

By FRANK JENKINS
Hasty sampling of the news of the morning of this third day of Anno Domini 1961:

Mother Earth is SLIMMING DOWN THE BULGE around her waistline. In the course of a million years or so, she is expected to reduce her middle age spread by maybe an inch or so.

Apparently patience and perseverance DO work wonders.

Also— She is slowing down a bit as she gets older. Which is to say, she is reducing the speed with which she turns on her axis.

What does that mean to us? Well, you know, the speed with which the earth turns on its axis regulates the LENGTH OF OUR DAY.

This slowing down on the old lady's part means that every new day you get up in the morning to face will be one one-thousandth of a second longer than the day before.

Rugged thought: One hundred million years from this particular morning after the night before the days will be 15 MINUTES LONGER!

Who says so? No less a person than Dr. Gordon J. F. MacDonald, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. So we might as well begin to get ready for it.

More to worry about: Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel prize-winning chemist, warns this morning that any day now a comet might strike the earth with the energy of 100 MILLION A-bombs.

He adds that if that should occur all life in a circular area some 5,000 miles across might be wiped out.

But, he says, we have a gambler's chance. The odds that this disaster might overtake us are one out of 50,000,000. At that point, he hedges. He MIGHT be wrong, he admits. The odds might be as small as one in FIVE million.

At any rate, it's a grim world we live in.

More modern world stuff: Down in Dallas, Texas, yesterday, it was a dull day in the fire department. So they fell back on a game of checkers to pass the time away.

The players were Chief O. G. Sartain, the department's checkers champion, and an IBM electronic brain.

Chief Sartain, the reporters tell us this morning, came up with a new approach that STUMPED THE MACHINE. He brought about a stalemate in which he had one king and FIVE players left, whereas the IBM had one king and FOUR players left.

The machine is reported to have rumbled in its innards for a few minutes, but in the end it had to concede defeat.

The machine was coached by an IBM expert. The outcome left him with a red face. All he could say was this: "The brain was boated, all right, but it will never be beaten that way again. Now the series is recorded on tape, and the machine will counteract the play if anyone ever tries that approach again."

Anyway, the electronic jigger tears by experience—which is something.

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75 To Testify On Plane Crash
NEW YORK (AP)—Seventy-five witnesses have been called to testify at a formal inquiry opening Wednesday into the nation's worst air disaster—the Dec. 16 collision and crash of two airliners here, killing 136 persons.

The hearing, being conducted by the Civil Aeronautics Board, was described today by the CAB public information officer, Edward J. Slattery Jr., as "one of the biggest ever held."

Among those scheduled to testify are 10 persons listed as witnesses to the accident.

Asked if any of these actually saw the United Air Lines DC8 jet and the Trans World Airlines Constellation collide over Staten Island, Slattery said only that "some of these witnesses saw pieces of plane falling."

Bells To Toll War Centennial
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil War Centennial Commission expects every church bell in America to ring at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning as a symbol that the centennial observance has officially begun.

The commission says this four-year commemoration will be the greatest ever staged in this country.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity — Generally fair with variable high clouds today and tonight. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday. Highs 36-42. Low tonight 15-20.

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Northern California—Fair with little temperature change through Wednesday except fog in central areas.



"LIGHTS ON FOR EDUCATION," an education informational program, will be presented to the public the evening of Jan. 5 in Mills Elementary School and Altamont Junior High School. In the photo, two of four Mills program speakers, Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, left, and Harold Ashley, center, are discussing plans with Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools, who is a member of the planning committee.

Public Invited To Education Programs Here

The public is invited to attend local "Lights on for Education" programs in Mills Elementary School and Altamont Junior High School the evening of Thursday, Jan. 5.

The city schools' program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Mills. Four speakers will discuss, each for 15 minutes, some issues that will come up for action before the state legislature this year.

Speakers will be Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, member of the Klamath Union High School Board of Education; Harold Ashley, clerk of city school districts; Arnold Grapp, school consultant, and Mrs. Beulah Elliott, member of the Oregon Education Association Ethics Committee.

Specifically, the speakers will discuss education and child welfare issues.

Similar meetings will be conducted in other schools outside the city and South Suburban area that evening. School administrations in rural areas are making individual arrangements.

The program is of statewide scope and is the first such program to be conducted in Oregon. It is sponsored by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon Education Association and the Oregon School Boards Association.

Presumably such programs will be conducted on the eve of Oregon's legislative session every two years.

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Fires 66
Miscellaneous 78
Total 482

The New Year's holiday traffic death toll stood at 338 today with straggling reports expected to boost the final figure even higher.

The actual count of deaths compared with a preholiday estimate by the National Safety Council that 340 lives might be lost in vehicle accidents during the long holiday weekend.

The count for the 78-hour holiday period ended at midnight Monday. At that time deaths in traffic accidents reported numbered 338. However, as in all major holiday traffic surveys, final figures are not reported for several hours after the midnight deadline.

The death rate eased during the closing hours of the long New Year weekend, apparently averting what safety experts feared would be a record for a three-day celebration of the holiday.

The record toll was 374 traffic fatalities a year ago.

This New Year's holiday also was marked by scores of other accidental deaths, including 66 in fires and 78 in miscellaneous mishaps for an over-all total of 482.

The totals compared to 63 fire deaths and 78 killed in miscellaneous accidents a year ago. The 1959-60 over-all total of 513 is a record for a 3-day New Year holiday.

Police Unsheath Sabers Against Belgium Rioters

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Mounted police, charging with drawn sabers, today drove back thousands of rock-throwing demonstrators attempting to march on parliament.

Two rioters, one seriously injured by a saber slash, were hospitalized in Brussels. Other casualties were reported elsewhere in Belgium.

An estimated 75,000 leftist-led strikers demonstrated against the government in Brussels and other Belgian cities in another day of violence at the start of the third week of a nationwide strike.

The demonstrations were started by the Socialists in an attempt for austerity and tighter economic controls to make up for the loss of revenue from the Congo. They now have grown into a power struggle attempting to overthrow the government of Roman Catholic Premier Gaston Eyskens, with the strikers using street violence and police and troops retaliating with force.

Violence in Antwerp
In the big port city of Antwerp, two policemen and 10 rioters were hurt when 10,000 strikers rampaged through the downtown area, attacking street cars and buses, molesting passersby and smashing store windows.

In Bruges a crowd of 600 strikers smashed windows of a building carrying a progovernment poster. One policeman was hurt in a scuffle. Later, 150 gendarmes on foot charged and drove the

rioters away from the local Catholic party headquarters.

Another 5,000 strikers demonstrating in Liege shouted for a "march on Brussels."

The Brussels clash was the most serious in a day of riots and demonstrations against the Eyskens government.

The demonstrations were ordered by leftist strike leaders to coincide with the return of parliament after a two-week Christmas recess to resume debate on the government's austerity package bill.

Attack on Government
When the Chamber of Deputies surrounded by hundreds of demonstrators, armored cars and barbed wire met, former Socialist Health Minister Edmond Leburton launched into a slashing personal attack against Eyskens.

Branding him "a man of catastrophe" and an "apprentice witch doctor," Leburton warned that even if parliament—in which Eyskens has a comfortable majority—approves the measure, it never will be applied.

"In 1961 you cannot govern against the will of the working class," he shouted amid Socialist cheers. "Withdraw your bill before it is too late and before you bring dramatic and immeasurable disaster on the country."

But Eyskens, in a short, mild reply, warned that any decrease in Belgium's economic strength must bring unemployment and lower wages for workers.

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Laos Situation Is Grave; Advisers Studying Report

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Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., had a resolution ready for a Democratic caucus before the noon opening session. The resolution provides for filling all vacancies on the policy and steering committees by direct vote of senators.

The House controversy involved the stranglehold the conservative Rules Committee has on what legislation can be considered by the House.

Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas Monday agreed that this roadblock to many liberal measures must be broken down—if necessary by purging Rep. William Colmer, D-Miss., from the committee.

Colmer, who did not support President-elect John F. Kennedy in the campaign, and Chairman Howard W. Smith, D-Va., often have voted with four conservative Republican committee members to block the kind of legislation Kennedy is pledged to support.

It was not at all certain the House Democratic caucus would knock Colmer off the committee, however, or that the entire House would sustain the action if it did.

Gore's resolution in the Senate caucus seemed likely to be caucused by Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., who is scheduled to be elected by the caucus as majority leader, succeeding Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. Johnson was expected to resign immediately after being sworn in for a new Senate term, in order to become vice president on Jan. 20.

The policy move crossed the lines of an effort by a group to revise the Senate's anti-filibuster rule. Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., was prepared to move at the opening session for the adoption of a new rule to ease the present requirement for approval by two-thirds of those voting before debate can be cut off.

Anderson's proposal would be to permit 60 per cent of the senators to gag a filibuster. Others planned to offer an amendment to let a simple majority accomplish this end.

Gore said he would not support a change in the filibuster rule. Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okla., backed Gore's policy move but said he also will oppose changing the debate limitation requirement.

Republicans, caucusing to re-elect Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois as minority leader and other party leaders, expected to take no party position on the anti-filibuster rule fight.

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Bulletin

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The State Department issued the accusation "in view of the seriousness of the current situation in Laos." It said it has "hard evidence" that Soviet and North Vietnamese transport planes have made at least 180 flights into Laos since Dec. 15.

The State Department said Soviet planes brought howitzers, ammunition, gasoline and combat rations, and other war material, into Vietnam before the Laotian capital was recaptured by government forces Dec. 14.

North Vietnamese soldiers were also parachuted or landed to help rebel Capt. Kong Le's forces outside Vientiane, the U.S. State said.

Joseph W. Reap, State Department press officer, said the U.S. evidence did not include a finding that Soviet personnel themselves were flying the invading aircraft.

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Oregon Opens New Year With 15 Violent Deaths

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The long New Year's weekend brought violent death to 15 persons in Oregon.

Ten died in highway accidents, four in a plane crash and one in a fall from a haymow.

The new year opened with six traffic deaths on Jan. 1 and another on Jan. 2. This was a sharply higher toll than the year before when only three were killed in the entire first week.

The old year closed with a December total of 40 highway deaths and 468 in the 12 months, compared to 497 the previous year.

Opening 1961 deaths: John H. Rathman, 60, Hillsboro in an intersection collision near Hillsboro Sunday.

Francis Walter Hinkley, 24, of Milwaukie, struck by a car as he helped another motorist remove tire chains on the Mt. Hood Highway near Government Camp Monday.

Shelby Anderson, Gary Person and Gary Dean Spangler, all of Roseburg, who crashed down a 60-foot embankment on the North Umpqua Highway Sunday.

Lance Dean Frasier, 9 months son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clyde Frasier, Portland, near Meacham in the Blue Mountains Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Thomas, near Vernonia Sunday.

Those killed in Saturday road accidents: Mrs. Leota Barbara Lewis at Portland.

Edmond Charles Yarbough, Cave Junction.

J. B. Payne, Yachats.

The four killed in the plane crash had taken off from Troutdale Saturday for an outing at Reno. They crashed near Estacada.

They were Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Enger, Troutdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wayne Boyd, Portland.

Killed in the fall from a haymow at Tigard was Lloyd Donald Gunderson.

Sen. Boivin Is Opposing Board Plan

SALEM (AP)—Sen. Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, said today he is opposed to the proposal of Gov. Mark O. Hatfield to abolish the Board of Control.

Boivin, who is expected to be elected president of the Senate, took the same position as that already taken by Secretary of State Howell Appling and State Treasurer Howard Belton in opposition to the Hatfield proposal.

Both Belton and Appling, who with Hatfield form the board, have opposed abolishing it. All three are Republicans.

"I have voted consistently against abolishing the Board of Control since I have been in the Senate," Boivin said. "And I haven't changed my mind."

He said that in his opinion the reasons for retaining the board outweigh those for abolishing it. He said it is an excellent method.

"If you want to change it," Boivin said, "show me a better system."

He said that he felt the three-man board is in a better position to supervise the state's institutions than one man would be. The governor's proposal would split up the institutions, putting them under various departments of state government.

Boivin already has moved into the office of the Senate president. He said he did not anticipate the need for any move, a clear indication of his confidence that he will be elected to the post.

Boivin is opposed by State Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, who has the support of the Democratic party machinery. Boivin is expected to be elected by a coalition of Republican and Democratic votes.

Boivin said he will announce the names of committee heads Monday. He said he is considering a plan to put all state government reorganization proposals into the hands of one committee, but said he would not comment further on this now.

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