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**Weather**

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Variable cloudiness through Thursday with little change in temperatures. Lows tonight 15-20. Highs Thursday 33-38. Northerly winds 5-15 mph.

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| High yesterday | 35 |
| Low this morning | 20 |
| High year ago | 39 |
| Low year ago | 16 |
| Precip. past 24 hours | .09 |
| Since Jan. 1 | 1.49 |
| Same period last year | 2.74 |

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news today?

There's nothing very startling—at least in comparison with the news of the past few days.

In Moscow, a mob of 1,000 screaming, sign-waving students marches on the U.S. embassy, smashes windows and splatters walls with ink to protest American air strikes in North Viet Nam.

Led by 250 North Vietnamese, they string anti-American signs on the iron fence outside the building and tangle with police—who PREVENTED them from mounting a second assault.

U.S. Ambassador Foy Kohler protests to the Soviet Foreign Minister. He demanded and promptly RECEIVED assurances that the Russians will repair the smashed windows and clean up the ink-stained U.S. embassy walls.

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Presumably Russia's new rulers, who aren't really warm in their chairs yet, haven't made up their minds which side they should throw in with in the Viet Nam ruckus—the Chinese communists, whom they profess to despise, or the U.S.A.

If we wait, we'll find out.

It will be a momentous decision.

As you've probably noted in the news, this is the Year of the Serpent in China, which follows the Lunar calendar.

Next year, 1966 on the Western Calendar, will be 4664 on the Lunar calendar—and the Horse will be honored then.

After that, in succeeding years, come the Ram, the Monkey, the Rooster, the Dog, the Boar, the Rat, the Ox, the Tiger, the Hare and the Dragon.

After the Dragon, which was honored last year, the calendar will go back to the Serpent again in the 12-year cycle.

When there isn't much else to talk about, we talk about the weather.

So here goes:

Rome is digging out today from under its worst blizzard since 1796. The dispatches this morning tell us it snowed all day yesterday and left the Eternal City under a ten-inch blanket of snow.

The city — naturally enough, considering its location—has no snow plows or other snow-handling equipment. So Rome is a mess.

As those who have been there will cheerfully agree, Rome's taxi drivers are the wildest and wooliest in the world. So it's interesting to speculate on what is going on in the streets there today.

When a dog bites a man, we concede that it isn't news—because dogs very frequently bite men. But when a man bites a dog, it IS news, because that doesn't happen very often.

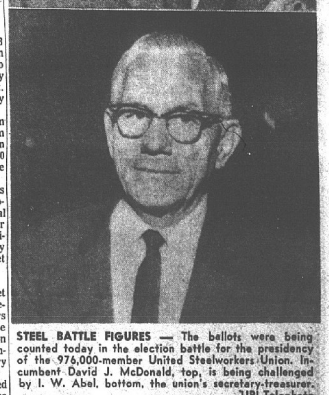
That makes the big storm in Rome all the more newsworthy. Rome is located at about the 40th parallel of latitude—which is about the same latitude as Eureka, our California neighbor over on the coast.

Rome is near the Mediterranean's warm waters.

It appears to be a screwball winter everywhere.

Maybe the weather is trying to compete with the general screwballiness of mankind at this moment in history.

# Viet Reds Blast U.S. Army Billet



## Conferees Block VA Closures

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House-Senate conferees today imposed a flat stop order until May 1 on proposed closing of veterans hospitals and a string of farm research stations around the nation.

President Johnson Tuesday blocked a compromise to delay any moves on the shutdowns until July 1. The conferees had agreed on this on the basis of assurances from administration officials. But the agreement was torpedoed by Johnson when he heard about it, it was reported.

Chairman George H. Mahon, D-Tex., of the House Appropriations Committee and Sen. Spessard L. Holland, D-Fla., chief Senate conferee, said today Johnson had assured them that the May 1 date was "acceptable" although he preferred no delay at all.

The conferees subsequently spelled out the delay to make sure congressional committees have time to make a thorough study of the proposed closings.

This will come as they consider regular appropriations bill for the Agriculture Department and the Veterans Administration for the coming fiscal year.

The delay until May 1 in starting the shutdown procedure also lets other legislative committees have more time to study the proposed economy closings. Involved are 14 VA hospitals and old soldiers' homes, 17 other VA installations and 20 agricultural research stations.

One of the VA facilities is at White City, Ore.

**DEPENDENTS ARRIVE** — Well-outnumbered by newsmen, this group of 22 women and children, first of 1,800 dependents ordered evacuated from South Viet Nam by President Johnson are shown upon their arrival at San Francisco. Leading the parade was the Davis family, right, of Florida. — UPI Telephoto

## Three Hurt In Accident

Three persons were injured, two seriously in a two-car collision at Kit Carson Way and Campus Drive shortly before noon today.

The injured have been tentatively identified as Ray Bolton, his wife, Katherine, an elderly couple from Auburn, Wash., and Yahya Oma Alnawam, an Arabian student, believed to be at Oregon Technical Institute. Mrs. Bolton and the student seem to have been the most seriously injured. All three were taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance.

City Police Officer Jerry Flocchini, reported he was directly in front of the northbound Bolton car when it struck Alnawam's small foreign car which was pulling across Kit Carson Way on Campus Drive from the college.

## Storm Hits 40 States

By United Press International

A vast storm affecting 40 states from Nevada to the Atlantic Coast today churned up a combination of fog, freezing rain, heavy snow, and severe thunderstorms.

The snow paralyzed highway travel through the central and southern Rockies and across the Midwest from northern Kansas to Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.

A search party tracked through deep snow near Laramie, Wyo., Tuesday night in an attempt to find the pilot of a light plane which crashed in a deserted area. Searchers said it apparently crashed when ice formed on the craft.

Unusually warm air swept into the southern Great Lakes region from the gulf Tuesday night bringing near-record high temperatures and a fog shroud that closed Chicago's three airports.

The temperature at Chicago was 55 degrees, one degree short of a high temperature record for that day.

Thunderstorms Tuesday spattered heavy rain from Louisiana to southern Illinois.

## County Studies Outlines For 19 Street Projects

Nineteen petitioned street improvement projects in the south suburban area for 1965 were outlined to county commissioners Wednesday morning.

Assistant county engineer Winston Kurth listed the projects for commissioners. He said all of them have been petitioned by owners of more than 60 per cent of the affected property.

Commissioners accepted the list and set public hearings on them.

In another street matter, commissioners heard strenuous objections from Robert Gion, 2620 Summers Lane, to his assessment for the Kelly Drive-Darwin Place improvement project.

**Cost Estimated**

Kurth told the commissioners that the estimated cost of the project had been $1,600.56, with a front foot assessment of $1.30.

However, Kurth said, the actual project cost was $2,783.73, or $2.24 per foot.

Kurth attributed the increased cost to additional preparation work. He said developer Ron Phair had said sufficient base rock had been laid, but county crews were forced to lay additional base rock.

Gion noted that he virtually is the only other property owner involved in the project. He told commissioners that since Phair's statements were responsible for the increased costs, "the burden shouldn't have to drop back on my neck."

**Assessment Rises**

Gion said the increased project cost meant his assessment rose from $110 to $190.

"Granted, $80 is not going to make or break anyone," Gion said, "but it's the principle of the thing."

Gion complained that he hadn't been in favor of the project from its beginning, and "I'm having to pay to help him (Phair) sell his lots."

Board of Commissioners Chairman Don Kenyon told Gion, "You were a victim of circumstances right from the start."

**Relief Sought**

Kenyon promised Gion that the commissioners would seek an opinion from the district attorney on possible relief for Gion, who suggested that Phair should pay the difference between the estimated and the actual project cost.

The hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday on the project assessment.

Kurth's 19 - project schedule for 1965 includes 17 paving projects and two rock-laying jobs.

One project was singled out by commissioners for special consideration. That is the pro-

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## Ships Seek Plane Shell

NEW YORK (UPI) — Navy sonar and underwater grappling equipment attempt today to locate the sunken fuselage of the Eastern Air Lines plane which crashed off Jones Beach Monday night with 84 persons aboard.

All of the 79 passengers and five crew lost their lives when the DC7B plane plunged into the ocean from 3,700 feet altitude shortly after takeoff from Kennedy International Airport and exploded on impact with the water. Portions of 10 bodies were recovered by this morning and the rest of the victims were believed trapped in the wreckage 65 feet below the ocean's surface.

The third worst single plane disaster in U. S. aviation history touched off a massive search by Navy, Coast Guard and private air - sea equipment. Janeeb E. Halaby, chief of the Federal Aviation Agency, headed a team of 60 investigators — only the second time Halaby has ever visited an air crash scene.

## 33 Yanks Said Killed In Terrorist Attack

SAIGON, Thursday (UPI) — Communist Viet Cong terrorists destroyed a U.S. Army billet Wednesday night at Qui Nhon, 250 miles northeast of Saigon, inflicting heavy loss of life, a U.S. military spokesman reported.

It was feared as many as 33 Americans may have been killed.

The building housed 40 Americans and the spokesman said only seven badly wounded survivors were found. He said the building was "completely destroyed" and the exact death toll was not yet known.

The Communists obviously were exploding an offensive throughout South Viet Nam. The death toll at Qui Nhon apparently was far higher than that in the attack at Pleiku last Sunday, which led to U.S. air raids on North Vietnamese military targets.

Eight Americans were killed and 108 wounded at Pleiku by the Viet Cong sneak attack on the U.S. base.

The attack on the Qui Nhon billet coincided with reports of renewed fighting over vast areas of South Viet Nam and a major government disaster in Binh Dinh Province 300 miles north of Saigon.

**Many Killed**

A series of Communist attacks wiped out three government companies — upwards of 450 men killed, wounded or missing. A spokesman called it the worst defeat of the war so far.

In other Communist attacks two more American fliers were reported killed. One died when his helicopter was shot down 30 miles east of Saigon. Another died Wednesday of wounds suffered Monday in a battle some 200 miles north of Saigon.

Other Communist attacks were reported in several other regions but there were no details.

The attack on the four-story billet at Qui Nhon came at 8 p.m. Wednesday. A spokesman said the mangled bodies of two Viet Cong were found nearby with demolition equipment. They apparently were killed by their own bombs.

About 60 enlisted men lived in the billet but about 20 of them were away when the explosion occurred. A spokesman said 40 men were believed inside the building.

The Communist attacks came after the "National Liberation Front," the political arm of the Viet Cong, called for stepped up attacks on Americans to offset the retaliatory bombing raids on North Viet Vam.

**Pre-Dawn Blows**

The series of coordinated Viet Cong attacks and ambushes began in the pre-dawn hours Monday in Binh Dinh Province 300 miles north of Saigon soon after U.S. and South Vietnamese planes bombed military targets in North Viet Nam.

The liberation front renewed its appeal Wednesday to the "army and partisans" to "step up military operations against the enemy on all fronts."

The action came as the Communist world issued a series of warnings to the United States against spreading the war to North Viet Nam. Hanoi said the "criminal act" of bombing was planned by Washington in advance.

**Withdrawal Asked**

The North Vietnamese also called for withdrawal of the U.S. 7th Fleet from the China Sea. Planes from the 7th Fleet bombed the North Vietnamese targets on Sunday.

Communist China appeared to be backing North Viet Nam all the way. Official Red Chinese statements broadcast by Peking Radio said Peking is ready to carry any Asian war with the United States "to the very end." It said U.S. air attacks could lead to such a conflict.

The government defeat in Binh Dinh Province was halfway between the big U.S. air base at Danang and Pleiku to the South. A U.S. military spokesman said three companies were wiped out. A Vietnamese company usually runs about 150 men but the spokesman would say only that "more than 300" troops were lost.

## Pump To Cut Flood Level

County civil defense director Jim Watson said Wednesday a 5,000 - gallon - per - minute pump will begin to clear water from the flooded Washburn Way area Thursday.

Watson said he expects it will take a month of steady pumping to clear Washburn Way of water and another month after that to bring conditions to an acceptable level.

The flooding is a remnant of the Christmas week floods.

"The pump was purchased by the county for $1,800 for the Washburn Way work. It will pump water from the flooding South Suburban Sanitary District lagoon into Lake Ewauna.

## Morse Asks Settlement

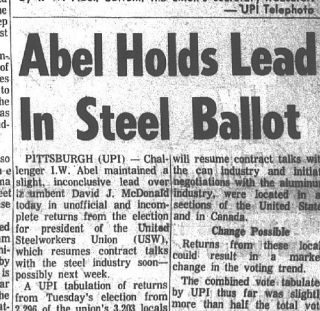
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., called Tuesday for a negotiated settlement of the Viet Nam crisis by the United Nations or a reconvening of the Geneva Conference.

Morse, in an interview before a speech in Hamden, Conn., said the United States was on its way to large scale war in Asia if Americans do not make it clear to the administration they want it stopped.

## Joint Meet Passes Pay

SALEM (UPI)—The omnibus state pay increase bill was approved in a 10-4 vote by the Joint Ways and Means Committee Tuesday and sent back to the Senate floor.

The Senate balked at the omnibus nature of the House-passed measure earlier.



**STEEL BATTLE FIGURES** — The ballots were being counted today in the election battle for the presidency of the 976,000-member United Steelworkers Union. Incumbent David J. McDonald, top, is being challenged by I. W. Abel, bottom, the union's secretary-treasurer. — UPI Telephoto

## Abel Holds Lead In Steel Ballot

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Challenger I.W. Abel maintained a slight, inconclusive lead over incumbent David J. McDonald today in unofficial and incomplete returns from the election for president of the United Steelworkers Union (USW), which resumes contract talks with the steel industry soon—possibly next week.

A UPI tabulation of returns from Tuesday's election from 2,296 of the union's 3,203 locals gave: Abel 135,017; McDonald 171,172.

These returns were chiefly from smaller locals. Returns from large locals were expected to start coming in later today.

**Candidates Mum**

Some Abel supporters claimed victory on the basis of the early returns, but both candidates declined to make an assessment.

McDonald, who while he was in the lead Tuesday night scheduled a news conference for 10 a.m., EST, today, canceled the meeting with newsmen "indefinitely."

**Abel Camp Cheerful**

The mood of campaign workers at the candidates' headquarters here was in marked contrast. The Abel camp was in a cheerful mood, but there were no smiles among the McDonald men.

The big locals of the million-member union, which soon also will resume contract talks with the can industry and initiate negotiations with the aluminum industry, were located in all sections of the United States and in Canada.

**Change Possible**

Returns from these locals could result in a marked change in the voting trend.

The combined vote tabulated by UPI thus far was slightly more than half the total vote cast in the union's 1957 election, the only other contested presidential election in the union's history.

McDonald, 63, the silver-haired leader of the USW since 1952, had predicted he would win by a margin of 2-1 to 3-1. Abel, 57, the craggy - faced Welshman who has been USW secretary-treasurer since 1952, had forecast he would win by 200,000 votes.

## Voters Slap Unification

ALTURAS — Unification of eight Modoc County School districts was overwhelmingly defeated Tuesday by a two to one vote against the proposal, with only 31 per cent of the eligible voters going to the polls.

Votes of 276 were cast for unification and 429 against. Two districts, Stateline and Willow Ranch, are still unreported, but only a possible 125 votes comes from the two districts and their results could make no appreciable change.

The only school district to carry the proposal was Alturas Elementary which voted 249 for unification and 199 against. Because of the yes vote in Alturas, the Alturas Elementary District is now eligible for a state bonus of $15 per average daily attendance from the state foundation program.

The defeat of the measure means that a new proposal must be presented by the Modoc County Augmented Committee for unification to the Modoc County citizens for approval or disapproval by Sept. 15, 1965. If no such proposal is made, the California State Department of Education will present a plan of its own making to Modoc County voters by March, 1966.

The district vote was Arlington — 7 yes, 83 no; Davis Creek — 2 yes, 35 no; Delmorma — 19 no; South Fork (Likely) — 5 yes, 80 no; Madeline — 5 yes, 9 no; with absentee votes of 8 yes and 4 no being counted.

# Klamath Speakers Testify At School Redistricting Hearing

**DISCUSS SCHOOL BILL** — Just prior to the opening of the Senate hearing on Senate Bill 89, school redistricting measure, in Salem, Representative Carrol Howe, right, Klamath-Lake County representative, was discussing the measure with F. W. "Ted" Hyde, elementary school director, center, and City Superintendent Ray Hunsaker, left. Hunsaker testified in favor of the measure but asked that it include some equalization provision. Another hearing on the measure is set for Feb. 18.

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Two speakers from Klamath County spoke in favor of Senate Bill 89 on school redistricting at a Senate hearing Tuesday afternoon in Salem, but one of them qualified his approval by asking for some equalization provisions in the measure.

City Superintendent Ray Hunsaker was the second person called to testify after the hearing opened at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Room 6 in the Capitol.

He explained the problem Klamath County has with the bill which would, if approved in its present form, unify the KUHS district into a 1 - 12 grades district, taking in the suburban area elementary students who live within the confines of the KUHS district boundary.

**Equalization Effect**

Hunsaker told the committee that Klamath County currently had equalization in effect in the KUHS district since it has a $22 per pupil county school fund and has the advantage of the overlap area.

However, Hunsaker said, "As I understand this bill, we would lose our equalization. The bill takes this away from us, and substitutes nothing."

Hunsaker said that the county had voted on a one-unit system, but that it had failed in the county and barely passed in the city. He also stressed that passage of Senate Bill 35 was necessary and would provide some equalization in that it would equalize through the intermediate school district law. This would permit the adding up of all the millage of the school districts, dividing them in half and levying half over the entire county, the other half in the district concerned.

Hunsaker concluded, "We have no means at present to reorganize Klamath County."

**Rancher Speaks**

Lloyd Nicholson, Fort Klamath rancher, spoke briefly. He said, "We have had a long squabble with the city of Klamath Falls. We have 2,300 county students, 800 students in the suburbs of Klamath Falls, and have been unable to get together. The county voted down a recent one-unit proposal. We have run along for many years on this problem, and would support this bill. Klamath Falls will be hardest hit and it would lower county taxes, but we have offered to give them $3 million in schools. We are giving them the schools and the teachers, all they have to do is run them. We have nothing else to offer and favor the bill."

Over 100 persons crowded into the small hearing room for the measure. Robert Hammel, legislative analyist, opened the hearing by explaining the proposed bill.

**Others Heard**

Dr. Frank Farner and Dr. Lawrence Fish, both of the Bureau of Education Research at the University of Oregon, each spoke on the measure. Farner discussing the financial implications and Fish the educational implications. Both asserted the measure was a good one and would be beneficial in both fields.

Lester W. Thompson, Reedsport, chairman of a lay committee from that area was first speaker and voiced approval of the bill.

Following Hunsaker and Nicholson, a number of persons spoke in opposition to the bill, mainly on the grounds that it would force consolidation without a vote of the people involved. Speakers for several small school districts voiced fears that their schools would be eliminated in favor of larger schools.

**Howe Present**

Sen. Al Flegel, Roseburg, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, conducted the hearing.

Rep. Carrol Howe, Klamath County, is chairman of the House Education Committee and was also present at the hearing.

Flegel announced that since there were many yet to be heard and the meeting had to be closed at 3 p.m., another hearing on the bill would be scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18.

There was some indication that members of the committee were considering altering the effective date of the bill which has been set at Jan. 1, 1966.