

THE WORLD AT A GLANCE

Nurse Gets Aid In Isle Epidemic

Compiled from The San Diego Union's Wire Services
Mrs. Kathleen Bragg, the only medically trained person on Ocracoke Island off North Carolina's coast, had help at least briefly yesterday in her battle against a virus flu that has hit 60 per cent of the island's 400-500 residents. A doctor arrived by boat to spend the day attending to those stricken by the disease.

The epidemic started 10 days ago. Mrs. Bragg, a registered nurse, also caught the flu and has not been able to leave her house for a week. She struggled to help the islanders by sending drugs by messenger and giving advice over the telephone until Friday. Then she called for help. The doctor, Garland Wampler, took the two-hour ferry ride to Ocracoke, which is 35 miles from the nearest city at Hatteras.

In Scranton, Pa., 11-year-old Georgina Grega, who is suffering from cancer of the bone, was given nine weeks to live. Her father, who is in the Navy, is home on humanitarian leave.

For the first time in 84 years, boys and girls at Pineland College-Edwards Military Institute may sit together in church, walk home from church together and eat with each other in the college cafeteria. Authorities junked a rigid separation policy that dates from the school's founding in 1874. The school is in Salem, N.C.

In New York, the former owner of Sitka, a South Pole sled dog, appealed to the Navy to return the "best friend my children and I ever had." The 3-year-old Alaska male-mute is to be auctioned tomorrow as Navy surplus property. The former owner, Jerome Hellmuth, father of four daughters, sold Sitka for South Pole duty in 1955.

Four of Hawaii's five firms controlling the island's sugar industry said they support statehood for Hawaii. The firms are Castle & Cooke, Alexander and Baldwin, Theo H. Davies and C. Brewer.

Dr. L. E. C. Davies and a six-man medical dental team is setting off today for Edmonton, Alta., for a 10,000-mile tour of Canada's northland to keep the northern Indian physically fit. Packing 1,900 pounds of dental and X-ray equipment, the party will travel mostly by air on the three-week tour to check some 1,200 persons out of range of regular medical service.

Radio Peiping said unemployment has "gone forever" in Red China. The official radio said that in the last four years "work has been provided for the four million unemployed left over from the old society"—the Nationalist regime of Chiang Kai-shek. The broadcast did not say how unemployment had been whipped.

Auto Dealers Put On Pressure For Excise Tax Repeal

Wires And Phone Calls Flood Congress For Action To Spur Lagging Car Sales

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WASHINGTON, March 23—The auto dealers lobby this weekend began to barrage Congress with a flood of telegrams and telephone calls demanding repeal of the 10 per cent excise tax as a stimulant to sagging car sales.

They received only a hedged promise from Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.), speaker of the House, and Rep. Mills (D-Ark), chairman of the tax initiating House Ways and Means Committee, that they would support at least a cut in auto excises "if" Congress decides on an anti-recession tax cut this session.



Richards

Democrat congressional leaders are planning within the next week to huddle on their tax cutting policy should the administration determine substantial reductions are necessary to reverse the business dip.

But Rayburn has revealed a "gentlemen's agreement" with the White House under which neither will move on tax cuts without preliminary bipartisan discussions.

PRESSURE RISES

First to urge repeal of the excise on automobiles was Henry Ford II. He was followed by like requests from other leaders of the industry. But today the dealers lobby began to put pressure on the lawmakers for dropping the tax, which is assessed against manufacturers and passed on to the dealer and consumer in the factory price of cars.

whole 10 per cent levy be abolished, retroactive to March 1. When some congressmen suggested their drive might dry up customers who would wish to wait before buying a new car to see whether they might save a tenth of the cost, dealers said they could promise to pay back to buyers the amount of the tax, should Congress strike it.

Mills cold shouldered such a suggestion, noting that rebate of a manufacturers-tax, imposed at the source of production, would constitute "a lot of difficulties."

PRICE CUT SUGGESTED

Admittedly dealers are hurting from buyer resistance to the new, bigger, more flossy and higher-priced products of Detroit. But a congressman who asked not to be named suggested an alternative to the dilemma—why not chop the price of the 900,000 produced and in storage against the possibility of a strike by United Auto Workers.

He said while it is possible for a buyer to bargain with a dealer—a few of whom are asking the suggested manufacturer's price—the fact that Detroit put up higher price tags on 1958 models frightened many potential customers into driving what they presently own for another year.



A blanket of snow shrouds the wreckage of a private plane in which producer Mike Todd, screen writer Art Cohn and two pilots were killed. The plane crashed in mountains near Grants, N.M.

'Just Can't Be,' Todd's Widow Still Sobs Out

(Continued from Page 1) and over again to friends who tried to console her.

Singer Eddie Fisher and his actress wife, Debbie Reynolds, were at the home today, along with Miss Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Taylor.

Miss Taylor's three children, two boys by a previous marriage, and the daughter she bore Todd last Aug. 6, were cared for at the Fisher home.

Todd's son, Mike Jr., 28, was reported to be too shocked by the death to come here from New York. He was his father's business associate and will run the Mike Todd organization.

A family spokesman said plans had been made to hold the funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Chicago. Only family members will be present.

In Chicago, Todd's brother, Frank Goldbogen, said Todd would be buried in the family plot at Jewish Waldheim Cemetery, where Todd's father is buried.

Miss Taylor will fly to Chicago for the funeral. She will be accompanied by her parents, her brother and his wife, a press agent and her physician, Dr. Rexford Kenamer. She will return to Beverly Hills Wednesday.

Todd's twin-engine airplane crashed in the Zuni Mountains of western New Mexico early yesterday, killing him and three others. The other dead were Art Cohn, 49, a writer; pilot Bill Verner, 45, and co-pilot Tom Barclay, 34.

Investigators for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and Civil Aeronautics Board went to the crash scene, 22 miles southwest of Grants, N.M., early today. They were expected to spend most of the day searching for clues.

Common opinion among flying circles was that ice forming on the wings and fuselage had caused the crash. The plane had left Burbank late Friday night for New York.

'Speedy Tax Cut Backed By Knight'

BEVERLY HILLS, March 23 (AP)—Gov. Knight, in his first speech since he was called to Washington last week by President Eisenhower, said tonight that Congress should cut federal taxes "at the earliest possible time" and give "immediate relief to the people."

"I believe that federal taxation both on the individual and on business has reached a point of being oppressive," Knight told the Templars of Emanuel. Knight is retiring as governor to seek a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Knight noted that he and eight other governors conferred with Mr. Eisenhower on "the current economic situation."

"EXPECT AN UPTURN" "I have delayed until now a comprehensive statement on the subject so that I could complete a study of California's situation and could give to the people a full report," he said.

A federal tax cut was one of three steps outlined for dealing with a recession which he said has not been felt in California as it has in the East.

"I feel we have good reason to expect an upturn in business in the near future," Knight said.

The other two steps Knight outlined:

1. Legislative approval of a 200-million-dollar building bond issue to provide new college and university facilities, augmenting another 200 million authorized in 1956 but not yet spent.

2. An effort both nationally and in the state to stabilize contracting jobs, such as in the aircraft industry.

"Possibly San Diego is the prime example of a city hurt by erratic defense procurement," Knight said. "When missile production gets fully under way, San Diego plants will be pressed for workers again, if experience is any guide. Sound and stable procurement policies would have prevented the hardship that accompanies these wide swings."

President Ends Weekend Stay In Georgia

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On hand for breakfast with him at the cottage this morning were the President's son, Maj. John Eisenhower, retired Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross; William E. Robinson of New York, president of the Coca Cola Co., and Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, the White House physician.

Also a guest at the club was an old friend, former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. James C. Hagerly, White House news secretary, reported that Mr. Eisenhower and Dewey played golf in different foursomes but did get together for a visit.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 persons, much larger than usual, gathered at the Augusta airport to see the President off.

The President's business engagements at the White House tomorrow include a conference with Dr. Ludwig Erhard, vice chancellor of West Germany.

Some time during the week Mr. Eisenhower probably will send to Congress a special message outlining the administration program for extension of unemployment insurance benefits.

Johnson Appeals For Farm Supports

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look for tax reduction in a filmed television interview with Rep. Keating (R-NY).

He said he agreed with Sen. Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, that there eventually would be a tax cut. He said such action, coupled with a speed-up in public works, were two ways to help halt the recession.

In addition to calling for tax relief for lower income groups by raising personal exemptions from \$600 to \$700, Mansfield said a reduction in federal excise taxes "would be helpful to many segments of our economy."

Mansfield did not set any specific timetable for tax reduction. But Sen. Cooper (R-Ky) said there should be sufficient economic evidence available by mid-April to decide whether such action was warranted.

Cooper said that if the answer was yes, he would favor an across-the-board reduction to stimulate investment as well as consumer buying. However, he said he believed business was picking up some as a result of steps already taken by the administration.

Reuther Urges Action Now Against Recession

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers president, today said the time to act on the recession is now while "the fire is in the basement," by cutting taxes, extending

unemployment benefits and accelerating public works projects.

Delay, he said, will only invite "more trouble." If the fire "gets to the attic," he said, it will be much harder to control it.

Tourist Bus Explosion Injures 20 In Tokyo

TOKYO, March 23 (Reuters)—An explosion in a tourist bus here today seriously injured 20 passengers, including 11 children, and blew hundreds of bystanders to the ground.

Police said the accident was caused when a passenger dropped a container of methyl chloride, an explosive liquid, on the floor of the bus.

Reuther also suggested that Congress give President Eisenhower stand-by authority to declare a tax moratorium for 30, 60 or 90 days, if the economic situation warrants it.

Reuther, who said he will begin negotiations next week on a new contract with automobile manufacturers, said the industry has almost one million new cars in inventory and will need to curtail production to deplete this inventory.

Search Pressed For 2 Missing From Boat

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., March 23 (AP)—An air and sea search continued today for two San Lorenzo men missing from a wrecked 40-foot fishing craft.

The men missing are James O. Howell, 41, and Harley E. Powell, 40, civilian employees at Alameda Naval Air Station.

CALLS ON BENNETT

Ex-Cellmate Held

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King, Mrs. Bennett said, Bennett telephoned police after King called at the residence.

Police arrested King as he was walking in the 6400 block of El Cajon boulevard. Orr quoted King as saying he went to the Bennett home to thank Bennett

for X-rays taken of him while they were serving together at the Men's Colony.

Bennett, who was paroled last October, was an X-ray technician at the colony. He had served three years of a five-year bribery term in connection with the sale of liquor licenses.

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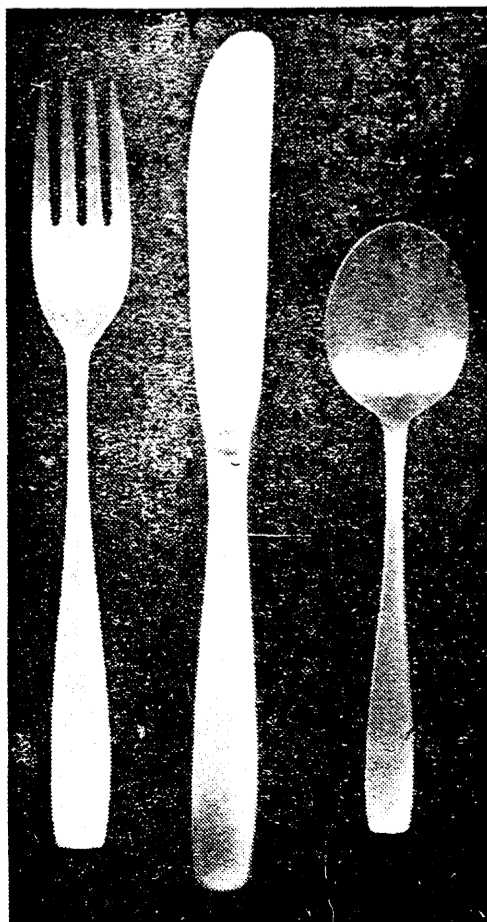
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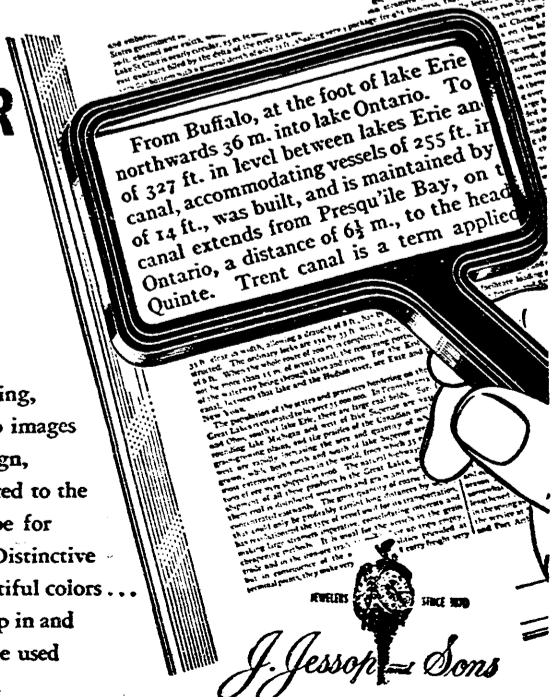


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