

Weather

High yesterday	44
Low last night	31
High year ago	44
Low year ago	23
High past 14 years	44 (1942)
Low past 14 years	27 (1951)
High past 30 years	44
Low past 30 years	26
High since Jan. 1	44
Low since Jan. 1	26
Same period last year	44
Since Jan. 1	44
Sunrise Friday	7:25
Sunset Friday	4:49

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Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Mostly fair tonight and Friday with patchy fog late tonight or Friday morning. Colder tonight. Lows 15 in lower Klamath Basin to near 20 in Klamath Falls and Lakeview. High on Friday 42.

Soviet Peasants Seek US Asylum

For the moment, your hair stands on end. Is this IT? Then you note that it happened in SAIGON—where our military forces have relatively little business to be.

So— You relax.

That brings up the Congo. How much business do we have there?

Well— United Nations forces, supported by U.S. dollars and U.S. men and materials, are said this morning to be racing to protect three huge and critical hydro-electric power dams upon which the economy of not only the single province of Katanga but the whole Congo as well more or less depends.

If the dams are destroyed— BLOWN UP by whatever faction might take a notion to blow them up — the big mining operations upon which the economy of the entire Congo rests would have to shut down for lack of power. That would push the Congo still farther over toward utter anarchy.

It encourages us to hope that we may be doing SOME good in this mixed-up Congolese situation in Central Africa.

Oddy in this morning: In Salem this morning, the Oregon Legislative Interim Highway Committee says there is apparently no specific law against DRIVING THE WRONG WAY on a divided highway.

The committee recommends legislation to take care of the situation.

Hmmmmmmmm.

There may be no STATUTE law forbidding driving the wrong way on a divided highway, but it is forbidden by the law of common sense—and the penalty for violation of it is very likely to be death.

That is a capital penalty no governor can commute.

Incidentally— The committee says that police have faced the question of what offense to charge a person with who has been found driving along a freeway IN OPPOSITION TO THE TRAFFIC.

It's a problem, sure enough. How are you going to go about arresting somebody for violating a law that doesn't exist? But isn't there some kind of law on the books against insane persons running loose?

Only an insane person—or a person pie-eyed drunk—would deliberately drive the wrong way on a crowded modern freeway.

From Los Gatos this morning: Ed Braschini, 57, of Salinas, survived two days in the Santa Cruz mountains because of his knowledge of woodlore. He was hunting with an aunt and uncle, but became separated from them. Two days later, he found his way to a small country store by following a stream. He explained: "Once you find running water, never leave it. I found this stream and knew enough to stay with it."

Well— Admittedly— It's a good rule. But if it's the only rule you know you'd better stay out of the woods—especially at this season of the year.

MOSCOW (UPI)—A group of 32 peasant men, women and children who had traveled 2,000 miles from Siberia, pushed past Soviet guards into the U.S. Embassy today seeking asylum from religious persecution.

The embassy turned them over to Soviet officials who took the peasants away in a bus. Many of them were weeping and protesting that they would be shot for their religious beliefs.

Embassy policy in Moscow is to refuse refuge to Soviet citizens, presumably because of the political problems which would arise as well as the lack of facilities for housing them in the embassy building.

Although seeking refuge in the embassy, the group did not ask for political asylum, an embassy spokesman said. Embassy officials explained to the peasants that they could not leave Russia without permission from Soviet authorities and that an embassy could not make such arrangements. This argument finally persuaded them to start boarding the bus.

Members of the group referred



SOUTH INTERCHANGE WORK UNDERWAY — Construction work on the bridge that will span Lake Ewauna for the south interchange of the west side bypass is moving rapidly ahead. Besides the demolishing of a service station to make room for an off-ramp for southbound traffic, workers are busy getting ready to pour concrete pillars to support the bridge structure which will take off from about the top of the incline near Main Street. In this view, workers are preparing areas for pouring the supporting pillars. Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, has the contract. The State Highway Department listed the estimated cost of the project as \$861,000, and completion date as April 1, 1964.



Actor Hides Last Illness

ENCINO, Calif. (UPI) — Actor Jack Carson turned in one of his greatest performances during the last two months of his life by concealing a death-dealing cancer.

He died Wednesday at the age of 52 of a malignancy of the liver.

Carson succumbed only a few hours before cancer claimed another Hollywood personality, actor producer Dick Powell, and less than three weeks since the deaths of character actors Charles Laughton and Thomas Mitchell, both also of cancer.

Carson's death came as a shock to his friends, who had not been told of the actor's illness at his insistence. He had undergone surgery about six weeks ago for the malignancy and was confined to bed at home for the past two weeks. His wife, Sandra, and brother, Robert, were with him when death came.

Frank Stempel, Carson's agent for more than 25 years, said the actor's closest friends were told of his illness only recently.

"Jack evidently knew he had cancer, but he didn't tell anybody," he said. "I talked to Jack Tuesday night and this morning. He wasn't feeling well, but he was all right."

But a hint of Carson's failing health came last Aug. 26 at Newark, N.J., when he collapsed on stage during dress rehearsal for "Critics' Choice." Physicians said — at the time — he had a stomach disorder.

Zoning Opposition Voiced At County Court Hearing

The great majority of residents and landowners who attended the first county court hearing on the suburban zoning proposal showed very vigorous and sometimes uncontrolled opposition to zoning.

The meeting was conducted by the county planning commission under the direction of Bob Norris, chairman. Two members of the county court, commissioners Frank Ganong and Ken Allison, were present at the meeting.

The meeting was held for residents and property owners of the area west of Washburn Way and north of Airway Drive. The second hearing, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the county court, will be for residents and property owners in the area east of Washburn Way and north of South Sixth Street.

There were about 150 persons present at Wednesday's meeting. Of almost 30 persons who came forward to present testimony about 25 were against the proposal.

The testimony, however, was not new. The same reasons for opposing the plan were given time and again. Two of the main reasons for opposition were that the plan would be an infringement on the basic individual rights guaranteed by the constitution and that zoning would eventually be detrimental to livestock owners.

The planning commission has continually challenged the validity of these reasons. The restrictions on animals have been grossly exaggerated and misinterpreted and the "infringement on rights" is no greater than basic traffic regulations, fire and sanitary codes, the commission feels.

One of the dissenters, Marvin Furlow, Route 3, told the commission he has contacted 54 of his neighbors and all are opposed to the zoning plan. Furlow said zoning is part of a cancerous growth that continues to cut savers from everyone's constitutional rights. The court should throw out the whole proposal without wasting taxpayers' money on a vote, Furlow fell.

George Kunzman, 1275 Lakeshore Drive, said he was opposed to the plan for two reasons: Governmental planning is wrong in principle in the first place; planning is necessary, but it must be private planning, he said. Another reason given by Kunzman was that in his opinion planning hasn't even worked in the city. "There is too much chance for special privilege," he said.

Another recurrent theme of opposition was stated by Lowell Mason, Route 3, Wooms. "We moved out of the city to get freedom," Mason said. Mason's statement that the suburban people don't want zoning and don't need zoning apparently was accepted by most present at the meeting. The cry "just leave us alone" was rampant.

One of the few people that embraced the zoning proposal was Jay Thompson, 3224 Cortez Street. Thompson said the entire area is growing and plans must be made for future development to maintain and increase the resale value of homes and property. "Zoning has to come once we begin to think about the future," Thompson said.

Tshombe's Stronghold Falls To UN

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (UPI)—United Nations forces captured Katanga President Tshombe's stronghold town of Jadotville today.

A U.N. spokesman announced the fall of the vital mining center to a force made up of Indian armor and Ethiopian infantry.

Tshombe's whereabouts were unknown. He had pledged a bitter "scorched earth" fight to the end to keep Katanga from falling under U.N. control.

An estimated 3,000 native Katangese gendarmes and at least 100 white mercenaries had been reported dug in at Jadotville for a last-ditch struggle.

The U.N. assault force suffered casualties in the preliminary skirmishing as it pressed forward on Jadotville and Kolwezi despite Katangese efforts to delay it with blown bridges and rear-guard stands.

Jadotville is 85 miles northwest of the Katanga capital of Elisabethville on the main road to Kolwezi, which lies 90 miles farther northwest of Jadotville.

Both cities are key centers of mining operations for the vast Union Miniere, which exploits Katanga's rich copper and cobalt resources.

Kolwezi also is the site of the main Katanga air base, which U.N. forces said had been destroyed.

\$8 Billion Tax Cut Sought By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy will send Congress a tax package calling for across-the-board reductions of about \$8 billion with substantial offsetting tax reforms, it was learned today.

In a preview of what can be expected in Kennedy's long-awaited tax program, congressional sources said the first cut in income taxes would be scheduled for July 1. Additional reductions will be spaced over future months.

As for reforms, preliminary estimates are that Kennedy will seek about \$3.5 billion in new revenue through "tax loopholes" closing in the 27.5 per cent gas-oil depletion allowance, sources said.

One administration source said the tax cuts sought by Kennedy to stimulate the economy may be as high as \$10 billion overall.

Apply To All

In giving the broad outlines of the administration's tax program, informants said the reductions would apply to all individual taxpayers—from the low 20 per cent to the high 91 per cent brackets.

Kennedy also will ask that the 32 per cent corporate income tax be reduced.

Details of the program, such as effective dates and exact rate reductions in each bracket of personal income taxes, must await Kennedy's tax message to Congress later this month.

But informed sources said that one plan given serious consideration is to split the lowest bracket, making one rate for taxable income from zero to \$1,000 for single persons, and another rate from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The lowest tax now is 20 per cent on income from zero to \$2,000 for single persons. In the case of married persons filing a joint return, it is 20 per cent on the first \$4,000.

It is in the lower brackets where the bulk of the taxpayers are located, and even a small cut in the rate causes a huge loss in revenues to the Treasury.

For example, a reduction from 20 to 19 per cent would cost the Treasury \$1.3 billion a year.

The actual pocketbook impact on individual taxpayers, however, is relatively small.

Assuming an across-the-board tax cut of 10 per cent in all

U.S. Soldiers Die In Viet Nam War

TAN BIEP, South Viet Nam (UPI)—One of the most furious battles of the war against Communist guerrillas in South Viet Nam went into its second day today taking a terrible toll in human lives.

At least three American soldiers were dead and four wounded, bringing to 30 the number of Americans killed in action in Viet Nam.

South Vietnamese military casualties were expected to run as high as 100 killed and wounded.

Communist Viet Cong casualties were unknown but were believed to be even higher. There also was a possibility of high casualties among the 600 to 700 persons living in the small Mekong River delta hamlet where the main fighting raged.

The guerrillas, who usually avoid direct clashes and fade into the jungle when attacked, put up surprisingly stiff resistance although heavily outnumbered by government forces.

It was perhaps the first fixed position fight that the Communists had put up in the long, usually shadowy guerrilla war.

In addition to the human toll, they shot down five American manned helicopters and severely damaged at least six others with a withering fire by automatic weapons.

Two of the American dead were helicopter crewmen, both Army sergeants. The third was a captain who was leading an assault by the South Vietnamese army battalion he had been advising.

He was hit in the neck and chest and evacuated to Tan Hiep airfield, about 10 miles away, where he died while undergoing



Cancer Kills Dick Powell

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Dick Powell, who rose from baby-faced singing roles to become a movie-television giant, died of cancer Wednesday night with his wife, June Allyson, at his side.

The 58-year-old star had been in a coma for two days after a four-month battle against malignancies in his chest and lymph glands.

The end came at 9:30 p.m., only a few hours after his friend, Jack Carson, had died of cancer of the liver.

"Dick was very brave all the way through it," a family friend said.

Powell was stricken last September and was hospitalized for cobalt treatments which, doctors reported, greatly reduced tumorous swelling near his heart. The actor was released and returned to his desk at Four-Star Productions to continue his work as head of the studio.

Last month, however, he announced he was unable to continue as host of his own "Dick Powell Show."

At that time he complained of pains in his back and was readmitted to the hospital where it was discovered cancerous growth had spread through his body.

Meat Plant Blast Claims 15 Victims

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (UPI)—Rescue teams today recovered two more bodies from the rubble of a big meat packing plant destroyed by a violent explosion Wednesday.

The death toll rose to 15 as rescuers worked relentlessly in an attempt to reach one other worker missing and presumed dead.

An official of the Home Packing Co. said a payroll check showed that only one man remained unaccounted for.

At least 58 workers required hospital treatment, and hospital attendants said six were in critical condition today.

Mayor Ralph Tucker, who personally directed rescue operations, said there was no hope the missing men could have survived.

An official of the Home Packing Co. said "it will be days before we have a damage estimate or know the cause. All we know now is that the plant is a total loss."

Massive rescue operations were curtailed about midnight when police feared a heavy pile of debris might collapse.

Rescue teams, guided by flood lights, wore gas masks to combat deadly ammonia fumes as they probed the huge piles of rubble.

"We won't give up until everyone's accounted for," Police Chief Frank Riddle said.

The 12th body brought out of the wreckage was that of John Joseph Sc. 59, Terre Haute, who only minutes before the morning blast occurred had returned to work after a two-week vacation.



PROBE FOR VICTIMS — Rescue workers were forced to don gas masks due to ammonia fumes as they probed the wreckage of a Terre Haute, Ind., packing plant for victims of an explosion Wednesday. Fifteen were reported killed in the blast.

Bay City Explosion Injures 7 Firemen

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Two firemen were barely clinging to life today and five others were hospitalized following a gas explosion which leveled a two-story house and sent part of the structure crashing atop the firefighters.

The presence of escaping gas caused Disaster Corps officials to move residents out of a five-block area in the southern section of the city Wednesday night.

Battalion Chief Frank Lamey had a heart attack while helping to fight the fire and was dead on arrival at a hospital. The two critically injured firemen, Lt. Clarence McGrath and Anthony Marelich, received serious burns.

The explosion packed enough force to drive a broom handle through a wall. Fire Chief William Murray said the pilot light of the seven-room house ignited gas fumes, setting off the blast. Residents of the home had been removed earlier.

The firemen had been called out to control a gas main leak. They were standing in front of the house when the explosion occurred, blowing the four walls of the home apart and collapsing one end of the structure atop them.

Repair crews shut off the ruptured gas main Wednesday night.



Profit Made By Mistake

BLAST WRECKS HOME — Flames and smoke pour out of seven-room San Francisco home after a gas explosion ripped through the wood frame structure Wednesday. The blast demolished the home which had been evacuated earlier, but seven firemen working in and around the building were injured, two of them "very critically."

Medford Police Find Sisters

MEDFORD (UPI)—Two sisters who had been the object of a search by the Jackson County sheriff's office all day were found Wednesday evening near the Jackson County community of Ruch.

The girls were turned over to juvenile authorities as runaways. Their parents reported them missing from their home at Applegate about 8 a.m. Four regular deputies and four special deputies conducted an all-day search.

The sisters, aged 14 and 7, walked into a grocery store at Ruch in the afternoon. The storekeeper recognized them but they fled when he asked their identity. He called sheriff's officers and the girls were taken into custody at 3:07 p.m.

The General Accounting Office report said two exchanges, one in January and one in May, 1960, netted an ultimate total profit of \$207,000 to the private interests. The report blamed faulty Forest Service appraisals.

The Forest Service here said the January transaction was with Edward G. and Raymond H. Taylor of Talent. According to the report, they received 140 acres appraised at \$65,105 in exchange for 1,172 acres appraised at \$76,060. The 140 acres later were sold for \$225,000.

The agency said the May transaction was with B. and W. Mining Co., Medford.