

# Herald and News

Weather

Northern California—Occasional rain likely in extreme north Wednesday spreading over most of area by Friday; snow in mountains; temperatures near normal.

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High Sunday 38  
Low last night 10  
Precip. past 24 hours 0  
Since Oct. 1 5.19  
Same period last year 1.04  
Eastern Oregon—Temperatures averaging near normal with slight warming trend. Showers mostly of snow likely about Thursday and Saturday. Highs generally 30-40 by Thursday; lows mostly in 20s.

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## Solons Study Conservative Power Curbs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The skirmishing starts today in the Senate and the House on moves to curb the power of conservatives in the 87th Congress that will convene Tuesday.

In the Senate, a caucus of liberal Democrats was called to map strategy for a fight directed primarily at making it easier to shut off filibusters against civil rights and other controversial bills.

In the House, prior to a caucus of all Democratic members, a group of liberals was angling for the support of Speaker Sam Rayburn for action to weaken the Rules Committee's grip on legislation.

Sponsors of the moves in both branches of Congress contended they were necessary to clear the way for the kind of legislative program urged by President-elect John F. Kennedy in his "new frontier" program which favored congressional procedures that would permit the majority to work its will—a position he supported as a member of the Senate.

However, he also indicated he believed it was a matter to be worked out by Congress without executive interference. In the absence of his direct intervention, any far-reaching changes in Senate or House rules appeared unlikely.

About 40 of the 65 Democratic senators were invited to today's liberal caucus in notices sent out by Sens. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., and Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn.

One of their chief goals is a change in Senate rules so that filibusters can be halted by the votes of 51 senators, or a majority of the 100 members. It now takes the votes of two-thirds of the senators present and voting.

They also would like to bring about changes that would give them a stronger voice in policy-making machinery and whittle away some of the power of legislative committee chairmen, many of whom are conservative Southern Democrats.

The liberal Democratic group in the House has an identical objective in its maneuvering against the powerful Rules Committee, which in the past has bottled up some measures of the kind advocated by Kennedy. It is dominated by Republicans and Southern Democrats.

Democratic leaders have made plain their desire to avoid as far as possible any party-splitting fights even before Kennedy submits his legislative program after his inauguration Jan. 20.

In the House it appeared possible that a ruckus might be averted, but a scrap over the Senate's filibuster rule at the outset of the new Congress was accepted as inevitable.

Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, slated to become Democratic leader in the new Senate, is expected to let the battle run its course for a while but, if necessary, to step in with a tabling motion aimed at cutting it off.

While Mansfield has advocated modification of the present rule, he has taken the position that the proper time to do it is later in the session after committee consideration.

Mansfield held out the hope that in any event the actual start of the Senate battle would be deferred until Wednesday under an agreement not to interfere with the customary amenities on the opening day following the swearing in of new senators.

## Army Shows New Weapon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army has made public a picture of a new battlefield weapon that fires an atomic bomb small enough to be lifted by one man.

The bulbous bomb has four fins and is about the size of a wastepaper basket. In the picture it is perched at the end of a launching tube mounted on a jeep.

The Army said the weapon, called the Davy Crockett, also can be launched from a tripod that can be carried by two or three soldiers.

The weapon's power is secret, but it is understood to be something less than one kiloton—the equivalent of 1,000 tons of TNT.

The first atomic bombs had a power of 20 kilotons and hydrogen bombs can be the equivalent of more than 15 million tons of TNT.

The Army said "the warhead packs a tremendous force yet has a small enough effective radius that troops firing it, nearby troops and civilian population are not endangered by blasts. Radioactive fallout danger is minimized."

## Same Old Troubles Facing New Year

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

That little boy in diapers the cartoonists use for the new year has arrived again, bringing with him the usual package of fun and frenzy, wonder and woe.

As housewives swept up the last of the confetti today they faced a year in which many of the troubles would be just continuations of 1960's problems.

In the Asian kingdom of Laos, Communist-led rebels captured important ground in the heart of the country. The United States considered the situation so grave that it called for the earliest possible meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Council to consider the crisis.

In Algeria, bitter guerilla warfare dragged on between the Moslem nationalists and the French, and death did not take a new year's holiday.

In the Congo, chaos and civil war ruled. The first day of 1961 saw opposing factions of Congolese troops clashing in an inconclusive small-arms battle.

Those were only a few of the world's trouble spots.

Perhaps to arm themselves for the problems ahead, many millions of people in many parts of the world chose New Year's Day as a time for prayer and meditation.

President-elect John F. Kennedy attended mass Sunday in West Palm Beach, Fla., and joined in a prayer for divine guidance of the nation.

He and Soviet Premier Khrushchev exchanged messages expressing the hope that peace and goodwill might replace the long-standing tensions between the two countries.

Khrushchev's subjects, enduring another frigid Russian winter, got another message that must have warmed many a Muscovite heart in a quite different fashion.

French actress Brigitte Bardot

## Snow, Cold Hit North

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It was cold and snowy across the northern two-thirds of the nation today.

Stormy weather which hammered sections of the Northeast during the night, Day diminished during the night. Up to two feet of snow was reported in the Pulaski-Pineville and Fulton areas of New York, near Lake Ontario.

Upstate New York was hardest hit by the storm which sharply curtailed travel on highways and by air.

The snow storm moved out of New England during the night but fairly heavy snow was reported in Maine. Lighter amounts hit northern Vermont but skies appeared clearing in southern New England.

Light snow continued during the early morning over the northern Rockies, the northern Plains, Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes region and the Appalachians.

Severe cold weather stung the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota with below zero temperatures. It was 23 below in International Falls, Minn., on the Canadian border. It was 93 degrees warmer in Miami, a mild 70. Another cold spot was Fraser, Colo., with -20.

## Checker Champ Stumps Machine

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—The Dallas fire department's champion checker player battled an electronic brain to a draw this week-end but he won't fool the \$1,400,000 electronic data processing system again with the same play.

After losing the first game to the IBM 704, Capt. O. G. Sartain came back with a new approach that stumped the machine. When the machine had a king and four players left while Sartain had a king and five players the printer announced "704 concedes defeat."

"But it will never be beaten again that way," an IBM expert said. "Now the series is recorded on tape and the machine will counteract the play if anyone tries that method again."

## SP's Klamath Strikes Auto

OAKRIDGE (AP)—The north-bound Southern Pacific passenger train Klamath hit and smashed an automobile against a signal tower at an intersection here Saturday.

Then it dragged the automobile 464 feet. The driver, Godfrey Crane, 45, suffered rib fractures, bruises and head cuts, but attendants at a Eugene hospital said he was in fair condition.

## Keno Baby Takes Derby

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THE FIRST ARRIVAL of the new year was Michael Ray, shown here with his mother, Mrs. Raymond (Rosella) Hinshaw of Keno. Michael arrived at 12:14 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, and appears to be all set to make this a great year for himself and his parents.

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## Ike Waits For Additional Information On Extent Of Communist Intervention

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States moved cautiously today toward possible Allied military intervention against Communist forces in Laos. But top U.S. officials hoped the spreading civil war crisis could be checked by diplomatic action.

President Eisenhower kept in close touch with State and Defense Department chiefs throughout the New Year holiday. Officials of the incoming Kennedy administration were informed of developments.

Eisenhower delayed final decisions on intervention, pending more complete information on the reported invasion of Laos by Communist forces from North Vietnam. Officials here assumed their purpose was to reinforce native leftists and Communist forces striving to crush the pro-Western government at Vientiane.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter arranged to confer with his Kennedy administration successor, Dean Rusk, this morning. Preparations for possible U.S. military action appeared to be under way.

1. The aircraft carrier Lexington was reported sailing south from Hong Kong, where it visited last week, to the Southeast Asian crisis area.

2. Two troop transports, Paul Revere and Monticello, it was learned here, are also within easy sailing distance of Laos with a landing team of 1,000 Marines aboard.

3. Troop-carrying planes of the Tactical Air Command "are being repositioned for any eventuality," the Air Force said in Washington. This word came Sunday night after disclosure that Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina and Sewart AFB near Nashville, Tenn., had been ordered on alert.

Big C130 troop carriers operate from both bases to ferry troops from Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Ft. Campbell, Ky., anywhere they may be needed.

On the diplomatic side Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson was officially notified by the State Department of U.S. alarm at the reported movement of Communist forces into Laos from North Vietnam. He was expected to warn the Soviet government at the first opportunity of the seriousness with which the United States regards the situation.

In another diplomatic step the United States called for a meeting of the eight-nation Southeast Asia Treaty Organization Council to discuss the crisis. The council meets in Bangkok, Thailand, and instructions for the meeting went to Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, American envoy there.

The State Department also said Sunday: "We have further instructed our ambassadors to all SEATO capitals to inform the governments to which they are accredited of these new developments in Laos and to explain the United States' view that these developments warrant consultations by the SEATO Council."

"We have begun preliminary consultations with some of our allies here in Washington," Undersecretary of State Livingston T. Merchant conferred at the State Department with British

Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia and with Claude Lebel, the ranking French diplomat here.

In addition to the three big Western powers the members of SEATO are Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan.

Rusk, the secretary of state-designate, was kept informed of developments over the weekend and he is understood to have reported to President-elect John F. Kennedy.

Whether all the talks here and in other capitals were serving to bring the United States, Britain and France any closer together on the Laotian crisis was an open question. Both London and Paris have shown much less alarm than Washington about the situation; both are reported to favor a much softer policy in dealing with it.

A news dispatch from London Sunday night quoted the British Foreign Office as saying it had no firm evidence of an invasion of Laos by North Vietnamese Communist forces.

The present critical stage of the Laos civil war began to develop Friday when Vientiane, capital of the pro-Western regime of Premier Bouan Oum, reported that seven battalions of Communist troops had crossed the border from North Vietnam to reinforce the pro-Communist Pathet Lao group.

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## Reds Launch Big Attack; Threaten Laos Capital

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The pro-American government of Premier Prince Bouan Oum said Communist forces made advances over the weekend and seized Laos' strategic plain, creating a threat to the royal seat of Luang Prabang and this administrative capital.

In a three-pronged attack, the Reds captured the plain, its airfield and the northern provincial capital of Phong Saly, the Bouan government announced. Army defenders were driven back to Xiengkhouang, about 100 miles northeast of Vientiane and about the same distance southeast of Luang Prabang.

Many Vientiane residents who could afford to do so were leaving the city but there were no apparent signs of panic. Streets were almost deserted.

For the first time since Dec. 15 when leftist forces were driven from Vientiane, armored cars were seen rumbling through the streets.

In Bangkok, American sources said 60 American officials have been evacuated from Vientiane and that 200 others making up almost all the Americans in the Laotian capital have been ordered to leave. The evacuees were ferried across the Mekong River, which separates Laos and Thailand.

Information Minister Bouan Norasing said the rebel attack is being supported by Red China and North Vietnam. But he was un-

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## Shooting Times

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Two old friends from service days were playing golf at Monterey, Calif., last Memorial Day.

On the 15th hole, one of the golfers drove to the green with a No. 7 iron and the ball headed unerringly toward the pin.