

# 23 Aged Persons Perish In Flames

## Herald and News

**Weather**  
Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Cloudy tonight with rain changing to snow Tuesday. Lows tonight 25-27; highs Tuesday 40-43. Windy at times.  
High yesterday 40  
Low this morning 27  
High year ago 46  
Low year ago 29  
Precip. past 24 hours 0.34  
Since Jan. 1 9.54  
Same period last year 13.32

**Weather**  
LONG RANGE OUTLOOK  
Above normal precipitation this week with a cooling trend after mid-week. Rain or snow indicated Tuesday and again Thursday.

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**In The Day's News**

### Barghoorn Released From Lubyanka Cell

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UPI)**—Yale political science Professor Frederick C. Barghoorn, 52, spent 16 days in a small lighted cell in Lubyanka Prison at Moscow, it was learned today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barghoorn, 80, mother of the mild-mannered professor, said, "the food was very poor, and he lost 10 pounds."

The professor's mother, who lives in an apartment adjacent to her son's said two Russian policemen arrested him "and he was handcuffed." She said they took her son to a "little cell" where a light burned 24 hours a day.

"The Russian guard looked in on him all the time," she said.

Mrs. Barghoorn said that when her son was freed, "they took him right to the plane. They didn't allow him to get in touch with the people at the (U. S.) Embassy. He had cocktails there the night before he was supposed to leave (prior to his arrest)."

She said her son "came home dead tired," and went to bed early Sunday night. He "was in a state of complete exhaustion," she said, but noted that he was up bright and early today.

"He was waiting for a call from Washington," she said. Mrs. Barghoorn indicated her son probably would go to Washington to report on his imprisonment.

Barghoorn had been silent on details of his arrest Oct. 31 in Moscow while on sabbatical leave to research a book and "investigate methods of political instruction and indoctrination."

The Soviets have also declined to elaborate on his arrest but insisted they had evi-

dence indicating the sandy-haired bachelor was on a mission for American intelligence.

Barghoorn was released Saturday from Russian custody "in view of the personal concern expressed by President Kennedy." He indicated he would not be admitted again, having been expelled under guard.

At a news conference in the university's new Art and Architecture Building, Barghoorn appeared decisive and deliberate Sunday as he spurned questions relating to the "strange and bizarre aspects" of his arrest.

He said, however, "I wrote a number of letters to university officials and to the Soviet government, saying quite openly and frankly, what I wanted to do."



**23 DIE IN BLAZE**—Firemen wage a heroic battle from the street and rooftops to fight a roaring general alarm blaze which claimed the lives of at least 23 elderly persons in Atlantic City, N.J. —UPI Telephoto

### Hotel-Convalescent Building Becomes Giant Funeral Pyre

**ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (UPI)**—A pre-dawn fire turned a hotel-convalescent home into a funeral pyre for at least 23 elderly persons today and spread to eight other Boardwalk hotels.

Fire Marshal Michael Bloomberg said indications were that only seven of the 30 guests registered at the 120-unit Surfside Hotel had escaped.

By noon EST, firemen had removed three charred bodies from the smoldering rubble.

The blaze also destroyed the six-story Stratmore, the Leonard, and the Imperial hotels and the Breyer guest home. It also damaged the Nixon Hotel, the Hollywood, Palm Hall and Virginia. With the exception of the Surfside, the hotels had no guests and contained only token maintenance crews.

At least 12 persons were injured, including a woman guest who was reported in critical condition. One policeman and two firemen also were among the injured taken to Atlantic City hospital.

lives nearby. "I panicked and didn't know what to do."

Levine said police did a "heroic job."

Only one of the Surfside survivors was admitted to Atlantic City Hospital. She was Anna Shalitz, 63, of Mill St., Morristown, N.J., listed in critical condition with severe body burns.

The blaze sent flames roaring 200 feet into the air. Officials declined to make damage estimate, but observers said it would be well over \$1 million.

**Wall of Flame**

The fire was discovered by Capt. James Dooney and Patrolman Ace Godowski, answering a routine police call to the area. Dooney said he opened the lobby door of the Surfside and was met by smoke and a wall of flame.

"We heard hollering inside and knew there were people in there, but we didn't know how many," Dooney said.

"Nothing appeared amiss until we opened that door."

Dooney pulled one person from the lobby as Godowski ran to the rear of the building and helped four persons make their escape.

The flames jumped to the Stratmore Hotel, between the Surfside and the Beachfront, and leveled the building. The fire then damaged the four-story brick Nixon Hotel, next in line to the Boardwalk.

The three-story Leonard Hotel at the rear of the Surfside, and the Breyer guest house, next in line, were leveled. The four-story double-frame Imperial Hotel, where two sections are connected by a wooden ramp, was gutted quickly.

At the Imperial, Karl Heiden, owner, and seven employees were asleep when the fire struck, but all escaped.

The Surfside, which had a large Jewish clientele, was four blocks from the swank Chalfonte-Haddon Hall. Flames from the spectacular fire roared so high that they were reflected from the top-floor windows of the 17-story Claridge Hotel, nine blocks away.

Milton Rauer, 48, owner of the Surfside, was sleeping in the back with his family when the fire struck.

"I don't know how it started," he said. "It was a quick, sudden thing—a blast of fire. The night man smelled smoke,

awakened me, and called firemen and police. By then, everything was a mass of flames. We jumped to safety from a back window on the first floor."

Rauer and his three sons, Larry, 17, Stephen, 16, and William, 14, were treated for minor burns. His wife, Dorothy and mother, Betty, were not injured.

The blaze was fought by firemen from Absecon, Pleasantville, Northfield, Linwood, Somers Point, Margate, Longport and Ocean City in addition to the Atlantic City department. Firemen from Ocean City and Margate also took up positions at Atlantic City firehouses on emergency standby as protection against any other fires in the resort community.

It sounds grim, doesn't it? But wait a minute.

Before jumping to the conclusion that Oregon drivers are getting constantly more reckless, there is another factor that must be taken into consideration. This factor is the number of motor vehicles on Oregon's highways.

It stands to reason that the more motor vehicles there are on our highways the greater the driving hazards will be.

In 1959, there were 908,607 motor vehicles registered in Oregon. In that year, there were 492 traffic fatalities. That figures out at one traffic fatality for each 185 motor vehicles.

We do not yet know how many motor vehicles are registered in Oregon in 1963—for the year isn't yet finished and the figure has not yet been computed. But in the past registered motor vehicles have been increasing at a rate of about ten per cent per biennium. If that rate holds there should be about 1,096,000 registered motor vehicles in our state.

That figures out at one traffic fatality for each 199 motor vehicles. In other words, the HAZARD in this year is slightly less than that in 1959.

### Thornton Voids Hatfield Cuts; Hopes Dashed For Session End

**SALEM (UPI)**—Hopes for Tuesday adjournment of the legislature were dashed today by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton who said the governor "has no power to make selective reductions in expenditures."

Thornton's decision means the legislature will have to set rigid guidelines to authorize cuts, and set down a list of priorities for possible budget restorations.

While the ruling is a victory for legislators who have wanted guidelines established, it is another major setback for Gov. Mark Hatfield who had asked virtually unlimited control to make reductions and restorations based on changes in the state's fiscal position.

Rep. Kessler Cannon, R-Bend, had asked Thornton if the governor had the authority to eliminate the community college building program, and other capital construction projects.

Thornton said the governor did not have that authority.

**Uniform Percentage**

Then the attorney general went on to say the governor "has no power to make selective reductions in expenditures...allocations to all affected state agencies must be reduced by a uniform percentage."

"There is no indication that the allotment of one agency is entitled to a higher priority or greater dignity than that of another," Thornton said.

After voters rejected the tax increase Oct. 15, Hatfield eliminated capital construction programs, trimmed general fund agencies, and called the legislature into special session to give him authority to cut basic one-shot speedup of withholding tax collections.

Thornton said the legislature would have to enact specific guidelines to make selective cuts legal.

House Speaker Clarence Barton said, "The problem can easily be taken care of by setting down guidelines."

Thornton said, "The legislature will have to set guidelines, but it may not be easy to do."

Thornton said some legislators have questioned the constitutionality of the allotment control law, but added "I did not go into that."

Barton said the legislature could pass a bill dealing with the state's present emergency, and set maximum reductions for each state agency, and list a priority program for restoration if money becomes available.

"I don't question the law," Barton said, "but it seems to me hospitals and welfare services are a lot more important than the Rogue River Coordinating Board or Civil Defense."

Rep. John Mosser, R-Beaverton, has been fighting for legislative guidelines on the governor's authority since the special session was called. Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston, has urged the legislature to draft a complete new budget to meet the fiscal crisis.

The Boardman issue remained a question mark.

Further committee hearings were planned today on an emergency bill asked by Hatfield to remove legal entanglements which threaten the space age industrial park in northeast Oregon.

Legislators did not appear enthusiastic about having once again to pull the Boardman

chestnuts out of the fire.

The Boeing Co., which has leased the land for an industrial park, said it would not honor the lease if the legal cloud was not removed.

Barton said, "There'll be quite a bit of storm and fury raised over this thing. There will be lots of 'I told you so' from opponents. But we've got to go ahead."

So far, the special session has been a bad one for Hatfield.

Two of his vetoes have been overridden by the legislature. The Boardman project, a Hatfield pet, has blown up again. And now the governor's authority to make selective allotment cuts has been challenged.

Many lawmakers were openly concerned that the governor's legal advisers did not catch the Boardman problem, or the allotment control question, before the legislature was called into special session.

### Eruptions Hit Alaska

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)**—At least two volcanoes erupted Sunday and the shock wave from one reportedly almost blew a light plane, flying about 50 miles away, out of the air.

Eruptions were reported on uninhabited Augustine Island, about 180 miles southwest of here, and in the Valley of 10,000 Smokes, about 275 miles southwest of here on the Alaska Peninsula.

Bill Harvey, owner of Harvey's flying service on Kodiak Island, said he received a radio report from a light plane pilot flying about 50 miles from the valley of 10,000 smokes.

"The concussion flipped us over on our side and almost blew us out of the air," Harvey quoted the pilot as saying.

### Russia Releases Yale Professor; Way Opened For Talk Resumption

**MOSCOW (UPI)**—The release of Yale Prof. Frederick C. Barghoorn today opened the way for suspended U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange talks to get started, but his case was expected to dampen the spirit of the negotiations.

Barghoorn, 52-year-old Soviet affairs expert arrested on espionage charges Oct. 31, was released and expelled Saturday. The Soviets have refused to drop the charges and were expected to make details public at any time.

The State Department suspended the talks because of Barghoorn's arrest and President Kennedy said last week it would be "hopeless" to conduct them as long as the professor remained in jail.

But even with Barghoorn freed, the effects of the arrest lingered. Novelist John Steinbeck said at the conclusion of a one-month visit here under

the old cultural exchange agreement that he would not feel safe coming back, and it was felt that many other U.S. artists and intellectuals also would be unwilling to risk arrest by taking part in the program.

The talks were scheduled to have begun Tuesday, but the U.S. delegation remained in Washington because of the Barghoorn case. An embassy spokesman said Sunday the delegation now is expected late this week or early next week.

Barghoorn, one of the leaders of the cultural exchange program, was arrested while gathering data for a book on Soviet political institutions. The U.S. Embassy was not told of his arrest for 12 days.

It was a further four days before Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko announced the professor's release because of Kennedy's "personal concern."

There was speculation here that Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev personally ordered that Barghoorn be freed. Khrushchev has not been seen in Moscow since the Bolshevik revolution anniversary celebrations Nov. 7, but it was felt he had a direct hand in the Barghoorn case after the stress Kennedy put on it last week.

Western diplomats said Khrushchev may be working on party reports or may be vacationing in his Black Sea villa. Khrushchev will deliver a report dealing with the farm crisis and increased fertilizer production at a Central Committee plenary meeting Dec. 9.

### Shooting Hours

OREGON	
November 19	
Open 6:30 a.m.	Close 4:45 p.m.
CALIFORNIA	
November 19	
Open 6:27 a.m.	Close 4:45 p.m.

### Policeman, 'Coon Tie'

A city policeman tangled with a raccoon early this morning on the Westside Bypass of Highway 97—and the match was declared a draw.

Patrolman Larry Alexander was on routine patrol at 3 a.m. when he spotted the large 'coon sitting on the ramp leading to the freeway.

Seeking to remove it before it got hurt or caused an accident, Alexander stopped and tried to catch the animal.

The policeman chased it around the ramp and finally caught it by stunning it with a blow. But all the light wasn't taken out of the animal and it took a lot of wrestling to put it into the police car.

First, Alexander took the animal to the city zoo, but the zookeeper said, he had too many raccoons already, so Alexander wound up releasing the raccoon near Veterans' Park, and it promptly disappeared into the Link River. During its brief captivity, the animal chewed off an eight-inch piece of broom handle which Alexander used to keep him at bay.

### Safety Award

**SAFETY AWARD**—Jack D. Sturgeon (right), Klamath Falls representative for the Oregon State Motor Association, presents a plaque to City Manager Robert Kyle (center) and police Lt. Bud Adkins commemorating the city's record of no pedestrian fatalities during 1962. The award was the 13th to be won by Klamath Falls since 1941. Other Oregon cities receiving similar plaques were Astoria, Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Forest Grove, Lake Oswego, Lebanon, Medford, Milwaukie, Ontario, Salem, The Dalles and Portland.

LETS put it this way: RECKLESS DRIVING is responsible for TWO-THIRDS of all the traffic deaths in Oregon this year.

That's a rugged record.

### Home Faces Test Ballot

**LONDON (UPI)**—Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, challenged by the opposition Labor party to call immediate general elections, today faced the first confidence test for his new government in the House of Commons.

Douglas-Home was expected to win the vote easily because of the 100-vote margin his Conservatives hold in the House. The motion attacks the government for failing to deal adequately with housing and slums in its legislative program. Another motion Tuesday charges the government has made no effective proposals for manpower utilization.

### Iraq Chief Leader Of Dawn Coup

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)**—Iraq's figurehead president, Abdul Salam Aref, today led his country's army and air force in a dawn coup that Baghdad Radio said toppled the Baathist party regime.

Fighting between the regular army and the Baathist national guard accompanied the takeover but at 4 p.m. Baghdad Radio announced the army had established "control."

Aref, who although president had been virtually powerless under the old regime, announced over Baghdad Radio his forces had taken control of the capital and had named him junta chairman with "exceptional powers."

**Students Celebrate**

Students Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic immediately offered support for Aref, in turn, called for Arab unity among Iraq, Syria and the U.A.R. The ousted Baathist regime that was headed by Premier Ahmed Hassan Bakr had been at odds with Nasser.

### Leader In Exile

Saudi is in exile in Madrid where he has been since an attempted coup by a right-wing faction of the Baath party was crushed.

Observers here said today's revolt apparently was staged to fend off the possibility that Saadi, leader of the Baath extremist wing, might return from exile and try to seize the government.

### Reports Of Fighting

In its 4 p.m. announcement, Baghdad Radio said that "only stray bullets can now be heard. A large number of national guardsmen have now surrendered. They were well treated."

Aref proclaimed himself chief of state and clamped an around the clock curfew on the country until further notice.

In his initial announcement, Aref ordered the national guard—a para-military organization formed by Baathist strongman Deputy Premier Ali Saleh Al Saadi—dissolved and instructed its members to turn in their arms.

The reports of the fighting indicated that some of the young national guardsmen loyal to Saadi resisted the takeover.

Observers in Beirut pointed out, however, that the national guard, which was relatively poorly armed and organized, could be no match for the highly efficient army whose tanks were known to have been ringing the city up to Sunday night.

At stake appeared to be the future of the international Baath party whose leaders have called it "the wave of the future" in the Arab world. The Baath party was formed in 1940 by two Syrian politicians—Michel Aflak and Salah Bitar. In Arabic, baath means "renaissance" or "resurrection," and the party's announced goals are socialism and Arab unity.

In neighboring Syria, also under Baath party control, the Baghdad coup was denounced as the work of "suspicious elements" backed by "oil monopolies, reactionaries, opportunists and deviationists."

