

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

One of today's most interesting stories concerns the little band of CHRISTIAN peasants from Siberia who somehow got clear to Moscow in an effort to get out of Communist Russia to some place where they could find religious freedom.

In Moscow, they pushed their way into the U.S. embassy, apparently seeking sanctuary. The United States doesn't recognize the granting of asylum by embassies or consular offices.

The instructions to our people in these offices are to permit exceptions "on humanitarian grounds" in cases of "uninvited fugitives whose lives are in imminent danger from mob violence but ONLY during the period the active danger continues."

Our embassy people had to call up the Soviet Foreign Office and describe what had happened. After a four-hour delay, the Russians sent over a bus. The little band of seekers for religious freedom was pushed aboard the bus and driven off under guard of plainclothes Russian policemen.

As they left the American embassy, they were weeping and protesting. One of them shouted: "We don't want to go anywhere here in Moscow. They will shoot us." Another cried out: "Let us be sent to any country. There is no place for us here. We appeal to all brothers and sisters who believe in Christianity."

The shabbily dressed Siberians told embassy officials they had hoped that the Americans would help them to get out of the Soviet Union. They described themselves as Evangelical Christians. They said they do not believe in submitting to any state religious authority.

What shall we say about it all? Well, there isn't much that we can say. If we are to have an embassy in Russia, we must submit to Russian regulations—just as the Russians must submit—at least openly—to American regulations if they are to have an embassy in Washington. All of that was involved when—many years ago—we extended diplomatic recognition to Russia.

But it's hard for us to forget that a very large share of the immigrants who came to this new land centuries ago came seeking freedom from religious oppression. That immigration, and the reason for it, is a very important chapter in our history.

'Spy' Pilot Heads Home

ROME (UPI)—A Bulgarian pilot, cleared of spy charges that could have landed him in prison for 24 years, arrived in Rome today and said he would return to his homeland as soon as possible. The pilot, 2nd Lt. Milica Solakov, 23, came from Bari, in southern Italy, where he had spent a year in jail. He was freed Thursday by an examining magistrate who ruled there was no ground for a trial.

Weather

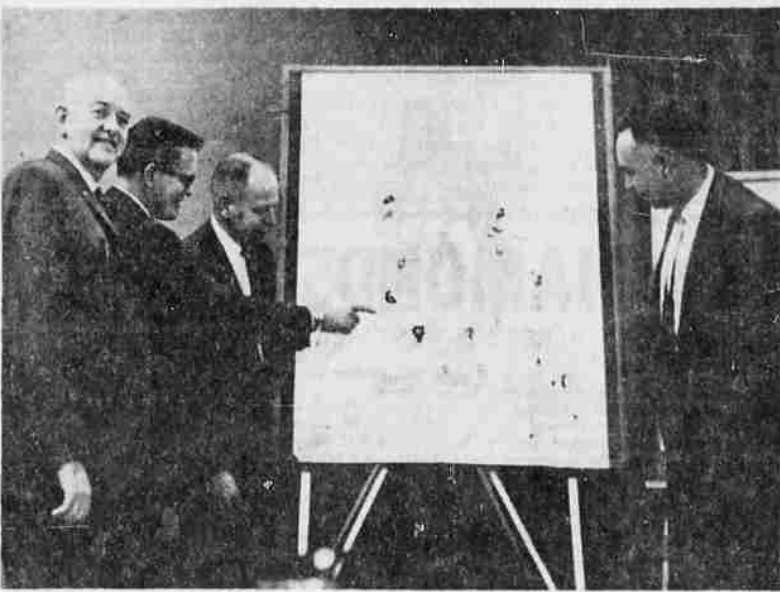
Table with weather data: High yesterday 43, Low yesterday 25, High year ago 55, Low year ago 35, High past 14 years 41 (1954), Low past 14 years 20 (1952), Precip. past 24 hours 0.01, Since Jan. 1 0.01, Same period last year 0.00, Sunrise Saturday 7:35, Sunset Saturday 4:49

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DISCUSS CUTTING PLANS — Plans for timber sales over the next 18 months were discussed with lumbermen at a meeting Thursday night at the Winema Hotel. The session, fourth in an annual series, was sponsored by the Western Forest Industries Association. Here, one of the timber sales proposed for the Winema is discussed by, left to right, Alex Smith, Winema supervisor; Wayne Gaskins, executive secretary of the WFA; Carl Simpson, supervisor of the Fremont Forest, and Don Scofield, BLM office in Medford. Pins on the map indicate proposed sales.

Timber Sale Plans Outlined To Klamath Basin Operators

Lumber operators from the Klamath Basin area heard details on proposed timber sales during the next 18 months by representatives from five national forests and the Bureau of Land Management Thursday night at the Winema Hotel.

Gaskins, executive secretary, handling the program. Representatives from the Winema, Fremont, Modoc, Umpqua and the Rogue National forests, and from the BLM office in Medford outlined their sales plans to the meeting of about 45 persons.

Blanchard Leaves County Buying Job

Elmer "Bud" Blanchard has been terminated as county purchasing agent by mutual consent of himself and the county court, statements from Blanchard and County Commissioner Ken Allison indicated Thursday.

Blanchard's services as purchasing agent terminated effective 5 p.m. Wednesday; although unexpected, the disassociation had been considered by both parties for some time, Blanchard said.

Howe Outlines Problems Facing Legislature

By FLOYD L. WYNNE The plight of higher education was singled out as the most pressing problem to face the upcoming Legislature by Representative Carroll Howe as he spoke to the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club Thursday at the Winema Hotel.

Howe said he felt the Senate would be more conservative than the House during the coming session, but expressed confidence in the ability of both Sen. Ben Musa, proposed Senate president, and Rep. Clarence Barton, speaker of the House.

250 million board feet of timber per year. "This is a conservative figure," he said, adding, "operators actually are eyeing a two-year mill cut as the best answer."

Land Trade Said Sour

MEDFORD (UPI)—Two private parties involved in land exchanges with the government said Thursday the government got the best of both deals.

31 Victims Die In Crash

CALCUTTA, India (UPI) — A speeding mail train ploughed head-on into a standing passenger train early today about 200 miles north of here, killing at least 31 and injuring 50.

UN Probes 'Defiance' In Katanga

Military Pay Hike Faces Revise Try

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A dissent by AFL-CIO President George Meany today foreshadowed a probable attempt in Congress to revise Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's proposal for a \$1.7 billion military pay increase.

A recruit who starts at \$78 a month and gets \$83.20 after four months could get an increase of \$8 to \$10 under the proposed scales. A four-star general drawing \$1,875 a month could get a boost of \$105.

Bank Bluffs Holdup Man

PORTLAND (UPI)—Courageous bank officials, a flustered Indy teller and a fire department frustrated the efforts of a would-be robber bluffing with a bottle of shampoo he said was explosive in an attempted bank hold-up here Thursday.

School District Plan Proposed At Meeting

The county school unit Thursday night came up with its first unified view concerning a solution to the common school problems in the three Klamath County school districts.

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LAST DITCH STAND — Katanga President Tshombe prepared a last ditch stand at Kolwezi (2) against on-rushing UN forces after the capture of Jadotville (1) in apparent defiance of U Thant's orders to hold ground. — UPI Telephoto



BUNCHE HEADS FOR CONGO — U Thant, secretary general of the United Nations, talks with Ralph Bunche before Bunche left today for the Congo to investigate apparent defiance of UN orders by the local command. The local command captured Jadotville despite UN orders to the contrary. — UPI Telephoto

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