

AIRLINER, 21 ABOARD, CRASHES IN ROCKIES

The Weather

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Wreck Sighted On Mountain In Wyoming

Occupants Include Crew From Portland, 12 Army Personnel, 6 Civilians

DENVER, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Hope for the lives of 21 persons—including two honeymooners and a dozen soldiers—aboard a missing United Air Lines transport was all but abandoned after what appeared to be the wreckage of the plane was sighted on a mountain, 65 miles northwest of Laramie, Wyo.

Captain Frank Crismon, assistant flight supervisor of flight operation at Denver, led the aerial search which began at daylight when the plane was several hours overdue at Denver. About mid-morning he sighted a long, wide gash in the deep snow near the top of Elk Mountain which towered 11,325 feet in the eastern fringe of the Rockies.

In his report to Denver he said this mark was sighted through broken clouds and a stiff wind that made close approach to the peak impossible.

No Sign of Life
He did not report any signs of fire or a definite sighting of the smashed plane but said he was convinced that what he saw marked the crash of the transport. UAL officials here speculated that the body of the plane might be buried in the deep snow.

Crismon returned to Cheyenne, about 100 miles east of Elk Mountain, to organize a ground search party but it was expected to be many hours before they could reach the remote Medicine-Bow range area.

Eighteen passengers and a

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GMC Strike Settlement Hopes Dimmed

Union Rejects Compromise Pay Hike Offer

Continuance of Halt in Steel Output Slowing Related Production

(By the Associated Press)
Forty Congressmen called on the U. S. Steel and General Motors Corporations today to accept federal recommendations for settling strikes in the steel and automobile industries. The Congressmen's recommendations were contained in a round-robin letter made public in Washington by Rep. Hook D. Mich. It urged GM to accept a fact-finding board's recommendation for a wage increase of 19 cents an hour and asked U. S. Steel to agree to President Truman's proposal for an 18 cents hourly wage hike.

(By the Associated Press.)
New and impending work stoppages, most of them because of the nationwide steel strike, slowed production in various allied industries today as hopes dimmed for an immediate settlement of the General Motors walkout.

A GM official and leaders of the CIO United Auto Workers prepared to resume negotiations in the 72-day old strike of 175,000 employees at 96 plants, they were confronted with reaching terms on two issues—wages and maintenance of union membership. The corporation's announcement that it was not willing to renew any maintenance of union membership clause in a new contract with the UAW-CIO came

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is an interesting development on the industrial-governmental front as this is written.

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small holds a news conference in Washington and tells the assembled reporters that "MAYBE prices are being held so firmly as to HAMPER RECONVERSION AND CONTRIBUTE TO INDUSTRIAL STRIFE."

WHAT he means is this: We've got ourselves all snarled up in a mess.

Let's get out of it by giving the workers HIGHER WAGES and then letting the bosses charge HIGHER PRICES.

HE SAYS to the newspaper men "I favor unequivocally the continuance of price controls to withstand severe inflationary pressures," but such controls should be used to bring about the most rapid increase in production."

(Which is another way of saying that a LITTLE inflation will

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Initial Step Taken Here to Form Social Organization of Veterans of World War No. 2

Forty veterans of World War II crowded the lounge of the Roseburg Armory last night to form a local social group, and pledged themselves not to compete with existing veterans organizations. Orle Kennerly, Jr., was chosen temporary chairman and operating committees were named.

Last night's meeting was the initial gathering to draw together all men and women in the Roseburg area who served in the armed forces during World War II. Kennerly, who "took the bull by the horns and called the meeting," sketched a proposed organization outline, and declared, in his opinion, the primary aim of the group should be to provide entertainment.

L. A. Rhoden owner of Lowell's store, who was present last night, offered a keg of beer as an inducement to veterans to attend the next meeting of the group. Mr. Rhoden also offered suggestions that he had learned as an older man, from years devoted to civic enterprise.

It was adopted by unanimous vote that Kennerly serve as tem-



ABANDONED — Baby "John Doe" is still unclaimed and unnamed after being abandoned in a downtown Seattle, Wash., hotel washroom as police have made no progress in search for child's parents. His big eyes and happy smile peering from pages of local papers are stealing hearts of Seattleites.

Action on Request For British Loan Many Weeks Away

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The controversial \$3,750,000,000 British loan proposal hit a double snag today at the very start of its stormy course across Capitol Hill.

While there were some prospects that the loan bill might clear the barrier Senator Langer (R-N.D.) raised to its immediate introduction in that filibuster-chamber, the problem of committee action was badly complicated.

The bill is due to be referred to the Senate Banking Committee. But Chairman Wagner (D-N.Y.) and the second ranking Democrat, Senator Glass (Va.), both are ill and Senator Barkley (D-Ky.), next in line as acting chairman, is fully preoccupied as chairman of the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee.

The House Banking Committee provided the second snag. Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) tossed the loan bill in the House hopper yesterday but said his committee cannot begin a study of the legislation until price control legislation is out of the way. That probably will be some time in March.

Every indication was that a final vote may not be reached until late summer or fall.

Spence told reporters "The country is entitled to know whether England needs all this credit, how she will use it, and whether she can't get help from other countries."

Repeal Price Controls, Plea Of H. Ford II

Management, Labor Can Agree Without Federal Aid, Motor Magnate Says

DETROIT, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Henry Ford II, president of Ford Motors Company, was on record today with a demand that government remove price controls to clear the path for "the kind of operation that Americans like best—finding a way to make money to beating competition to market with something better and cheaper."

Ford expressed his views in a telegram to John W. Snyder, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion in Washington, with a warning that unless his company could get steel promptly "we will have to shut down completely sometime this week."

He declared it would cost \$400,000 a day to maintain idle assembly lines and at "current OPA price ceilings, we are currently

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Building Industry Officials to Talk At Roseburg Meet

The regular meeting of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club Tuesday, Feb. 5, will be opened to all realtors, builders, representatives of financial institutions, material dealers, and others interested in the building industry, it was announced today.

The meeting will be addressed by L. C. Smilms, vice-president and regional representative of the National Association of Home Builders, and Folger Johnson, state director of the Federal Housing Administration.

Mr. Smilms recently met in Washington with President Truman and Wilson W. Wyatt, Jr., newly appointed housing expert, and will report on action being taken at the national capital to speed home construction. Mr. Johnson will speak of factors involved in the reconstruction housing program, the method of presenting applications for preference ratings, obligations of the builder under the new program, veterans' preference, and services of the Portland FHA office.

Juveniles Loot Fort of Grenades, Ammunition

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Police and Army officials today are attempting to round up a number of hand grenades and small arms ammunition believed to have been taken by juveniles from a store at Fort Lawton.

Army authorities said last night they had discovered that some one had broken into a magazine at a secluded spot at the fort and pilfered the "pineapples." Also last night the father of a boy about 13 turned one of the grenades over to Army authorities.

He said his boy had found it in the possession of another 13-year-old, and realizing the danger had taken it away from him.

Highway Conditions in High Areas Hazardous

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Oregon highway conditions were improved today, with roads almost normal except in the mountains and a few eastern Oregon points.

The highway commission's daily road report included: Sixtieth Summit — Packed snow, very slick. Chains necessary.

Klamath Falls — All roads in district sanded. Temperature zero on Green Springs Highway. Grants Pass — Foggy. Medford — Freezing fog.

Britain Moves Nearer to Coal Mines Ownership

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The House of Commons yesterday approved on second reading the labor government's bill to bring Britain's entire coal industry under state ownership. The voting on second reading usually is tantamount to final passage.

The bill, which also rewrites \$600,000,000 to re-equip the mines and boost lagging production, was another step in the government's five-year plan for socialization.

Ellsworth Thinks Truman Program Lacking in Merit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth of Oregon holds that every measure proposed in President Truman's legislative program "is of questionable merit."

His mail, he said yesterday in a statement, shows "the people of the country think Congress is to blame for the present wave of strikes and labor disputes." They are inclined to think, he said, the failure of Congress to enact the president's program into law is responsible.

"Quite obviously," he asserted, "neither the minimum wage bill nor the 'full employment' bill could have had the slightest bearing on the situation, no matter when they were passed. Nor would the passage of the FEPC or the unemployment compensation bills have any effect upon the present situation."

"In fact, I feel that every one of the bills embodied in the president's program is of questionable merit, and the Congress might be doing the country a greater service by refusing to pass them than by accepting them."

Pearl Harbor Raid Warning Too Late, Air Chief Reveals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The 1941 Naval air commander in Hawaii testified today that he did not learn of a war warning sent from Washington Nov. 27, 1941, until days after the Japanese attacked Dec. 7, 1941.

Vice Admiral P. N. L. Bellinger told the Senate House Committee investigating the disaster that during October, November and December of 1941 his only information concerning U. S. relations with Japan and the imminence of war "came from the Honolulu newspapers."

Bellinger was called by the committee to explain why no long-range reconnaissance planes were out on Dec. 7 to catch the Japanese carriers steaming up on Pearl Harbor.

"The information available to me—limited and unofficial as it was—did not indicate that I should recommend to the commander in chief, Pacific fleet (Admiral Husband E. Kimmel) that distant patrol plane search for the security of Pearl Harbor be undertaken at that time," Bellinger said.

Admiral Kimmel has taken responsibility for not having ordered distant searches. He said: (1) He did not have sufficient information to indicate an air attack on Pearl Harbor; (2) He did not have enough planes to patrol regularly.

Parents of Abandoned Infant Still Sought

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Seattle police cast far afield today tracing down meager clues in an attempt to locate the parents of "John Doe Child," chubby little 18-month-old boy found abandoned last week in a hotel washroom.

Dozens—including a group of bachelor sailors off the U. S. S. West Virginia—have sought to adopt the youngster.

Policewoman Eileen Dawes said last night footprints of the child were taken and sent to a Los Angeles hospital after a woman reported little "John" was a carbon copy of a boy she had taken care of in California.

Bill Opens Homesteading To Veterans Under 21

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Age would be removed as a bar to homesteading by veterans under a bill introduced by Senator Downey (D-Calif.).

He would amend the reclamation act so that veterans who had been honorably discharged after 90 days' service, could qualify for land purchase even though the applicants were not yet 21.

Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) introduced a similar bill in the House. Legislation to allow war veterans \$1,500 gross income tax exemption was filed in the House by Rep. Savage (D-Wash.).

Tax Deduction Bill for War Vets Introduced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Rep. Savage (D-Wash.) has introduced a bill giving war veterans the right to deduct gross income for tax purposes by \$125 for each month's service in the armed forces (HR 5298).

Repatriated Japs Menace In Homeland

Sullen, 'Unbeaten' Horde Kept Under Close Watch By Intelligence Agents

TOKYO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Signs of resentment and sullen anger of tens of thousands of "unbeaten" repatriated Japanese have appeared in the home islands and present a "potential menace to occupation forces," the Canadian member of the Far Eastern Advisory Commission said today.

In an interview before departing for Canada Col. L. M. Cosgrave said evidence of the repatriates' attitude which have appeared in the countryside are "too small to put your finger on now, but they must be watched."

By promptly smashing any evidence of subversive activity, the colonel suggested, a relatively small number of occupation counter-intelligence agents will be able to minimize the threat of these elements.

The "unbeaten" Japanese, he said, include some from the United States and Canada, but mainly consist of demobilized troops from China.

Potential Danger Source

"Remember they were never beaten in China," he reminded, "they never saw the Allied power that was demonstrated to the Japanese coming back from other Pacific regions. Instead they had been swarming too dogs for years, accustomed to lording it over everyone."

"Now they are back as ordinary citizens. Instead of a lot of power and money they are unemployed, ignored by other Japanese, and perhaps soon will become hungry. They may attempt to stir up trouble."

Close Watch Kept

More than a million Japanese have been repatriated from all parts of Japan's one-time empire. Those in China have been given

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Army Training Period For Overseas Duty Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Army yesterday reduced the period of training to eight weeks for soldiers destined to be sent overseas as replacements.

The War Department said the action followed consultation with overseas theater commanders on the "critical situation" regarding troops for occupation duty.

A limited number of replacements will be given more than eight weeks' training, however, to qualify as specialists. At the end of the normal eight weeks, the soldier will be given a seven-day leave prior to embarkation.

Health Survey of School Children Asked by Morse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) has introduced a resolution which would authorize the Labor Department to survey the health and physical status of children of school age and the facilities available for necessary corrections. It would authorize expenditure of \$450,000 a year for the study.

Hospital Personnel Shortage May Halt Care of War Vets With Non-Service Ailments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Veterans Administration moved yesterday for a clear-cut definition of national policy regarding future medical care and hospitalization of veterans with non-service connected disabilities.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, VA administrator, drafted a letter to President Truman outlining the critical situation he said has arisen in handling such cases, due to the shortage of doctors, nurses and hospital space.

The point might be reached, Bradley noted, where no more veterans with non-service disabilities could be accommodated. Under existing policy many veterans with non-service connected disabilities have been receiving free government medical care.

VA officials said this has resulted in the following situation:

1. Approximately 70 per cent of currently hospitalized veterans from all previous wars have disabilities in no way connected with their military service.

2. World War II veterans with non-service disabilities already slightly exceed those with service

Finis W. Dillard, Pioneer of Douglas County, Retired Law Enforcement Officer, Passes

Finis W. Dillard, who, at the time of his retirement two years ago, bore the distinction of being the nation's oldest peace officer, died at his home on East Douglas street last night at the age of 96 years. He had been a resident of Douglas county for 95 years.

For more than 45 years he served as a law enforcement officer, holding positions as deputy sheriff, chief of police and constable, while engaging at intervals in farming, real estate, cattle raising and wholesale meat trade.

Born March 29, 1849, at Springfield, Mo., he came to Douglas county with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Dillard, when one year of age. The family settled on a farm eight miles south of Roseburg, the community now known by the family name—Dillard.

As a youth, Finis assisted his father in producing and selling salt from a mineral spring on the farm. He attended local schools and the Umqua academy at Willbur. He was married Oct. 15, 1871, to Amanda Frances Cox, member of a pioneer family of 1852. He spent a number of years farming the family place, to which he added considerable acreage. In 1882 he took a contract for furnishing meat to the Southern Pacific railroad camps while the line was being constructed south from Roseburg. He continued farming, cattle raising and wholesale meat sales, together with a retail market in Roseburg until 1890 when he sold the farm and moved into Roseburg and was appointed deputy sheriff under the late Sheriff S. C. Miller.

Police Job Won By One Vote

His first venture into politics was in 1898 when he was elected chief of police, then an elective job, by a margin of one vote, in a contest with P. C. Ream. He continued in the position of chief of police for five years.

Mr. Dillard engaged for a short time in the real estate business and served four years as a guard at the Victory Gold Mine in Cow Creek canyon.

He was elected constable of Deer Creek district in 1922 and served continuously in that of-

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FINIS W. DILLARD Passes Away at 96

Forced Military Training Program Appears Doomed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The House Military Committee today spiked administration hopes of early action on a continued draft law and universal military training.

It decided to concentrate instead on a new national defense act. And Chairman May pointed out that all other Army proposals necessarily will hinge on the new act's contents.

The committee already has held long hearings on universal training, but the new move evidently wiped out plans to resume them now. No hearing date has been set on the question of extending the draft, which is due to expire May 15.

A special nine-man subcommittee was assigned to work out recommendations for the postwar defense act which will blueprint the overall peacetime structure of the Army.

While most committee members favor the voluntary system, they are inclined to doubt that it will provide the necessary numbers. Others believe a small volunteer army will be adequate provided it is backed by large numbers of reserves under universal military training.

Duds Left for Cleaners Go Into Victory Drive

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Angel Prigoris inadvertently gave "the clothes off his back" to the victory clothing drive here yesterday.

As a result, police today are searching among the clothing picked up in the drive for 17 suits and coats belonging to Prigoris. Dry cleaners, making deliveries yesterday, left their hangers on his porch and Boy Scouts "collected" them.

Hutchinson Files Again For Commissioner Post

County Commissioner J. Ross Hutchinson yesterday filed for re-nomination in the Democratic primary, May 17. Candidates have until March 8 to file for the primary elections in which nominees will be chosen to run in the November general election. County Clerk Roy Agee said.

No Interest Remitted

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Eighteen years ago a man was fined \$50 and allowed to go free to raise the money. He raised it, too. The \$50 check arrived yesterday.

Big Game Census Puts Oregon Fifth

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The nation's big game population is increasing faster than the number of potential hunters.

The Fish and Wildlife Service reported today that all animals classified as big game totaled 7,148,422 in 1943, an increase of 15.9 per cent over 1941. In the same period the human population gained less than one per cent.

The service has been making annual censuses of big game animals since 1937. Because of the large number of separate counts involved, reports from the 1944 inventory have not been tabulated, and the taking of the 1945 inventory has not been completed.

Pennsylvania had the largest big game population in 1943, 1,104,635 animals, nearly all deer. Michigan ranked second with 731,407. Minnesota third with 631,877. California fourth with 597,625 and Oregon fifth with 584,261.

Kansas was listed as the only state having no big game.

Ex-Navy Man Collapses During Stage Trip, Dies

Edwin LeRoy Donnelly, 39, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, where he held the rating of chief electrician's mate, collapsed last night on a Greyhound bus, en route from Medford to Portland, and died on the way to a hospital. Donnelly, who had been receiving treatment in the Naval hospital at Medford, was en route to his home in Portland. Coronor H. C. Stearns reported a heart ailment as cause of death.

He was born June 9, 1906, in Dresher, Penn., and enlisted in Naval service at Portland, where he had made his home throughout the greater part of his life. He served overseas for two and one-half years and wore the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce, and a daughter, Shirley, Portland.

The body has been removed to the Roseburg Funeral Home.

Radio Fails to Evict Tenants; Landlady Fined

VENICE, Calif., Jan. 31.—(AP)—A landlady whose tenants charged she played the radio from 5 A. M. to 10 P. M., trying to force them to move, must pay a \$25 fine.

A Municipal Court judge fined Mrs. Blanche C. Bunche \$100 yesterday, with an alternative of 20 days in jail, but \$75 of the fine and the entire sentence were suspended for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Cartwright, the tenants, complained that the radio blared from before dawn until after dark in Mrs. Bunche's half of their duplex apartment.

Levy Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenbaum

Financially hard-up nations, crying "gimme" to Uncle Sam, probably need a reminder that the "Sustained Yield" program refers to forest resources, not to the government loan department.