft of 17 miles off the southeast tip of Newfoundland.

The P2V Neptune crashed in clear weather Wednesday while taking part in a fleet exercise off Cape Race.

The freighter American Clipper picked up two bodies after finding a wing tank and the tail section of the plane.

The Neptune, normally based at Brunswick, Maine, took off from Argentina, Nfld.

ANGELS ON GUARD

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. (AP)—An automobile doing a police-estimated 110 miles an hour hit a sloping railroad crossing Wednesday night with these results:

It turned three complete somersaults, landed on its wheels, hit a tree, skidded back on the pavement and came to rest, still upright, a block and a half away. But none of the six teen-agers aboard suffered a scratch.

Philippine Crash Kills 28 Persons

MANILA (UPI)—A Philippine Airlines plane crashed on takeoff at Cebu City today, killing 28 of the 37 persons aboard.

Officials of the airline and of the Philippine constabulary announced only nine persons survived. No Americans were aboard.

The crash of the DC-3 with 34 passengers and three crewmen came on a regularly scheduled flight from Cebu City to Davao in the southern Philippines.

Shortly afterward, President Carlos P. Garcia suspended "until further notice" all night flights by the airline.

A PAL spokesman said there were nine known survivors but refused to confirm Manila newspaper reports that the other 28 were dead.

Two of the survivors said the twin-engine plane just nosedived suddenly after takeoff. It crashed three-fourths of a mile from Cebu City Airport.

It was the second PAL crash within a month and pushed to 72 the total number killed in six air crashes that have plagued the Philippines this year.

Garcia said PAL would not be permitted to operate night flights "until further notice."

There was no immediate official explanation for the crash.

6 Wounded In Ruckus

CHICAGO (AP)—A bus loaded with Christmas shoppers was the scene of panic and bloodshed Wednesday night in a wild gunfight between two passengers. Six persons were wounded, one critically.

Police said the battle apparently stemmed from a sudden quarrel near the exit to the crowded bus on the city's west side.

Police gave this account: One man, complaining he was jostled by three others as he moved toward the exit, drew a pistol and threatened: "Either you get out my way or I'll blast you in the mouth." He then opened fire.

One of the men blocking the exit fired back. About a dozen shots raked the rear of the bus.

In the melee, the man police said fired first fled after pulling an emergency exit lever. The other gunman, identified as Thurston Burgess, 22, was listed in serious condition at a hospital.

Shooting Times
OREGON
December 23
7:00 a.m.—4:40 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
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7:01 a.m.—4:37 p.m.