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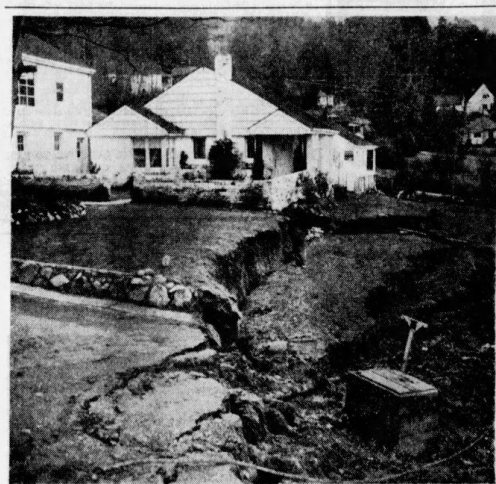
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29 Persons Killed, 120 More Injured As California Train Wrecks On Curve



LEADERS OF THE MEADOWDALE BEACH community, 20 miles south of Seattle on Puget Sound, estimate slide damage to 50 home and yards may amount to as much as a million dollars. K. E. Northfield (above) surveys drop-away in his yard. Slides followed recent heavy rains. Some houses were wrecked and others have been abandoned. (AP) photo

Mecklenburg Voters Hold Future Of TB Sanatorium

By ANN SAWYER
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Mecklenburg voters will decide May 26 whether to continue operation of the county-operated tuberculosis sanatorium or close it June 30, 1957.

County Commissioners today voted unanimously for a referendum to be held in the spring primary.

In calling for a referendum, the commissioners are following a recommendation of the Sanatorium Board of Managers made last month.

Commissioner Craig Lawing said Mr. Hooper, "The state could not take patients at that time."

Commissioner John McEwen, chairman of the hospital Board of Managers, said he favors keeping the hospital open as long as possible. He made the motion today that the question be submitted to the people. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Herbert Garrison.

The decision to call for referendum ends months of uncertainty which have been filled with problems for the sanatorium board.

Not knowing which way to turn, the board has discussed the matter previously and on one occasion recommended that no new tuberculosis patients be admitted after Feb. 1.

This action later was rescinded and the hospital board asked for a referendum.

CAN IT BE HOSPITALIZATION IS CHEAPER BY HALF DOZEN?

CLEVELAND (AP)—Six children of one family were in a hospital today—five of them to have their tonsils removed and the other to undergo an examination for stomach trouble.

Mrs. Patricia Pilon, the mother, was in the pediatric ward to comfort each child upon return to bed from the tonsil operations.

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Minnesotans Undisturbed By 30-Below Readings

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP)—In the land of fabled lumberjack Paul Bunyan, weather-wise natives moved in the even tenor of their way today, unimpressed by a weekend subzero siege that would curdle less hardy bread.

Bemidji has long since been inured to cold and has learned to live with it.

The latest cold wave pushed temperatures down to below zero in 45 below here just a month ago.

How cold is 43 below?

Cold enough to cause an atmospheric freak—the illusion of three suns shining through air so frigid it is literally breathtaking.

Cold enough to sometimes freeze the sap inside trees and to send out cracking reports loud as gunfire from the sap expands and splits the trees.

The cold is almost a matter of as much pride as the sunshine in California and Florida. Bemidji and International Falls vie for "Icebox" honors.

Meanwhile, life goes on as usual. John Anley, publisher of the Bemidji Pioneer, offers this picture of Bemidji on a cold day.

"There's no cold it's always calm and clear. You get up in the morning and see three suns, all shining with almost equal brilliance. The one in the middle is the real sun, the other two are sun dogs."

The brilliant white smoke from the chimneys will rise straight up for 30 or 40 feet and then when it becomes weighted down with ice particles it will drop down to street level and produce a shimmering, shimmering effect in the air."

Dismal Flop Of Big 'Act' Brings Sullen Trio To Finale At Court

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U. S. Will Ask Eden To Stall Red China Bid

Believe British Will Hold Off

WASHINGTON (AP)—U. S. officials hope to get agreement from British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden here next week to hold the line for another year against seating Red China in the United Nations.

American officials believe Eden will not press for any changes in the United States does not. There have been growing pressures in Britain for several years to support Russia's effort to seat Red China in the U. N. The United States is opposed to Red Chinese membership. Britain has gone along each time the issue has come up and voted to shelve it for the duration of each General Assembly session.

Officials say there is no doubt that Russia will raise the matter again next fall.

Administration leaders expect Eden will realize the problems that face the government here in a presidential election year and will not do anything to make them more difficult.

The issue may be in for a new airing at home when the Senate takes up President Eisenhower's nomination of Robert B. Bowie to be an assistant Secretary of State.

TWO MEN OBJECT

Senators Bridges of New Hampshire and Knowland of California, GOP policy chairman and floor leader respectively, have made it clear they object to the nomination.

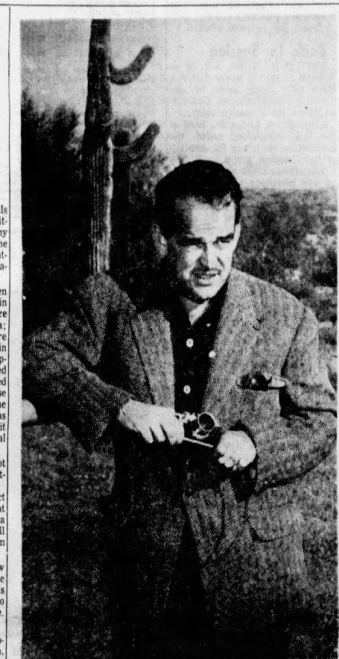
They have given no reason publicly, but reportedly do not like Bowie's reputed stand that his country must face up to the U. N. Red China issue. Both are outspoken opponents of U. N. membership for the Peking regime.

"I have tried to do everything I can," Bridges said in an interview yesterday, "to keep party unity in the nomination, but the administration's insistence on pushing this nomination is going to split the Republicans."

Bridges and Knowland are said to have tried unsuccessfully to persuade Secretary of State Dulles to recommend withdrawal of the nomination. Neither files nor Bowie has commented. Bowie has been head of the State Department's Policy Planning Committee.

Eden and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd are due here in a week for four days of discussions with Eisenhower and Dulles.

While there is little concern about the Red China question, there is less optimism among administration officials about their ability to hold the line on restrictions on trade with the Communist bloc countries.



HIS SERENE HIGHNESS, Prince Ranier of Monaco, stops to take a picture with a cactus background on his trip to the West Coast to see his fiancee, movie star Grace Kelly. The prince planned to stay at Phoenix, Ariz., for a few days while "on vacation." (AP Wirephoto)

Reversal Of Policy? Byrd Charges GOP 'Piling Up IOU's'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) said today the Eisenhower administration is trying to "pile up IOU's" of the kind it criticized the Truman administration for leaving behind.

Byrd, chairman of the Senate Committee and long-time advocate of spending cuts, said in an interview.

"The President's new budget proposes an increase of nine billion dollars in appropriations over the 1954 calendar year, climbed to 62 billion dollars the following year and are recommended at 66 billion dollars in the new budget."

Congress authorizes government expenditures by appropriations. Most of the money involved is spent in the same year but some of it goes into a backlog for future spending.

The new budget request was the first in which Eisenhower has asked Congress for larger appropriations than the amount he estimated the government would spend. Byrd called the request a reversal of the policy by the President.

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Hodges Will Attend Talks

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The chief executives of four Southern states will meet with Gov. Thomas B. Stanley here tomorrow to discuss school segregation problems.

Govs. Marvin Griffin of Georgia, George Bell Zimmerman Jr. of South Carolina, Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina and J. P. Coleman of Mississippi have accepted Stanley's invitation to confer on the subject.

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Indian Danger Told

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—The high command of Prime Minister Nehru's Congress party warned Indians today their disunion over creation of new states has created a dangerous situation full of peril to the nation.

Most Congress party pronouncements amount to statements of official government policy since the party completely dominates the administration under Nehru.

Evening Prayer

O God of infinite might, increase our strength, help our unbelief. Strengthen us with Thy strength. Bless us with Thy fatherly love, through Christ, who would that we say when we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven. . . Amen."

Engineer 'Blacks Out', Takes Turn Too Fast

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A two-car Santa Fe diesel train, its engineer apparently blacked out, rounded a curve too fast last night and toppled over, killing an estimated 29 persons and injuring at least 120 in one of California's worst railroad disasters.

Bodies were so badly mangled and dismembered—some were decapitated—that the coroner's office had difficulty identifying them and determining exactly how many were in the morgue.

Deputy Coroner Richard Davis said, "We believe that there are 30 bodies here."

The highest rail death toll in this state was 32 in 1907.

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"SUCKED RIGHT OUT"

"The people sitting on the left side were sucked right out of the window and caught on the ties when the train crashed on its side," said flagman Bill Lines, one of the crew of five. "Those people didn't have a chance."

Sparks showered as both overturned cars skidded along with a deathly screaming sound for about 200 feet on the outside of the curve. Each car contained a diesel unit and room for 80 passengers.

The accident happened inside the city limits, about four miles from Union Depot.

One Killed, 20 Injured In Derailling

WILLIAMSON, W. Va. (AP)—The engine and four cars of a Norfolk & Western Railway west-bound passenger train derailed on a curve east of this West Virginia-Kentucky border city today, killing the engineer and injuring about 20 others.

The steam locomotive, tender and three cars of the Norfolk-Cincinnati train, the "Pocahontas," tore across the eastbound tracks and plunged over a 40-foot embankment. The engine overturned.

Wall Willard of Buedfield, W. Va., the engineer, was found dead at the throttle, his watch still running and his glasses unbroken and in place.

Fireman Ernest Hoback, 27 also of Buedfield, was one of nine injured admitted to Williamson Memorial Hospital. Their injuries were not immediately determined.

In another hospital spokesman said "about 12" others were given emergency treatment and released. Additional passengers were treated for minor injuries by doctors at the scene.

The train included five sleepers, three passenger coaches, two mail cars and one express car.

Preliminary reports were that none of the passenger cars went over the embankment or overturned. A photographer at the scene said one was perched on the crosstie, crosswise of the double track.

The wreck occurred on a curve at Cedar, a village on the Tug River boundary between this state and Kentucky, about 17 miles east of Williamson. The scene is about 65 air-line miles south-southwest of Huntington.

The tracks cross the river nearby and there is no highway on the West Virginia side. Use maintenance flatcars to ferry the injured to the highway on the Kentucky side. About 15 ambulances sped the injured to the hospital.

The Norfolk & Western division superintendent's office at Portsmouth, Ohio, said the wreckage had halted and maintained traffic through Williamson and there was no indication when normal service could be restored.

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Our Weather

Occasional rain and cold today and tonight. Tomorrow, partially clearing and mild.

Low this morning—37.

Low tonight—33.

High tomorrow—41.

High today—43.

High yesterday—40.

Sunrise 7:28 a.m.; sunset 5:12 p.m.

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