

LEAD STORY.

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Squaw Valley

WEATHER

THE WEATHER BUREAU HAS POSTED WARNINGS -- ALL THE WAY FROM TEXAS TO NEW YORK. THE FORECAST -- MORE SNOW. THE MID-WEST, HIT BY -- SUB ZERO TEMPERATURES. SAINT LOUIS, DIGGING OUT AFTER THE HEAVIEST SNOW DRIFT^S OF THE WINTER. ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS -- TIED UP BY ICE. FLORIDA -- ~~BOTHERED BY~~ TORNADOES. THE DEATH TOLL -- MOUNTING.

HERE AT SQUAW VALLEY, AFTER A WEEK OF GLORIOUS UNBROKEN SUNSHINE, IT'S SNOWING. MONTY ATWATER, AVALANCHE EXPERT FOR THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE TELLS ME THAT OUR HIGH SIERRA VALLEY MAY BE IN FOR A REAL ONE. THAT WOULD MEAN A COUPLE OF FEET OF NEW SNOW - OR MORE. AVERY BRUNDAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, SHUDDERED A BIT WHEN I TOLD HIM THIS; BUT HE ADMITTED A REAL SIERRA BLIZZARD WOULD GIVE US A DRAMATIC FINALE TO THE MOST SUCCESSFUL WINTER OLYMPICS EVER HELD. HE SAYS A BLIZZARD WOULD NOT SPOIL THE FINAL CEREMONY ON SUNDAY -- UNLESS WE GET FOUR OR FIVE OR SIX OR EIGHT FEET OF IT, AS SOMETIMES HAPPENS IN THESE MOUNTAINS. THE FINALE NOT AS IMPRESSIVE OR IMPORTANT AS THE OPENING.

CRASH

No explanation so far of that tragic air collision shortly after President Eisenhower left Rio for Sao Paulo. The American DC-47 - supposed to be at six thousand feet, the Brazilian airliner - at five thousand feet. But they collided over Rio's romantic Sugarloaf Mountain. The two planes - carrying seventy persons falling into the water. A few rescued. But a death toll - over sixty. A tragic incident of the President's tour. The DC-47 was carrying nineteen members of the U.S. Navy band - who would have played at an embassy reception tonight.

EISENHOWER

Today was a holiday - in Sao Paulo. The great industrial city - they call "the Chicago of South America", Downing Tools to welcome the President of the United States. President Eisenhower getting - his most enthusiastic reception - even more so than in Rio. Huge crowds - cheering. School children - waving flags. Firecrackers - exploding. The air filled with a snow storm of confetti.

All this - in spite of the steady rain. President Eisenhower, wearing a plastic raincoat and fedora; ordering his car kept - open. Standing all the way - acknowledging the wild ovation.

JAPAN

Japan rejects - another Soviet note, Moscow's second protest over - the Japanese American treaty. Russia claiming the treaty increases the tension of the cold war. Tokyo replies that the agreement is purely defensive. And, anyway, it's a matter that concerns Japan's internal affairs.

KHRUSHCHEV

THE BOSS OF THE KREMLIN WANTS INDONESIA TO ANNEX --
DUTCH NEW GUINEA. KHRUSHCHEV, INTERVENING IN THE SMOLDERING
DISPUTE BETWEEN -- INDONESIA AND HOLLAND. TELLING A CROWD
AT DEMPASAR, BALI, THAT DUTCH POWER IN NEW GUINEA IS --
A RELIC OF COLONIALISM.

I WONDER IF KHRUSHCHEV KNOWS THAT NEW GUINEA IS A LONG WAY FROM
INDONESIA AND THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ISLAND ARE NEITHER
RACIALLY NOR LINGUISTICALLY RELATED TO THE INDONESIANS. IF SUKARNO'S
GOVERNMENT GOT CONTROL, THAT ALSO WOULD BE COLONIALISM.

CUBA

The end of private investment - in Cuba. That's the prediction following Castro's television latest in which he said that all private capital coming into Cuba in the future will be handled by the Cuban government. That is companies, no longer allowed to invest - as they see fit. So the question is - who will invest in Cuba?

ANTARCTIC

A DISPATCH FROM THE ANTARCTIC, ^{tells of} ~~DESCRIBES~~ AN ICE BREAKER TRAPPED IN THE ICE. THE "SAN MARTIN," PUSHING INTO MARGUARITE BAY TO PICK UP SEVEN AMERICAN SCIENTISTS ON ADALAIDE ISLAND. ICE, FORMING AROUND THE ICE BREAKER -- BEFORE IT COULD TURN AROUND, AND GET OUT. OUR TWO OTHER ICE BREAKERS IN THE ANTARCTIC -- THE "GLACIER BAY" AND THE "BURTON ISLAND" -- ORDERED TO THE RESCUE. TONIGHT, THE TWO ICE BREAKERS ARE NOSING THROUGH THE ICE OF MARGUARITE BAY, TRYING TO REACH -- THE ICE BOUND "SAN MARTIN."

BERLIN

The new allied plan for Berlin - would unite it, as a free city. The plan, drawn up in London - to counter Soviet demands. Khrushchev, insisting - that the status of West Berlin be changed. East Berlin - to remain permanently communist. That is - if Khrushchev has his way. The west willing to accpet Khrushchev's concept of a free city if it includes both East and West Berlin.

SENATE

Lyndon Johnson of Texas - accused of "tyranny."

This is southern reaction to Senator Johnson's insistence that the Senate get on with the civil rights bill. The Texas candidate for President, threatening to keep his colleagues in long sessions - until they act. Around the clock sessions to begin on Monday.

Senator Ervin of North Carolina, calls the Johnson demand - "tyranny."

MANUAL

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ^{Un}~~RE~~AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
announces
~~REVEALS~~ THAT HIS GROUP WILL PUSH ITS INVESTIGATION OF THAT
CONTROVERSIAL AIR FORCE MANUAL. THE ONE -- LINKING THE CHURCHES
WITH COMMUNISM. THE AIR FORCE HAS ALREADY WITHDRAWN -- THE
MANUAL. BUT TODAY, CHAIRMAN WALTER -- CRITICIZED THE MOVE;
SAYING ^{the} AIR SECRETARY ~~SHARP~~ TOLD THE COMMITTEE THE STATEMENTS
MADE IN THE HANDBOOK -- WERE TRUE.

WINTER OLYMPICS --SUMMARY.

A RUGGED LUMBERJACK, VEIKKO HAKALINEN -- 35 YEARS OLD -- LED FINLAND'S CROSS COUNTRY SKI TEAM TO ANOTHER OF THE CLOSEST AND MOST DRAMATIC RACES IN THE HISTORY OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS. A 25 MILE RACE - RELAY. HAKALINEN ANCHOR MAN FOR FINLAND; GOLD MEDAL WINNER HAKON BRUSVEEN, ANCHOR MAN FOR NORWAY. AS THESE TWO FOUGHT IT OUT OVER THE FINAL MILES OF THE BREAKABLE AND UNBREAKABLE CRUST THEY WERE NECK AND NECK. THE FINN INCHED UP ON THE NORWEGIAN IN THE LAST MILE, AND WON BY HALF A SKI LENGTH.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THE RUSSIANS NOW HAVE SIX GOLD MEDALS. A TALL, SANDY-HAIRED ELECTRICIAN, VIKTOR KOSICHKIN, CELEBRATED HIS 22nd BIRTHDAY BY WINNING THE 5000 meter SPEED SKATING RACE. A NORWEGIAN, KNUT JOHNESSSEN, SECOND. A SPEED SKATER FROM THE NETHERLANDS, THIRD.

THE CROWDS TODAY WERE WATCHING THE JUMPERS PRACTICING ON THE 80 METER OLYMPIC HILL -- ALMOST AS THRILLING AS THE FINALS WILL BE ON SUNDAY -- WHEN THE BOYS MAY BE FLYING FROM THAT LOFTY TAKEOFF IN A SNOW STORM -- OR, IF WE GET A BIG ONE THE JUMPING MIGHT BE POSTPONED. IT'S MUCH TOO SOON TO DO ANY GUESSING ABOUT THAT.

I HAD A LONG TALK WITH IOC PRESIDENT AVERY BRUNDAGE TODAY. WHEN I INVITED HIM TO GO SKIING ON SQUAW PEAK WITH US TOMORROW HE LAUGHED AND SAID HIS ATHLETIC DAYS WERE NOW BEHIND HIM. BUT ONCE HE TOO WAS A CHAMPION.

I HAD FORGOTTEN, IF I EVER KNEW, THAT HE WAS ON THE SAME OLYMPIC TEAM AS THE LEGENDARY JIM THORPE, THE INDIAN WONDER, WHO HAD TO GIVE BACK ALL HIS MEDALS BECAUSE THEY INSISTED HE WAS A PRO - HAVING PLAYED IN A BASEBALL GAME SOMEWHERE, FOR PAY. BRUNDAGE STILL LOOKS LIKE AN ATHLETE. HE MUST HAVE BEEN GOOD, BECAUSE HE WAS OUR ALL-AROUND NATIONAL CHAMPION WHEN YOU HAD TO EXCELL IN TEN SPORTS; AND DO IT ALL IN ONE DAY; THREE OF THE EVENTS SO TOUGH THEY LATER WERE DROPPED FROM THE DECATHALON. ONE WAS THROWING A 65 POUND WEIGHT - IF IT DIDN'T THROW YOU SAID THE LUGGED IOC PRESIDENT. ANOTHER IN WHICH HE EXCELLED, THE HEEL AND TOE RACE; TOUGHER THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD EXCEPT CHILD-BIRTH SAID HE.

SO MUCH FOR SQUAW VALLEY. LET'S HEAR FROM DICK NOEL.

ENDING

Although the 1700, or is it 1800, news men covering events here at Squaw Valley, game - most of them - hating the snow and the assignment, they now seem to be in a merry mood, no longer mad at anybody. I wonder what they'll say if a typical Sierra storm hits them just as they are packing for Los Angeles, New Orleans, Atlanta, and San Antonio? They no longer are giving Squaw Valley unflattering publicity. But they are writing some amusing lines.

For instance columnist Herb Caen of the San Francisco chronicle, who seems proud that he's neither a skater nor a skier, says a handsome man wearing an Italian ski emblem glanced at him, at his size 12s, and said: "After ski?" "No," replied Caen, "Instead of." Whereupon the Italian gave him a withering Renaissance glare and clamped off. The newsmen are playing up the lighter side of life now. Red Smith of New York -

famous sports writer, left to day for Southern California
for Santa Anita. -

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