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Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair tonight. Partly cloudy with a few snow flurries Friday. Highs 35-40. Low tonight 20-25.

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Northern California: Mostly fair today, tonight and Friday except cloudy with occasional rain likely extreme northern portions Friday.

By FRANK JENKINS

President Slams Foes Of Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy, hitting back at those who contend there is no recession, is pumping more federal money into the economy to combat "the very serious problem of unemployment."

The President sized up the problem in those terms at his news conference Wednesday night while thrusting at Republican criticism of his efforts to spur business and reduce joblessness. He also prodded the Democratic-controlled Congress—moving slowly so far—to act speedily on his legislative program designed, he said, to get the American economy "back on its feet."

Kennedy dealt at some length with this domestic situation, and also served notice on the Soviet Union to desist from any one-sided intervention in the internal affairs of the strife-torn Congo.

And the President, again with Soviet Union clearly in mind, asserted that any attempt to destroy the United Nations in the Congo crisis "is a blow aimed directly at the independence and security of every nation, large and small."

He pledged the United States "will continue to support the United Nations' presence in the Congo," and said a U. N. pull-out there—such as demanded by the Soviet Union—would add up to disaster.

Kennedy said further this country considers the government set up under Joseph Kasavubu as president "is the only legal authority entitled to speak for the Congo as a whole."

One thing is certain—the Congo is a mess.

There are many answers. Perhaps the answer closest to the truth is that in this strategic mid-African region many nations (if they can be called that) were turned loose from their former colonial masters with little (if any) preparation for independence, self-government and liberty to do as they please.

All the news that has come from the Congo seems to back up that conclusion. The native tribes that have been turned loose more or less on their own have had no training in the responsibilities of self-government.

That brings up an interesting point. Of the great colonial empires, only the British have done even a fair job of preparation for the people of their colonies for the difficult job of self-government.

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LAURANCE OWEN, left, and Bradley Lord were among the 18 members of the U.S. figure skating team killed in a jet airliner crash yesterday morning in Belgium. The crash claimed 73 lives.

Controls Failure Suspected

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — America and Belgium officials today began the tragic task of trying to identify 73 burned and shattered bodies, victims of Wednesday's plane disaster.

Among the rows of blanket-covered corpses were the 18 members of the U.S. team headed for the world figure skating championships and 32 other Americans.

All were killed as the Sabena Belgian Airlines Boeing 707 jet winging in from New York dived into the back yard of a small farm three miles from Brussels airport.

The bodies lay under blue blankets in an improvised Chapel of Rest in the main hall of the old Brussels airport building.

The task of identifying the bodies fell to the U.S. consulate in many cases, only a scrap of charred clothing or a twisted wedding ring could serve as clues.

Whether the bodies will be shipped back to the United States or not depends on the wishes of relatives. The consulate expects it will be several days before everything is settled.

The Boeing, the first of its type to crash in commercial passenger service, was shattered. A Belgian government commission started sifting the wreck to try to find the cause.

Accounts from airline men who had the plane in view until seconds before the crash led them to place first suspicion on a fault in the electrical and hydraulic mechanisms which work the plane's controls.

Fifteen minutes before the crash the first officer radioed "all okay." Then the plane spun out of control and shot upward before diving into the ground.

Youth Held For Killing Little Girl

REDDING, Calif. (UPI)—Shasta County Sheriff John Balma said today a 13-year-old boy has been held on a "fairly complete statement" in the sex-slaying of little Vicki Lee Morris.

The battered body of the eight-year-old girl was found near a logging road Friday. She disappeared Tuesday while on her way home from a school Valentine party.

The sheriff said that Wallace Mitchell Ford, a high school freshman and neighbor of the slain girl at the nearby community of Anderson, admitted he lured Vicki into the wooded area with the intention of raping her.

Balma said the boy admitted removing the child's underclothing but said he did not rape her because he became frightened.

The youth said he "thought" he was the one who crushed her head with a large rock, but that he couldn't remember.

Ford told police he saw Vicki walking home from school and called her into the densely wooded area to help him "carry something."

He said he helped her through a barbed wire fence so she wouldn't tear her party dress. The youth told the sheriff he later left the scene and joined some 160 men in the all-night search for the missing girl.

Ford was among a group of Vicki's friends and neighbors brought in for questioning about the murder. Authorities felt that she had been killed by someone she knew, because there was no sign of a struggle.

Balma said the killer used a 25-pound rock to bludgeon the victim's head. It was found near the body.

Fate Of Balloon Satellite In Question After Launch

Tractor Operator Is Electrocuted

A 42-year-old tractor operator was electrocuted Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Sprague River when a boom the vehicle was carrying came into contact with a high tension line of the California Oregon Power Company.

Dead is Wiley B. Combs, 42, of Arkansas. He was an employee of the Stanley Bledsoe Corporation of Tulsa, which is double ending pipe being laid by the Western Pipeline Company on the Canada to Antioch, Calif., natural gas project.

Officials of the company said Thursday that the victim was operating a tractor carrying a boom to raise railroad rails when the boom came into contact with the power. Combs was standing on the ground at the time with his hand on the rails. Death by electrocution was probably instantaneous.

This was the first accident on the company's local construction begun several weeks ago.

The body was brought to O'Hair's Memorial Chapel by Peace Ambulance and will be returned to his home at Fouke, Ark.

Survivors include the widow, Dora, son Donald, and daughter Bennie, all of Fouke; a brother, James Combs, Fouke, and two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Atkins, Medford, and Mrs. Bertha Fedt, Fouke.

Mrs. Combs had been with her husband on the local construction.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States put up a 12-foot balloon type space vehicle today but three and one-half hours later officials could not say whether it had gone into orbit around the earth.

By that time the sphere, hurled up from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's station at Wallops Island, Va., should have been far into its second trip around the planet.

NASA officials said they had confirmed that the fourth stage of the "poor man's rocket" which launched the plastic and aluminum balloon had gone into orbit.

The trial was a big league test for the scout rocket, a major reliance of this country in the space race with Russia.

Success would mean two U.S. firsts:

Achievement of orbit with a launching vehicle using the cheaper and easier-to-handle solid propellants that would eliminate many of the headaches of earlier launchings.

Successful placement of a satellite in orbit from a launching site other than Cape Canaveral, Fla., or the Pacific missile range on the Southern California coast.

NASA said confirmation of orbit for the rocket casing "was based on acquisition of the tracking beacon on the casing by the Johannesburg (South Africa) minitrack station on its second pass (around the earth)."

Hopes for full success had run high from the first minutes after the 72-foot four-stage rocket roared aloft at 8:05 a.m. EST.

The 72-foot-tall, 36,600 pound, four-stage Scout, bearing a 15-pound, 12-foot diameter inflatable sphere—folded like an accordion in its nose—roared aloft at 8:05 a.m. EST from the Wallops Island, Va., station of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NASA announced here.

NASA officials said the lift-off "looked good."

Automatic inflation, and injection into orbit of the space balloon—made of plastic and aluminum material only twice as thick as the wrapping on a cigarette package—was expected to take place within about 15 minutes after launch. But confirmation of an orbit could take considerably longer.

The mission of the Scout—unofficially nicknamed the "poor man's rocket" because it's relatively inexpensive compared with some other American boosters—was to loft the balloon into an egg-shaped orbit ranging from 400 to 1,400 miles above the earth.

It would stay aloft anywhere from a few weeks to a year—and be visible to the naked eye at times.

NEW YORK (AP)—Demonstrations against United Nations and Belgian policies in the Congo and in protest against the slaying of Patrice Lumumba erupted on the streets of New York City and Washington, D.C.

The demonstrations — Wednesday and Wednesday night — followed the riotous scenes in United Nations headquarters in which two score persons were injured.

Most of the street demonstrators were Negroes. Several arrests were made.

In Manhattan mounted police broke up a march toward Times Square early in the evening by Negro demonstrators chanting "Congo, yes! Yankee, no!"

Several in the crowd were knocked down before it was dispersed.

Later at a street meeting in Harlem a number of speakers called for unity among Negro nationalist groups. Among them were Benjamin Davis Jr., Negro national secretary of the Communist party and a former New York City councilman.

In Washington Wednesday, police hauled away 25 Negro demonstrators after they had yelled for half an hour and had thrown snowballs and eggs at the Belgian embassy. They were protesting the slaying of Lumumba, former Congo premier. Officials said Communists stirred up the disorder.

This picketing which started outside United Nations headquarters here after the wild demonstration in the Security Council chamber appeared to be dominated by members of the United African Nationalist Movement and their sympathizers. They turned away white persons who wanted to join the picketing. And when Davis tried to join, they also turned him away. Davis later joined a group of largely white pickets on a nearby street.

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Chamber Calls For Study Of Suburban Integration

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce issued a call for a serious, comprehensive study of mutual problems of the city of Klamath Falls and the surrounding suburban area in an attempt to determine whether or not it is in the best interests of all concerned to integrate the two areas.

President Robert Kent, speaking at the weekly board meeting at the Pelican Cafe Wednesday noon, issued a written statement on the chamber's position.

He pointed out first, however, that the chamber is a county-wide organization, and is devoted to the best interests of all the county, not just any one segment.

In the call for such a study, Kent emphasized, "The chamber is not pushing one way or another, but merely is desirous of securing what is best for the community." He indicated such a study would determine what would be the best future course for both areas.

His formal statement read as follows: "For many weeks the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has been considering mutual problems of the city of Klamath Falls and the surrounding suburban area. Foremost among these problems, the board feels, is a determination of governmental boundaries for the area which will serve the best interests of all concerned."

"While there are obvious advantages to a Klamath Falls population of 34,000 rather than 17,000, there are also many obstacles to attaining such a goal, among them, those posed by the multiplicity of taxing districts in the suburban area. The answers will come neither easily nor quickly, but the chamber feels there can be no further delay in attempting to solve a problem which the passage of time will only make more critical."

"At the thoughtful suggestion of numerous individuals and organizations that the chamber initiate a study of the matter, a citizens' committee, embracing the best minds and talents of both the city and suburban areas will be formed as soon as possible."

"It should be strongly emphasized that this committee will undertake its task with no preconceived ideas concerning its conclusions. It will be charged only with unearthing all the facts, compiling its data and, on the basis

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