

CHILLY AGAIN. Local temperatures will remain near yesterday's readings today, with a high around 60 and a low in the mid-30s. Yesterday's extremes were 64 and 34.

Cold air swept across the Great Plains yesterday, while a Pacific Storm dumped over an inch of rain in areas of Southern California. Details on Page 13A.

POLISH PRICE RIOTS. Calm appears to be returning to Poland after 5 days of rioting over price increases. Stockyards are being repaired in Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia — where the most serious clashes occurred — and Christmas shoppers are back in the streets of Warsaw. Page 15A.

POW DELEGATION. Five Arizonans have arrived in Paris with petitions from 150,000 Arizonans asking for humane treatment for American prisoners in North Vietnam. They will try to arrange a meeting with the North Vietnamese tomorrow, although most such delegations find only a closed door. Page 2A.

NEW CIVILIZATION. A Harvard-led team reports findings in southern Iran that indicate the existence there of a previously unknown civilization that flourished about 5,500 years ago — 1,000 years earlier than civilization had been known to exist in the area. Page 16A.

CONFIDENCE CRISIS. West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and the Nixon administration are reported close to a crisis of confidence over the fast-moving Eastern policies initiated by Bonn in recent months. Page 19A.

NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. Fallout from a U.S. underground nuclear test that went wrong is spreading and is expected to reach Canada. However, officials say there is no danger to human life. Page 20A.

ARMY'S SPYING. Army officials argue that spying on civilians constitutes no threat to political liberty. Officials say military intelligence work aimed at civilians is a minor part of worldwide operations, which cost \$2.9 billion annually, according to Asst. Secretary of Defense Robert F. Froehke. Page 9A.

ROGERS MORTON. The first Easterner appointed secretary of the interior says that government should buy land for parks near populated coastal areas rather than carve out new parks from remote Western land already owned by the government. Page 21A.

NYC STRIKES. Tentative agreements are reached in the two-week-old strike of New York City cab drivers and the four-day-old walkout of fuel oil deliverymen. The cabbies will vote today on a proposed contract. Page 11A.

TOY PRICE GOUGING. The Consumers Council advises Tucsonans to "shop comparatively" in buying Christmas toys, for a council survey shows that some Tucson stores charge twice as much as others for identical items. Page 8A.

VISITING DIGNITARY. The mayor-elect of Guadalajara visits Tucson, as well as Phoenix and Los Angeles, to collect ideas for his new administration. City officials give him a copy letter of welcome at the airport. Page 17A.

BETTER FOOD. Parochial schools in Tucson's inner city will offer pupils a lunch program if local financing to supplement federal funds can be found to equip a central kitchen. Page 3E.

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Modified Campus Code Gets Tentative Approval

TEMPE — A revised campus code of conduct, with many of the original code's problem areas deleted or streamlined, was given tentative approval by the Arizona Board of Regents yesterday.

The action came by an 8-2 margin, with regents Norman G. Sharber and Elwood W. Bradford opposing the adoption of the document, although they called the new code a substantial improvement.

Changes in the code were in three major areas: altering wording for clarity and consistency, eliminating a "minor offense" court and condensing the number of rules and regulations.

The new code was written by a ten-member committee composed of regents James E. Dunseath, Dr. Paul L. Singer, the three university presidents, three faculty members appointed by them, Gary Nelson, state attorney general, and Thomas Hall, legal adviser to the regents.

The original code, written by Dunseath, was the object of bitter criticism by faculty, stu-

Crime Fighters, A New Look — I

Police Wage 'War' With Impressive Technology

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(First of a Four-Part Series)

There is a civil war raging in the United States.

Their armies in the field carry no banners and sound no bugles. Their victories and defeats are often reported to the public only in the form of statistics.

But it is a vicious war nonetheless. Its combatants are ancient antagonist — society, as represented by the police, on the one side, the criminal underworld on the other.

In Arizona, the battle is being waged by po-

lice in relative secrecy. Using the most highly sophisticated weapons, they are in daily combat with an army of thieves, swindlers, murderers, rapists, armed robbers and drug dealers.

Leading the forces of society here is a new strategic and tactical organization, so sophisticated it would stun the mind of a science fiction writer. Only organized July 1, 1969, the Arizona Department of Public Safety already has become a model law enforcement agency studied by police officials all over the world.

At its head is Chief Charles Needham, an intense type of general who has dedicated his life to winning this war. At his ultra modern offices in Phoenix, he discussed his weapons with a reporter.

"Back in 1969, the Legislature decided to combine the various operations of state law enforcement into one Department of Public Safety," he said.

"The State Liquor Board became one of our arms, and narcotics investigators, who were under the State Attorney General, also were merged into our organization."

Needham won't say how many men he has in his army, but the number is considerable. And those men are equipped with an organizational setup that is fantastic in its operations.

There is a criminal information section that not only provides service to local departments throughout the state, but is also the central

relay point for a national linkage by which states can exchange background data on suspects within a split second.

There is a chemical laboratory — whose services also are available to local police agencies in Arizona — that seems like something out of a novel set in the year 2000.

One of its many instruments is a fluorescence spectrophotometer that can analyze traces of blood, cement, paint, almost anything, to a degree of one part in one hundred billion.

And, most of all, there are super-trained agents who risk their lives daily working undercover with some of the most deadly smugglers and murderers ever encountered.

"But don't forget that the criminals are sophisticated, too," Needham points out. "They use walkie-talkies, airplanes, all the modern conveniences, so we have to keep ahead of them."

The department's Criminal Investigation Division keeps ahead of the underworld with a computer system unlike anything seen before in police work. Sgt. Dennis Hermanson demonstrated some of its capabilities.

A woman employee of the department, wearing the white blouse and blue skirt uniform of all female employees, sat at a console. In front

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UA Chief's Selection Postponed

Missouri U Chancellor
Named ASU President

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TEMPE — A new president of Arizona State University was unanimously appointed yesterday but the naming of a president at the University of Arizona was temporarily blocked by dissension among the Board of Regents.

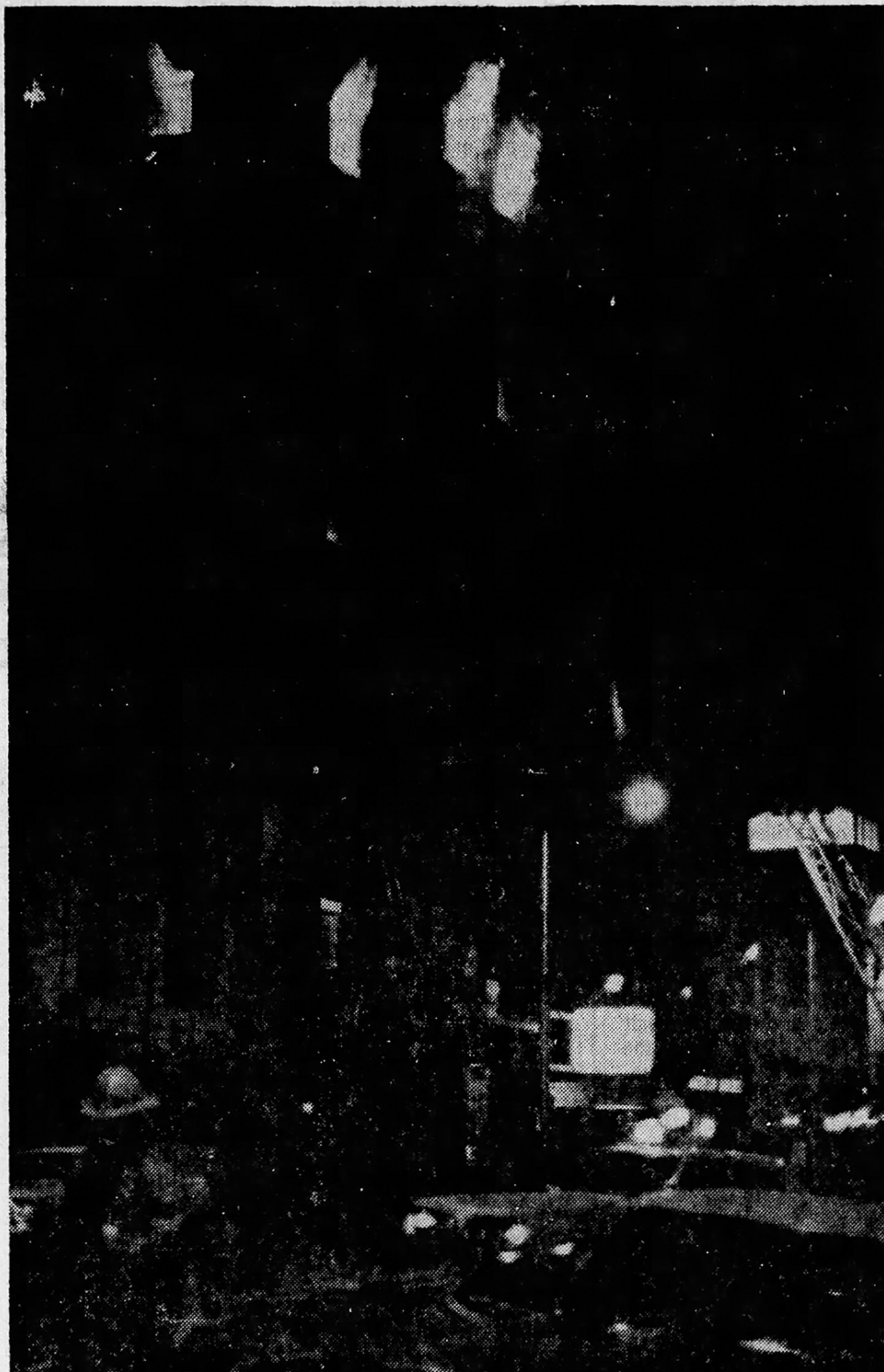
Dr. John W. Schwada, chancellor of the University of Missouri, was named to fill the post of Acting ASU President Harry K. Newburn, who will retire June 30. Schwada, hired at a salary of \$38,500, has held the Missouri post since 1964.

Despite their complete agreement on the ASU decision, the regents could not agree on a successor to UA president Richard A. Harvill, who will also retire in June. After hearing one regent's version of what took place during an executive session on the UA position Friday, the board members began bickering among themselves over what had been said.

Elwood W. Bradford, chairman of the regents' presidential selection committee, said that four of the five committee members recommended that Dr. James H. Zumbeke, director of the UA School of Earth Sciences, be immediately named to the presidency. Zumbeke and Marvin D. Johnson, UA vice president for university relations have been considered the two top candidates for the post.

The sole dissenting vote, according to Bradford, was cast by Dr. Paul L. Singer of Phoenix. In favor of an immediate appointment

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Windows Spout Flames

Flames shoot out of windows of the Pioneer International Hotel in downtown Tucson early today. The fire reportedly broke out in a third-floor stairwell at midnight. Early reports indicate two dead and more than 15 others injured. (Star Photo)

Guests Plunge From Windows

At least two deaths were verified and more than 15 injuries were reported in fire that swept through the 41-year-old Pioneer International Hotel early this morning. It was feared the death toll would be much higher.

Reporters on the scene said that four bodies were brought to the mezzanine level about 2 a.m. and firemen had called for a resuscitator on the ninth floor. Several other sheet-draped bodies were seen there. The fire broke out shortly after midnight.

Robert Trooper, hotel auditor, said he got a call from a guest who said she saw flames in the stairwell on the third floor.

An unidentified room clerk said the flames shot up the elevator shaft of the 250-room hotel, leaving a wake of smoke in the upper floors of the 11-story building.

At 1:45 a.m. St. Mary's Hospital had reported one person dead on arrival and 15 others injured. At that time it was not known whether any injured had been taken to other hospitals.

Those injured included persons who jumped from the upper floors.

One witness said, "People were jumping from the windows and splattering on the sidewalk. It was awful. Firemen were screaming to people through their horns to stay on the floors for oxygen."

Witnesses said they saw bodies, illuminated by floodlights, leaping from the rooms of the 10th floor and the roof.

Mrs. Lee Atkinson, who had just left the hotel when the fire broke out, said she heard young people screaming. "I wanted to go back in and help them. It was awful," she said.

"I'll never forget this as long as I live. People hanging on the ledges, yelling."

At 1:15 a.m. a man named "Bill" found his way to a balcony on the eighth floor overlooking Pennington Street. A friend on the street below, who had found his way out of the hotel, called to him to remain where he was, that he was safe where he was.

"Bill" disappeared and reappeared at another window on the east side of the hotel. A

sheet rope from the floor above him dropped past the window. He grabbed at it and slid down to the fourth floor of an addition to the building.

The dead person was later identified as a woman who jumped from the seventh floor, struck a balcony overlooking Stone Avenue and fell to the sidewalk. Her name was not available.

Firemen pleaded with hotel guests not to jump from the building. At first the message was given in English by Capt. Ellis Franklin. Later, an unidentified fireman spoke to the guests in Spanish.

With flames still out of control at 1:55 a.m. the fire department issued a "Yellow Alert" putting all emergency equipment in the city into action. "This is like a disaster situation," the department spokesman said.

Edwin Santschi, retired electrical inspector for the City of Chicago, said flames were biting through the door of his room on the fifth floor. He said he tried to douse the flames with water from an ice bucket. In the hallway he said he saw four other guests crowding at the window "ready to jump."

Father Cahelare, of St. Augustine Cathedral, arrived at the scene soon after midnight. He was seen giving the last rites to a guest on the second floor of the hotel.

Several hundred employees of the Hughes Aircraft Co. were at the company annual party. Some left, and others sped through the building leading guests, most of them elderly people, to safety.

"Many were doing brave things," a witness said.

One man stood on a window ledge on the fourth floor for 15 or 20 minutes before firemen could get a ladder to him.

Fire escapes on the north side of the building were blocked by fire, making escape by that avenue impossible. Several volunteers on the south side of the building obtained a fire

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Hughes Aide's Firing Upheld

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge ruled Saturday that the directors of the Hughes Tool Co. had the right to control Hughes' \$300 million Nevada empire and to fire Robert Maheu, who had run the billionaire's properties in the state for four years.

District Court Judge Howard Babcock said a proxy giving three tool company officials power to act for Hughes was valid and the signature "Howard R. Hughes" on the bottom of it was genuine. The tool company said the proxy gave it power to fire Maheu and take control of Hughes' \$300 million Nevada investment.

Babcock dismissed as "not credible" the testimony of a witness introduced by Maheu who said he saw Hughes' departure from Las Vegas. The witness, LeVane Forsythe of Torrance, Calif., was part of an attempt by Maheu's attorney to show that a sick and ailing Hughes had been removed against his will in a power grab engineered by tool company executives.

Maheu said after the judge's ruling that he was still concerned about Hughes' well-being.

"I will not leave a stone unturned until I am thoroughly convinced he is well and this was his wish," he said. "Needless to say, I was not happy with the decision. Nor was I particularly surprised."

Chester Davis, tool company general counsel and a leader of the tool company forces, said it was gratifying to know the tool company could do business in the state just like any other firm.

"It is also gratifying to have his property interests managed through his board of directors," said Davis.

The testimony of two handwriting experts who disagreed on the validity of the signature on the proxy weighed heavily in the case, and Babcock said he could not agree with an expert introduced by Maheu's attorney who said the signature was an imitation.

"On the basis of the evidence produced, the

court finds the proxy is valid and substantive," said Babcock. Also genuine, said the judge, was a letter which arrived from Hughes in the midst of the power struggle in which Hughes chastised the tool company higher-ups for not following his orders to fire Maheu and complained of the bad publicity the affair had generated.

"The exhibit was found by the court to be in the handwriting of Mr. Hughes and bears his fingerprints on the bottom," Babcock said.

Hughes, now reportedly on vacation in the Bahamas, left his penthouse hideaway atop the Las Vegas strip on Thanksgiving Eve.

A week later, the tool company announced the firing of Maheu, chief executive of Hughes' Nevada operations since the billionaire reclusé moved into the state.

Maheu, accompanied by his attorney, Morton Galante, said at a news conference after the verdict he didn't know why the tool company executives fired him.