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Pilotless Planes Set World Mark

Radars Directs Hawaii-to-California Flight of 2,174 Miles

Forerunner of Future Atom Warfare Seen

Test Proves Target 2,500 Miles Distant Can Be Hit By Any Type of Bomber

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The historic flight of two unmanned B-17 bombers from Hilo, Hawaii, to Muroc air base, Calif., today was termed the forerunner of accurate, long range guided missiles armed with atomic warheads.

Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson, chief of the Army Air Force guided missile division, said the unprecedented radio-piloted, 2,174-mile flight proved the air force could have struck a target at 2,500 or more miles range with any conventional bomber—unmanned—added.

Richardson did not elaborate. He timed a western trip to be at Muroc Dry Lake for the drone landings yesterday. He flew on a drone mother (control) ship for the aerial atomic bomb drop at Bikini June 30.

He did say, however, that the air force "has just scratched the surface in guided missiles" and

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IF the news from Paris seems vague and meaningless so far, this is the reason:
The 21-nation peace conference is in the ORGANIZATION stage—like one of our big national political conventions in its first day or so. Up to now, the rules committee has been doing most of the work—getting the stage set.

The fireworks will come later. WE must keep in mind the PURPOSE of the conference—which is to speed up the making of peace treaties with the defeated partners of Germany (any peace treaty with Germany is a long way off yet).

The foreign ministers of the big nations haven't been making much progress in that direction. The idea of the 21-nation "conference"—backed largely by us and the British—is to bring pressure and GET SOMETHING DONE.

In reality, we are attempting to get around Russia's VETO power—which has stalled progress so far.

THE rules committee has decided to ROTATE the chairmanship of the conference among the United States, China, France, Great Britain and Russia—in that order. Each will hold the chairmanship for three days at a time.

The rotation is to be in alphabetical order, according to

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Kaiser Eager for Probe Into His War Record; Attempt to Kill His Reputation Claimed

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, West Coast wartime shipbuilder, asserted today he was eager to have his war record investigated, as suggested by New Hampshire's Senator Styles Bridges. In turn he called for an investigation of the steel industry's war record, and threw in Jesse Jones and his Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Kaiser told newsmen his story of asserted hindrances in the development of his Fontana, Calif., steel plant.



SKYWAYS PLANE ARRIVES—This new, four-place Stinson Voyager-150 was added to the Roseburg Skyways fleet this week upon delivery from Wayne, Michigan. The plane was flown to Roseburg by Jack Fincham of the Interstate Tractor Co., at right above, with M. B. Emmitt, sales manager for Roseburg Skyways. Fincham reported the craft is "far more of an airplane than advertised."

Bankrupt Plant in War Profits Inquiry Sold

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Batavia Metal Products, Inc., part of a midwestern munitions combine which is being investigated by a Senate committee, was sold last night to two New York industrialists.

Sidney S. Gohrman, an attorney for the firm, disclosed the sale of a bankruptcy hearing against the company today.

Gohrman said Dr. Henry Garson, head of the Batavia concern, sold all Batavia stock last night to James Stein, president of Metaplast Company, Inc., which produces metal and plastic products in New York, and Herman Staff, head of the Diamond Production Company, also of New York, which produces industrial diamonds.

City Manager Plan Set For Vote at Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Voters here will decide whether or not to adopt a council-manager type of government at a special election August 30 under terms of a revised charter referred to the ballot by the city council.

The charter provides that a non-partisan five-man council elected at large from the city will choose a mayor from its own membership and appoint a city manager to conduct municipal government with the council's approval.

Pendleton's current government consists of a mayor and eight councilmen.

Anti-Jewish Blockade Of Palestine Planned

LONDON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A well-informed government quarter said today the British government was planning an all-out drive to end illegal immigration of European Jews into Palestine and that the land and sea operations involved might include a blockade of the coast.

A special meeting of the cabinet was held today to discuss the problem of Palestine, where some 1,500 illegal immigrants—men and women—were still held aboard ships in Haifa harbor.

Potato Prices Drop

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The potato price on several Portland retail markets was down today to 39 cents for ten pounds, compared to the previously prevailing 50 cent.

The Department of Agriculture attributed the drop to a crop surplus.

Stickpin Sought as Clue to Homicide

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A three-carat stickpin diamond was being sought by police today as a possible clue to the death of Dr. R. A. Hahn, 81-year-old physician whose colorful life was brought to an end last night by a souvenir French Army bayonet thrust through his heart.

The doctor's body was discovered by his son, Rudolph, who told police he found his father dead after a stranger in the hall way leading from his hotel apartment suite told him he had just been talking with the doctor.

Dr. C. J. Abrams, Spokane County coroner, said Hahn had been dead less than an hour when police were summoned. He said a three-carat diamond was missing from a stickpin usually worn by the doctor.

Dr. Hahn was a principal in several court cases and was convicted in 1945 of performing two illegal operations. He was released on probation under \$10,000 surety bond.

His former \$75,000 home was the scene of the fatal shooting of his second wife, 32 years his junior, in 1940, which a coroner's jury found to be a suicide.

Vets' Population in U. S. Passes 17 Million Mark

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The ex-service population of the nation has passed the 17,000,000 mark for the first time.

As of July 31, the Veterans Administration reported today, 17,240,000 veterans were listed on its rolls. This compares with the previous high of 16,536,000 a month earlier and 6,712,000 at the end of July 1945.

The number of World War II veterans increased from 2,688,000 at the end of July, 1945, to 13,274,000 July 31, 1946. On that date there were 3,966,000 veterans of other wars, chiefly World War I.

Four Negroes Held in Gang Style Killing of 5th

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Four Negroes were being questioned by police today in connection with the gangland style slaying yesterday afternoon of 55-year-old Roy Baldwin, also colored, who was dragged from a car, shot above the heart and left lying on the sidewalk with his hands folded across his chest.

The slaying occurred on Hewitt Avenue, Everett's main east-west thoroughfare, eight blocks from the central city intersection, shortly after 3 P. M. yesterday.

Crash Kills Grandson of Admiral Peary, Explorer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A mid-air collision of two naval planes near Leonardtown, Md., Monday brought death to four persons, one of them the grandson of Admiral Robert E. Peary, the North Pole explorer.

The fatalities included Lt. Peary D. Stafford, of Washington, the admiral's grandson, and Lt. Comdr. C. M. Whitmore, of Pocomoke, Md.

Former Roseburg Man Found Dead in Salem

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—A body found in a vacant lot here Monday was identified today as that of Thomas William Bright, formerly of Roseburg. Death was due to natural causes. Officials have telegraphed the national identifications headquarters for information as to where his relatives reside.

Polio Spread Combatted in Various Areas

(By The Associated Press)
Infantile paralysis reached epidemic proportions in scattered sections of the nation today as health authorities took further steps to combat spread of the disease.

Epidemics were reported at Minneapolis; in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and in Jones, Forrest and Lowndes Counties, Mississippi.

In Ohio the state health director predicted an epidemic year "unless there is a sharp drop within the next 10 days."

Many states throughout the south, west and midwest reported the number of polio cases for the year already higher than last year's totals. New England and Middle Atlantic states appeared only slightly affected.

Precautions taken included cancellation of some boys and girls' conventions in Louisiana and Mississippi and closing of some swimming pools in Nebraska state parks. Ohio's health director told parents to keep children away from crowds, allow them plenty of rest and prevent over-exercise.

Situation Summarized
This was the picture in southern states:

Arkansas—Epidemic proportions in Pulaski County, which includes Little Rock, but scattered cases in rest of the state.

Louisiana—167 cases to date, against 30 last year at this time. Mississippi—State epidemiologist says state on verge of "near epidemic" and three counties now in epidemic stage.

Alabama reported 195 cases to date this year compared with 84 for the corresponding period last year. Memphis, Tenn., had 30 cases under treatment compared

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Death Claims Pugilist 'Champ' After Knockout

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 7.—(AP)—An Army veteran and a University of Utah student, Del Zesiger, 21-year-old prize fighter from Bountiful, Utah, died yesterday after being knocked out in a feature bout here the night before.

The youth, who took his mother's maiden name of Hardy after turning professional last spring, became the sixth boxer of the year to die after a bout in the United States.

Hardy was knocked to the canvas in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout with Remo Polidori of Tooele, Utah, who won the bout. It was the first loss for Hardy in seven bouts since he became professional. His wins were always by knockouts.

While in the service he won the light heavyweight and heavy-weight championships at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he spent two years.

William Heirens Bares Guilt of Three Murders

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The state moved today to wrap up its case against William Heirens by obtaining an indictment charging the 17-year-old prisoner with a dual personality with the murder of Mrs. Josephine Ross, one of the three killings he confessed.

In unfolding a detailed story of his incredible criminal career yesterday, he set forth how he knifed Mrs. Ross, a 43-year-old widow, in her apartment in June of 1945, although he had not been indicted for this murder.

His confession also solved the fiendish kidnapping, strangling and dismemberment of Suzanne Degnan, 6, on Jan. 7, and the shooting and stabbing of Miss Frances Brown, 33, a former WAVE, on Dec. 10, 1945.

Exams Set for Postal Jobs in Douglas County

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has set an open competitive examination to fill positions of postmaster at Camas Valley and Elkton in Douglas County. It is announced by Millard Doyle, Roseburg, civil service secretary.

Applications must be on file at Washington, D. C., prior to the office at Camas Valley pays a salary of \$1,800, and the Elkton office pays \$2,500. Forms for use in submitting applications may be obtained from Doyle at the Roseburg post office.

Leaps in Undies From Auto, Dons Duds, Gets His Train in O Flat

NEW HOPE, Pa., Aug. 7.—(AP)—It was less than two minutes to train time when an automobile raced up to the platform of the Reading Company's New Hope station.

A middle-aged man, clad only in underwear, garbed in socks and shoes, jumped out. With a quick glance at the Philadelphia-bound commuter's train, he reached into the auto, pulled out a pair of pants—and put them on.

Next he struggled into a shirt, fumbling momentarily with the buttons. Then he grabbed his tie and suit coat, slammed the car door shut and ran for the train.

He made it amid cheers of other passengers.

Paris Meet Opened To Ex-Foe States

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The Conference of Paris wound up its work on procedure in the rules committee today after settling a marathon argument on voting machinery and invited five former enemy states to participate in its deliberations beginning Saturday.

Under an American amendment, as altered at Russian suggestion, the representatives of Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland can be heard both in committee and in the full conference sessions on questions of the treaties concerning them.

After 20 hours of debate yesterday it was finally decided over the embittered opposition of Soviet Russia and five other members of her bloc to adopt a British compromise on the voting machinery.

The compromise proposal, adopted by a 15-6 vote, would require a two-thirds majority for decisions of the 21-nation peace conference, but would permit measures adopted by a simple majority to go to the Big Four foreign ministers council as "recommendations." All decisions of the conference are subject to the approval of the council.

Boston Lobby Accused of Blocking Wool-Aid Bill

CEDAR CITY, Utah, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Rep. Walter C. Granger (D-Utah) today accused a "powerful lobby of the Boston wool brokers," backed by the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, with preventing a bill to stabilize the wool industry from coming to a vote during the session recently ended.

He said the legislation which he and Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) sponsored—which he asserted was necessary unless the wool industry is to be "entirely" liquidated—was stymied by "certain eastern congressmen."

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"We have had much assistance from the Doernbecher Hospital in many cases sent from this county and we owe a great debt of gratitude to that institution. In appreciation of the service given by the hospital for crippled children, our board of directors voted unanimously to donate this needed piece of equipment, which was purchased at a cost of \$275. It is now in use. We know that Douglas County contributors to the infantile paralysis fund will be glad to know that their gift to the Portland hospital will aid in relieving the sufferings of many children and will probably aid in lessening the crippling effect upon polio victims."

Negroes Slay Fireman, Rape Girl Companion

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Solicitor General pro-tem Andrew J. Ryan, Jr., said two Negroes early today attacked a 22-year-old girl fireman and his 17-year-old girl companion, and, after shooting the fireman to death, raped the girl.

The solicitor identified the fireman as Anthony Allison, veteran of naval service in the recent war.

The couple was in a parked automobile on a road in a sparsely settled section of Chatham County about 1 A. M., when the double crime was committed.

After the assault, the Negroes left the girl in the car. She walked to a farm house and called police.

Alleged Oregon Firebug To Be Returned by Ohio

VAN WERT, Ohio, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Sheriff Roy Shaffer said today that Albert P. Sylvester, 23, Pineville, Ore., serving a jail term here for malicious destruction of property by fire, would be returned home to face charges of setting fires in Oregon.

The sheriff said that during questioning by insurance investigators in connection with a fire at nearby Venedocia, Sylvester admitted knowledge of fires at the Crook County Co-operative warehouse and feed mill and the Alexander Yawkey Lumber Mill, both Pineville; a filling station at Bend, and 15 or 16 other blazes not specifically described.

Fried Chicken

GUNNISON, Utah, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Veri Anderson planned to kill a chicken for dinner.

After selecting one in the barnyard, Mrs. Anderson ducked under a tree as a storm came up. Lightning struck the tree, tossed Mrs. Anderson against the house and killed the chicken.

Somewhat bruised, Mrs. Anderson finished preparing the bird for dinner.

Railroad Car Shortage Hits Lumber Trade

Tremendous shortage of railroad cars, particularly on the lines of the Southern Pacific from Eugene south, has forced a partial curtailment of lumber production in this area, said H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, here today.

The problem of transportation was faced last night in a district meeting of the association at the Del Rey Cafe, attended by lumbermen who represent most of Douglas County's production.

The car shortage, Simpson said, affects the national housing program because of the inability of mills to ship lumber.

Since few mills have the storage space for their production, some small mills have been forced to close. Larger mills are in a position to have to curtail their production.

An overall car shortage is affecting railroads throughout the country, as well as in Southern Oregon. A committee is meeting with the Association of American Railroads in Washington, D. C., to seek allocation of more cars for this area, Simpson said.

Labor, Equipment Short

In addition to the car shortages, the industry is affected by labor and equipment shortages. Logging equipment, particularly D-8 tractors, is especially needed.

"In spite of these shortages, the production of lumber is holding to a pretty good level," Simpson commented.

The industry expects increasing controls on lumber production so long as the housing shortage remains as acute as it is. However, the Wyatt program, calling for an increased building program, will "do nothing to help the lumber industry," he added.

Both Simpson and C. H. Kreienbaum, president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, expressed their belief that Douglas County's large remaining stands of timber will support an "unlimited" perpetual production. They said they were "impressed" with the increasing value of the forests in this area, and see a

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Chapter Thanked For Polio Aid Gift

The Douglas County Infantile Paralysis chapter has received a letter expressing thanks and appreciation from Doernbecher Hospital, Portland, for the gift of a Vollrath heat pack machine.

A. G. Henninger, chairman of the county chapter, reports.

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Killer of Imbecile Son Saved From Death Chair

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—John F. Novak, Jr., who has spent two years in "death row" at state prison awaiting electrocution for murdering his imbecile infant son, today had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Governor Tobin recommended clemency for the wealthy Pittsfield attorney and the executive council approved.

Novak, himself a homeless cripple from an attack of infantile paralysis suffered several years ago, had lost every appeal through the courts.

Glendale Highway Link Stymied; Job at Dixonville Awarded

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—The \$1,000,000 straightening of the Pacific highway between Glendale Junction and Wolf Creek remained in abeyance today after the State Highway Commission postponed action.

Reporting difficulty in obtaining right-of-way options, the commission held up action on the low bids submitted by McNutt Brothers, Eugene (\$877,031 for a rugged 5.54 miles) and R. A. Heinz, Portland (\$299,478.50 for 7.16 miles of easier terrain).

The project is one of the largest on the state's three-year road construction program.

J. C. Compton of McMinnville was awarded a contract on the Dixonville-Marks ranch section of the North Umpqua highway in Douglas County. His accepted bid of \$243,479 calls for 7.15 miles of widening and 7.84 miles of paving.

Norblad's Defeat Sought by PAC

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—The CIO Citizens' Political Action Committee, accusing local Democrats of lack of interest in defeating the incumbent Republican Representative Walter Norblad, threatened today to take action alone.

The PAC declared that the Clatsop County Democratic central committee had cold-shouldered a proposed combined rally for Lyman Ross, Aloha, Democratic nominee who is running for Norblad's seat in the House of Representatives.

"Organized labor is determined to defeat Representative Walter Norblad this fall, and if it fails to get proper cooperation and support from the Democratic central committee, most likely labor will act on its own initiative," said Fred Winchester, secretary of the Northwest Oregon PAC.

Harold Haynes, state Democratic committeeman declared it was too early to begin campaigning for Ross. He added that the PAC had backed Norblad, not Ross, during the January special election.

Winchester said the PAC believes Norblad has not fulfilled a promise "to do nothing to hurt labor."

Fire Fighters Near Canyonville Withdrawn

Two fire fighting crews were withdrawn last night and this morning from the area of the incendiary blaze southwest of Canyonville, and the fire is under control and confined to approximately 100 acres, the Douglas Forest Protective Association reported.

The Riddle crew, which includes 12 men, is remaining at the scene of the fire to control any further outbreak. The fire was started Sunday by an incendiary who set 14 individual fires which merged, and burned over an area estimated at 160 acres.

On the Umpqua National Forest, a careless smoker's fire was extinguished near Diamond Lake yesterday. It was reported by Ray E. Hampton, in charge of fire control. The fire occurred between the Diamond Lake resort and the fish hatchery, and did comparatively minor damage.

Five Persons Killed in Collision of Two Autos

LARAMIE, Wyo., Aug. 7.—(AP)—An Illinois doctor, his son and daughter and two other motorists were killed today in a collision of their automobiles four miles south of Laramie.

The five dead are Dr. C. O. McCree of Aledo, Ill., his son and daughter, John and Eugenia, ages 10 and 12; George Buxman and his wife of Fort Collins, Colo.

Mrs. McCree was brought to a hospital here in serious condition.

The impact wrenched the motor from the Buxman car and threw it 63 feet, the coroner said.

Pilot Escapes Death as Plane Crashes Into Home

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Fred Husk, 22, civilian pilot, was nearly scalped but escaped with his life this morning when his light plane crashed into the side of a house near Geiger Field.

Clarence B. Bratton, owner of the house, said the plane made a half circle, apparently with dead motor, just before crashing. The ship plowed into a wide bay window, the nose protruding eight feet into the living room, wrecking a radio and moving a stove six feet off its base.

None of the occupants of the house was injured.

Axtell Victor In Missouri's Demo Primary

PAC Loses in Virginia Against Byrd, but Wins in West Va. for Kilgore

(By The Associated Press)
President Truman and backers of his move to unseat Rep. Roger C. Slaughter came out on top today in what the Missouri congress member had called "a fight to determine the future course of the Democratic party."

Complete returns from the Fifth Missouri Congressional District gave Enos A. Axtell, 37-year-old former Navy lieutenant, the Democratic nomination by 2,301 votes over the two-term of whom Mr. Truman had said: "If he's right, I'm wrong."

Jerome Walsh, former OPA enforcement attorney, ran a distant third.

Axtell's November opponent will be Albert L. Reeves, Jr., ex-lieutenant colonel of the Army engineers. He was unopposed for the Republican nomination.

Slaughter was one of the few Congressional incumbents defeated as voters in Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, Kansas, New Hampshire and Arkansas chose party nominees in primaries yesterday.

Victor Strongly Backed

The CIO-PAC and the Fendergast political organization of Kansas City lined up with Axtell and the President. Mr. Truman had condemned the incumbent as an obstructer of administration legislative aims in the powerful House Rules Committee.

Slaughter questioned propriety of the President's intervention and asserted that the CIO-PAC, under Communist influence, hoped to dominate the Democratic party.

The intra-party battle had much in common with one in 1938 when the late President Roosevelt took aim at Rep. John J. O'Connor, New York Democrat who was chairman of the House Rules Committee. Mr. Roosevelt prevailed over O'Connor, but failed in attempts that year to unseat four other Congress Democrats whose voting records he disliked.

Three Senators Win Out
Each of three senators up for renomination yesterday won handily. All Democrats, they were:

Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, whom the CIO-PAC hoped to oust; Frank P. Briggs of Missouri, endorsed by Mr. Truman; and

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Dulles Raps U. S. Status in Germany

CAMBRIDGE, England, Aug. 7.—(AP)—John Foster Dulles, vice chairman of the newly formed church commission on international affairs, expressed U. S. opinion today for what he called repudiation of pledges made before the Reich's capitulation.

Recalling that Hitler said defeat would mean the end of the German people, Dulles told the general conference that he was humiliated by many things in American occupation policies.

Without particularizing, he asserted that questionable conduct of some of the occupation troops and "slave labor under terrible conditions" represented the breaking of promises contained in leaflets inviting the Germans to surrender.

He said he had the "distinct impression" that the major powers still looked upon the German people as a "great war potential."

"Next to the atom bomb," he continued "the Germans appear to be the most valuable war potential that any great power can lay its hands on."

"The process of getting the German people into the next war is already under way."

"This gives the Germans the apparently attractive possibility of playing the great powers off against each other—but if they do that, it will really mark the end of the German people."

Germany's future, he said, "depends less on present debates than on the German people's response to the test—are they in their hearts through with the war, or will they sell themselves to the highest bidder for the next war?"

Dilemma

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. A. P. Lurie is caught in a legal dilemma.

A building she owns was recently condemned by the city as a fire hazard, and Mrs. Lurie was ordered to tear it down within 30 days.

Then Judge Ewing Boyd issued an order restraining her from ripping off the roof on petition of a renter who sublets rooms to 30 other tenants.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. F. Reizenstein

That terrific earthquake in the Caribbean may have been reflex action through the Southern States from Georgia's backward slip in the last election.