

News in Brief

Train Wreck Kills 41

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP) — A speeding freight train ramed into the back of a halted passenger train in dense fog near here Sunday, killing 41 persons and injuring 75. Three of the injured were American tourists.

miles southeast of Mexico City. The Americans were on their way back to Mexico City after visiting the archeological area of Palenque, in nearby Chiapas. Authorities blamed the wreck on the fog and lack of attention on the part of the engineer of the freight train. A member of the freight train crew said the engineer apparently had been dozing and did not see the stopped train until too late. The engineer, identified as Miguel Sanchez Cruz, fled from the scene. The passenger train had left Tenosique, in Tabasco, and was on its way to Coatzacoalcas in Veracruz State. It had halted for a 10-minute routine stop when the freight train hit it.

Missionaries Killed in Congo

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Thirty more white hostages, all missionaries and their families, are believed to have been killed by rebels in the northeastern Congo, refugees arriving here said Sunday.

Other refugees said the mercenaries told them they found traces of a recent massacre at Banaha. Children's clothes, the habits of a nun and a priest and splashes of blood were discovered on the slope leading up to Banaha's ferryboat, the soldiers told them. Besides Mrs. Burk, the survivors included 11 Italian Roman Catholic nuns and two British woman missionaries. They were rescued Saturday. Mrs. Burk said the simbas became furious after central government planes raided Bafwasende. All the white hostages, who had been crammed for three days in a single room, were taken out to be shot, she said.

Misfortunes Turned to Blessings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Roger W. Irving says he has turned his misfortunes into blessings. There have been many misfortunes. He lost his right arm at 17. He had to drop out of college when his family suffered financial reverses. His two sons died at birth. Cancer cost him his vocal cords at 55. He lost the sight of his right eye at 68.

becomes despondent, feels self-pity. But then they think, 'Well, my goodness, if you can do it, I can do it.' After vocal cords have been removed, an artificial 'voice box' can be inserted surgically in the esophagus. Speech can be achieved by controlled breathing, which forces air through the device. The technique is difficult to master, Irving has taught more than 100 persons. Irving, a big, balding man of 72, who says 'I'm strong as an ox,' grew up in Birmingham, Ala. Although his right arm was crushed when a seven-ton printing press fell on it while he was working as an electrician, Irving won a city tennis tournament the next year. After two years of studying for the ministry at Birmingham Southern College, he had to take a job as a salesman because of family financial troubles. After his sons died, he took a job as a scoutmaster and spent 20 years in scouting service. Irving supplemented his salesman's income by singing until he lost his vocal cords to cancer. After mastering esophageal speech, he did research, wrote articles and lectured to promote the technique.

Orphaned Sisters Are Happy

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (AP) — "Hello, I'm Barbara." The voice was that of Barbara Schaefer, 10, one of seven orphaned sisters. How did she feel? "Fine." What did she want for Christmas? "A game, Crazy Clocks." The seven girls are happy and gay, excited about Christmas. Eleanor, 12, the oldest, summed it up: "There's a lot of anticipation for Christmas. Everyone is so excited. I want mostly clothes." Linda, 11, wants clothes and a game, "or something like that." Marie, 8, is wishing for a toy, Thimble City. Janice, who was 7 Sunday, got a sewing set, color book and game for her birthday. For Christmas, her No. 1 choice is toy dishes.

Pamela, 5, is hoping for a toy dog. The youngest, Georgette, 3, wants a real one. "Let me say this," said the children's aunt, Liz Schaefer, 25. "We're prepared for Christmas. I hope and pray it is a merry Christmas for them." Liz — the kids call her Buff — and her mother, Kate Schaefer, 67, have been caring for six of the girls since June 1961, when their father, George Schaefer, was killed in an auto accident. Three months earlier, their mother had died shortly after giving birth to Georgette. Georgette lives with an aunt and uncle in Philadelphia. The girls are growing up nicely, said Liz. "The sad part is over," she added. "Write something happy and gay because that's the way they are and that's the way I want people to see them."

Students Rebuild Negro Church

RIPLEY, Miss. (AP) — On the muddy ruins of a Negro church at the edge of a cotton field, white college students from the North joined today with Negroes from Mississippi to rebuild a house of worship — a monument to their belief in brotherhood. The college students and professors, who call themselves "Carpenters for Christmas," arrived Sunday from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. There were 26 in the first group; 6 more were expected today. They traveled nearly 500 miles, the final lap over muddy, treacherous red clay roads to the desolate place where Antioch Baptist Church had stood. The frame building burned last Oct. 30 within hours after it

was used for a civil rights meeting. "We can start laying brick by Tuesday and start the framing Wednesday," said Burrell L. Scott, 40, a mason contractor from Cleveland, Ohio. Scott, a Negro, flew to Memphis — about 70 miles to the northwest — and then drove to the church site, which is about 10 miles from Ripley. The Oberlin group plans to work through the holidays. "We have to be back in class Jan. 4," said dark-haired Marcia Aronoff, 20, Oberlin senior and spokesman for the group. She is co-chairman of the Oberlin Action for Civil Rights organization. A sociology major, she is from Middletown, Ohio.

DOCTOR SAYS JOHNSON IS IN FINE SHAPE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man in all the world closest to President Johnson's heart — his cardiologist — said today that the President is in fine shape to weather the next four strenuous and demanding years. Indeed, Dr. John Wilks Hurst — who has been keeping regular tabs on the President's heart ever since his severe coronary attack in 1955 — indicated Johnson may even have an edge on many other men of his 56 years in coping with the physical and emotional stresses of life. Dr. Hurst discounted any thought that the President, since taking office, has been maintaining a possibly dangerous "frantic" pace, as at least one doctor not associated with his case has put it.

GOP Again Postpones Special Session; McKeon Says Preparations "Inadequate"

By ROBERT T. GRAY ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Republican leaders in the Legislature were running a week late today but claimed they had fashioned reapportionment legislation that the lure of holiday activity at could win passage in the special session and decisions by lawmakers were expected to speed decisions in the highly unusual. The showdown vote is scheduled for Wednesday. A legislative source predicted Republican majorities would pass the leadership bills, although many rank- and - file members remain unhappy with their new district lines. With time running out on GOP control, the source said, Republicans are up against the choice

of approving their party's measure or turning reapportionment over to Democrats. The special session had been scheduled to resume today. But, with preparations still incomplete, GOP leaders ordered an additional 24-hour delay. The leaders said the four bills — totaling more than 1,000 pages — that will come to the Legislature had been completed in draft form but could not be checked and printed in time for consideration today. Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney and Assembly Speaker Joseph F. Carlino ordered the postponement. They said that joint consideration of all four measures would enable

lawmakers to debate these proposals intelligently and act on them with deliberation. Democrats saw the delay differently. Democratic State Chairman William H. McKeon said in a statement that it had become clear that Gov. Rockefeller's preparations for the session were "meager and inadequate." Republican Rockefeller convened the special session to redistribute legislative seats in accord with the U.S. Supreme Court's edict that districts must be substantially alike in population. The special session convened last Tuesday, with GOP leaders talking of completing action

within two days. But that optimism vanished quickly. The complaints from rank-and-file members reached proportions that jeopardized the GOP leadership plans. Members demanded revisions that overtaxed the aides drafting the voluminous and highly detailed bills. Because of the mounting problems, the session was recessed to allow more time for preparation and a cooling-off period on the disputed issues. Details of the first bill, Plan A, were made public last week. It employed citizen population as the basis for allocating seats. Details of Plan B became known Sunday. It employs the number of active voters as the

population basis. That approach would give a slight advantage to counties outside New York City. Those counties have a higher ratio of voters than the heavily Democratic metropolises. New York City has 46 per cent of the state's citizen population and 42 per cent of the voting population. Under Plan A, New York City would have 46 per cent of the membership in each house. Republicans' ultimate goal is Plan D. This would utilize voting population and the system of fractional voting designed to give each county at least a part of a vote in legislative deliberations.

Area Briefs

NO ONE INJURED A 1960 Willy's Jeep skidded off the highway and struck a tree on the MacKenzie Pond Road about 3:40 Sunday afternoon. The car, travelling east, was operated by Michael Bergamini, 18, of 14 Swiss Road, Lake Placid. Neither the driver nor a passenger Miss Margaret Campion, 18 of Saranac Lake was injured. The left front section of the car was damaged. State police investigated the accident.

SANTA'S JUKEBOX Many Saranac Lake residents will be on hand tonight at radio station WNBZ to speak or perform to obtain donations for Santa's Jukebox. Santa's Jukebox is a fund to buy toys and clothing for the needy children of the area at Christmas. The Saranac Lake Police Department and the staff of WNBZ wrap and deliver the packages on Christmas eve.

DOG LICENSES The New York Department of Agriculture requires that 1965 licenses for all dogs in the state be purchased during the month of December. Licenses are now on sale at the offices of town clerks in the area. The state law also says that dogs, without licenses, may be seized on or off their owner's property after Jan. 1.

Ski Report WHITEFACE MT. Wilmington — Fair to good, T-bar area only, packed surface, four to 12-inch base, overcast, 12 degrees and snowing lightly at 9 a.m. BIG TUPPER, Tupper Lake — Poor to fair, T-bar area only; two to five-inch packed base; 18 degrees and cloudy at 9 a.m.

WEATHER Variable cloudiness and sunshine with little change in temperature today. A few lingering snow flurries this morning. High in the upper teens and 20s. Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by some light snow late tonight and Tuesday. Light snow changing to snow flurries Tuesday in the 20s. Winds variable and generally under 15 today and tonight, becoming southerly 10-20, Tuesday. Sunset — 4:27 Sunrise — 7:25

Jelineks, Jackson Cop Pro Titles

1962 world amateur champions Donald Jackson and Otto and Maria Jelinek skated away with first world professional titles Saturday night amid ovations from a capacity crowd at Lake Placid's Olympic Arena. Jackson won the men's event and the Jelineks, the pair championship. Three-time national champion Mrs. Sonja Klopfer Dunfield captured the women's title, and Marilyn Ludington and Mrs. Marilyn Meeker Durham, the dance.

brother-sister combination receives star billing with the Ice Capades. Noted for his soaring jumps, Mr. Jackson demonstrated clearly the free-skating style which won him the nod in the 1962 world amateur championships. Trailing after the compulsory figures part of the competition that year, he amassed the highest point total in free skating ever scored to win his title. He turned professional a soon after reaching this pinnacle in the amateur world.

The Jelineks, who trained and performed here for years under the tutelage of Arena professional Gus Lussi, received a warm welcome even before they opened their spectacular program. Once again they had added new and intricate routines, with the unusual combinations of figure skating maneuvers and lifts for which they have become known.

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Fritz Dietl, president of the International Professional Skating Union, which sanctioned the event, made the awards following the competition. It was the first time the event has been held in the United States. American Broadcasting Company crews filmed it for showing on the first World of Sports broadcast of 1965, on Saturday Jan. 2. The performances by the former world titlists dominated the show. Mr. Jackson is now featured performer with the Ice Follies Show and the Jelinek

Canadian Bill Neale, former national champion there. Mr. Jackson

notched second place in the pair event behind the Jelineks. Ice Follies performers Diane Anderson and Sandy Swanson of Seattle, Wash., were third. Mr. Ludington, who was a member of the 1960 U. S. Olympic team and teaches here dur-

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Tate Brook is Tait; Tahawus is Tahawus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has formally corrected the spelling of an Upstate New York stream to honor artist Arthur F. Tait, who died in 1905 and owned a summer fishing camp in Franklin County. The stream, about 1 1/2 miles long, flows into Ragged Lake near Mountain View. Tait owned a fishing camp near the mouth of the stream, formerly known as Tate Brook. It will now be known as Tait Brook.

Saranac Lake Has \$32,970 Grant

The Housing and Home Finance Agency (HHFA) has approved a \$32,970 grant to the New York State Commerce Department for a 2-year comprehensive Planning program for Saranac Lake and Harrietstown. This grant will allow the Joint Planning Board to proceed with its studies. Several weeks ago, Planning Board chairman Joseph Drutz had complained to the Village Board about the long delay in allocation of the funds. Village and town officials then inquired about the grant and urged speed in allocating it.

Previously, the planning board had been without funds to operate. The federal grant will pay for the consulting firm which will help the present planning board as well as the cost of the surveys which will have to be made. Mayor Howard J. Riley said

today that this last grant adds up to nearly \$100,000 obtained in grants for the area within the past year with \$35,000 for the fire house addition and \$30,600 for planning sewer and water facilities for Lake Colby around Trudeau Road to the American Management Academy.

LaPan Requests Job Corps Camp for Franklin County

Assemblyman-elect James E. LaPan has suggested to R. Sargent Shriver, Director of President Johnson's War on Poverty that a Job Corps Camp be located in the Adirondack Forest Preserve, specifically in Franklin County. Comparing the project to the Civilian Conservation Corps, Mr. LaPan said having a Job Corps Camp would lead to improvement of the Forest Preserve and would supply an outstanding opportunity for the youth participating.

In a letter to Mr. Shriver, Mr. LaPan based his suggestion on six factors. He said, first, that the environment of the Adirondacks, with its healthy outdoor life, was ideal and that the recreational opportunities would also play a role in the lives of the city youth participating. Secondly there are needy youth in the Adirondack area itself who would be afforded an opportunity to develop skills that "might fit them to stay here and earn an adequate living." Third, the people of the Adirondacks are accustomed to dealing with transients and would show cooperation with such a program. Fourth, the Job Corps would help to improve the recreational value of the Forest Preserve because they could help build campsites and recreational facilities as well as doing other work in the wilderness. Fifth, the local area would benefit immediately from the construction of such a camp. Sixth, Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute would willing cooperate in such a program. Mr. LaPan pointed out that Franklin County might be especially considered as the site for such a camp because it has been declared a disaster area under the Area Redevelopment other economic factors determine what is a disaster area. Mr. LaPan wrote Mr. Shriver with his proposal after he had attended a meeting of Democratic leaders at which Senator-elect Robert F. Kennedy presided.

Bloodless Purge Strikes South Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The future of South Viet Nam's government and the war against the Viet Cong have been thrown into doubt by a weekend political purge by young Vietnamese generals. The "Young Turks" dissolved the High National Council and arrested most of its nine members, plus more than 20 other leading politicians. U.S. military and diplomatic officers made no official statement on the crisis — the country's sixth government upheaval in less than 14 months — but American displeasure was evident. "This power play did not seem called for," said one U.S. official, "and basically we have to regard these generals as rebels against the duly constituted government." Premier Tran Van Huong and Chief of State Phan Khanh Suu were still nominally in power. In a broadcast proclamation, the junta of young generals declared confidence in and support for both men. U.S. officials said the latest assertion of over-all authority

by the military badly damaged the civilian government's position. Brig. Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi, commander of the 1st Army Corps, is the dominant member of the junta. He escaped to Cambodia in 1960 after failing in an attempt to overthrow the Ngo Dinh Diem government. Since Diem's death he has risen rapidly in the Vietnamese army. Acting with him in Sunday's pre-dawn, bloodless purge were Brig. Gen. Nguyen Cao Ky, air force commander; Brig. Gen. Le Nguyen Khang, Marine Corps commander; and Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, 4th Corps commander. About 70 staff officers who had been assigned to the chief of state's office were shipped off under guard to the mountains north of Saigon. All had been on the staff of the former chief of state, Lt. Gen. Duong Van Minh, and had been left at the disposal of his successor. The military's rapid move caught leaders of the Buddhists' antigovernment campaign by surprise. Their weekend of

hunger striking and demonstrating was out short and Buddhist followers were told: "For the time being just pray and go home." Pressure from the Buddhists appeared to have been lifted, at least temporarily. Several of the politicians under arrest had been targets of the Buddhists, but several persons who had been associated with Buddhist extremists also were arrested. The generals promised "impartiality vis-a-vis every religious and political difference," and said they were "ready to act as a mediator between all differences in order to achieve national unity, annihilate the Communists and safeguard the nation." Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, chief of the armed forces and former premier, nominally gave the order to dissolve the council and carry out the arrests. But reports said he was under close observation by the young generals and little more than a figurehead. The crisis produced a busy round of conference today as American and Vietnamese

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETS The Saranac Lake Village Board will meet at 5 p.m. today instead of 7:30 p.m.