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British Plane With 29 Aboard Feared Lost

Cunningham, War Hero, One Of Passengers

Craft Hours Overdue at Azores in Bad Weather

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Sir Arthur Cunningham, British war hero of World War II, is believed to have been lost with 28 other persons today aboard a British commercial plane en route to Bermuda.

This afternoon the plane was eight hours overdue at the island outpost. British South American Airways said hopes for its safety looked black. The ship was a British-made Tudor IV.

The plane left London Tuesday, stopping at Lisbon and the Azores. It was delayed at the Azores by "extremely severe weather," the airline announcement said.

Most of the passengers were British. The airline said there were at least 23 passengers and six crewmen aboard.

Sir Arthur retired last November. In World War II, he worked with the British Army in North Africa and formed the first tactical air force in French North Africa in 1943. He also took part in Italian operations. He was born in Brisbane, Australia, 53 years ago.

"All Normal," Last Word
A spokesman for the BSSA

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE other day in Sofia, Georgia, Dimitroff, communist premier of Bulgaria, delivered himself of a statement to the effect that "the eastern European nations in the Soviet orbit intend to form a federation of states as ALLIES to Russia when the time is ripe."

This week Pravda, official Moscow organ of the communist party, lets go with a counter statement on the same subject. It says:

"The editors of Pravda consider that these countries stand in need of NOT a problematical and far-fetched federation . . . nor do they need a customs union. What they need is consolidation and defense of their independence and sovereignty by mobilization and organization of internal DEMOCRATIC forces."

WORDS are great stuff—especially double-jointed diplomatic words.

This country-town writer has no idea as to what is in the mind out suspects that maybe these little eastern European countries would like to run their own shebang as independent ALLIES of Russia, whereas Pravda is telling them they are GOING to be run by the COMMUNIST PARTY, which is controlled from Moscow.

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Oregon's Treasurer Opposes Income Tax Surplus Spending Exclusively for Top Schools

SALEM, Jan. 30.—(AP)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, answering Governor John H. Hall's proposal to use income tax surpluses to construct buildings for the university and state colleges, urged today that needs of all other agencies be considered before any of the surplus is spent.

He said the surplus, now \$30,000,000, might reach \$50,000,000 next year.

Referring to other demands on the surplus, Scott said state employees need \$3,000,000 a year in salary raises, counties and cities want \$25,000,000, old age pensioners want more money, state institutions need more buildings, public schools need buildings, the general fund needs \$3,000,000 to wipe out its deficit, and the Highway Commission needs \$300,000,000.

"It would seem sound policy, first, to take inventory of them all, and then to make judicious allocations, based upon conservative expectations of future revenues," Scott said. Otherwise, some needs crowded out will make bad problems later. If



SIR ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM
Believed Killed in Crash

Pittenger Faces 2nd Slapping Count

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Police Chief Lawrence L. Pittenger, who resigned as Eugene Chief of Police last fall after slapping a youth, was indicted by the county grand jury yesterday on a charge of slapping another.

Pittenger, who was appointed Oregon City police chief three months ago, was charged with assault and battery. The youth involved was Adrian E. Golke, 20, Oregon City.

Pittenger was accused of slapping Golke twice across the face at a country dance Dec. 20, in an argument about a traffic accident and arrest.

The report filed before the grand jury gave this account: Golke's car and another had collided en route to the dance, and the police chief and a patrolman had arrested the other driver on a hit-run charge.

The arrested man posted bail, went to the dance, and protested. The police chief asked Golke whether he had said it was a hit-run case.

Golke said he had not. Then, the report continued, the police chief said "I hate a liar," then slapped Golke twice.

Pittenger was free today on \$1000 bond but was temporarily suspended from the force.

Oregon's Traffic Death Rate in '47 at Record Low

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Oregon's traffic death rate last year of 8.4 deaths per 100,000,000 miles of travel was the lowest since records have been kept.

The 1946 rate was 10.6. The previous low was 8.8 in 1942, when travel was restricted because of the war.

SHIRLEY'S MOTHER

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Shirley Temple, who not so long ago was a famous movie child star, became a mother today.

While Husband John Agar paced a waiting room, Shirley gave birth to a daughter, Dr. William C. Bradbury said both were doing nicely.

Mohawk Unit Proposal Gets Nod in Douglas

In the belief that the economic future of Douglas County rests on the decision of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the establishment of the Mohawk River Sustained Yield Unit in Lane County, the Douglas County Court has filed a brief for the record following the recent hearing at Eugene, County Judge D. N. Busenbark announced.

The Douglas County Court is vitally interested in the establishment of the Mohawk River Unit, inasmuch as it is the first of the individual sustained yield units proposed and a hearing held for the final establishment of the cooperative agreement, the County Court's brief states.

"In Douglas County we have several potential units which we assume will be formally applied for and be scheduled for hearings in the near future, provided the Mohawk River Unit is established by order of the Secretary of the Interior as a result of the findings of the Eugene hearing," the brief continues.

Adhering To Program
In stating the court's policy of aligning the sale of county owned timber to comply with the administrative units, as worked out by

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Lloyd McClintock Files for Sheriff

Lloyd R. McClintock, chief of police at Myrtle Creek, Thursday filed his candidacy for sheriff on the Republican ticket, seeking nomination at the May 21 primary election.

McClintock has been a resident of Douglas County since 1940, coming here from Los Angeles. A veteran of World War II, he enlisted in the regular navy, in which he held an EM 1/c rating from a previous enlistment, and served aboard the AG 74, a coast- and harbor communications vessel.

The candidate has had 18 years of police officer experience, his career beginning in 1922. In 1924 he was the "youngest police chief in the world" serving the city of Royal Oak, Mich. He came to the west coast in 1929, serving with the city of Los Angeles 11 years before moving to Oregon.

McClintock resigned as chief of police at Myrtle Creek in 1946 to accept a position as deputy sheriff in Roseburg. He returned to Myrtle Creek, shortly, however, to become chief of police and superintendent of water, power and streets as well.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintock have three children, all attending the Myrtle Creek school. The McClintocks are property owners in both the city and county, they state.

Active in Organizations

The candidate is an active member of the Naval Reserve in Roseburg, Fallon Post, No. 123, American Legion, at Canyonville, the Myrtle Creek Rod and Gun Club, the Northwest Peace Officers Association, and serves as Legion committee man for the Myrtle Creek Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Fallon Legion Post.

The candidate is schooled in fingerprinting identification, and qualified as an identification officer under George Byrd of the Highland Park police department at Highland Park, Mich., in 1925.

Truman Opposed on Price Control First Attitude

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Senator Flanders (R-Vt.), who wants meat rationing, contended today President Truman is "dead wrong" in saying it would do no good without price control.

Another republican, Senator Buck (D-Del.), also took issue with Mr. Truman's statement that prices for meat should be fixed before it is rationed.

"If that's the way he feels about it," Buck said in an interview, "then there is no chance for either rationing or price control because this congress is not going to go for price control."

That sums up the present prospect for these measures.

ORVILLE WRIGHT WORSE
DAYTON, O., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Miami Valley hospital announced this morning the condition of Orville Wright, 76-year-old aviation pioneer, had taken a turn for the worse during the night and now was critical.

Old Baldy Beats Professional Guy In Tug-of-War

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—The professional muscle men of Portland were convinced today of the prowess of old Baldy, tugger of logs and men.

Baldy, the Waterloo, Ore., logging horse, who upended a 210-pound amateur in a tug-of-war six weeks ago that had farmers of the community betting thousands of dollars, was imported by the pros last night for a contest which was the main event of a wrestling card.

At the other end of a 150-foot rope was R. R. "Doc" Fredericks, 230-pound proprietor of a muscle studio.

His professional pals cheered as Fredericks, braced against a timber and on his back to cut down the rope's angle, held the horse for a second.

Then Baldy dug into a specially constructed gravel pit in the Armory here, and Fredericks soared through the air to land 10 feet away on a mat that one pessimistic professional had placed there.

Proper Nouns Supply Acceptable Answer

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Parents of New York City high school students have protested that a recent state regents history exam was too tough for the youngsters.

But difficulties posed by the test were taken into consideration, Assistant Superintendent of Schools William A. Hamm said. Students were given the benefit of the doubt if they gave any sort of reasonable answer.

For instance, Hamm explained, if they were asked to name "two ancient sports" and replied "Anthony and Cleopatra," they got full credit.

Four Missing in Hotel Fire, 10 Others Injured

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Four persons were unaccounted for and 10 injured after nearly 100 guests fled, leaped from windows or were carried from the Jesse Welden Inn—swept by sudden, swift fire early today.

The estimate of four missing was made after a numerical check of those accounted for against the number believed to have been in the building which had front section three stories high and a five-story addition.

Real estate men said it would cost \$300,000 to \$500,000 to replace the building and its furnishings.

Monmouth to Burn Bonds, Get Lower Tax Levy

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Monmouth will burn its last outstanding city bonds next Tuesday. Householders will get other good news that day too.

Mayor F. R. Boyer said he would announce a decreased tax levy and lower electricity rates. The power rates will be 37.5 to 64 per cent under those of 1940 and in instances will be the lowest in the country, he said.

The bonds in the bonfire will be for a water system started in 1912 and a city PUD in 1940.

Marshall Plan Has Backing Of Farm Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Leaders of two big farm organizations backed the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe today.

Even as they were telling a Senate committee they support the idea, Republicans brushed off President Truman's new plea for \$6,800,000,000 to get it started.

Senator Taft told a reporter, "there will certainly be a cut in the amount."

The farm leaders are President Allen B. Kline of the American Farm Bureau Federation and J. T. Sanders, counsel for the National Grange. They gave their views to the Senate foreign relations committee.

Kline said his group feels this country should help Western European nations "help themselves in such a manner that it will be in our long-time best interest."

He added that this must be done without "resort to a regulated economy" at home.

Sanders said the United States may be able to double its standard of living.

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Plane on Rescue Mission Crashes

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 30.—(AP)—U. S. Air Force headquarters reported today the sighting of plane wreckage in the lower French Alps, and said another plane, presumably a B-17 in the search party, had crashed 20 miles east of the wreckage.

The first plane was believed to be a DC-3 transport which disappeared Tuesday while en route from France to Italy. It carried three American women and five children, dependents of U. S. Soldiers in the Trieste area.

The wreckage of this twin-engine craft was sighted 12 miles northwest of Digne, France, the air force headquarters at Wiesbaden reported.

One of the pilots in the search party said he had seen the second plane crash and explode. It appeared to him to be a flying fortress (B-17).

Ground crews started immediately for the wreck scene.

The missing plane took off from Istres air base near Marseille, France for Udine, Italy, Tuesday on what was to have been a three-and-a-half hour flight.

The women and children passengers had arrived by ship Saturday at Bremerhaven, Germany, from the United States. They were on the last lap of their trip to Trieste.

POLIO CASES INCREASE

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Oregon today listed 11 cases of poliomyelitis this month, greatest number in any January since 1928.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson of the State Board of Health said the figure was high for this time of year and ordered county health authorities to watch the situation closely.



MOHANDAS K. GANDHI
Eternal Rest at Last

Flashy Car Aids in Quick Capture of Gem Thief

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 30.—(AP)—An unwilling woman companion and a too-flashy automobile trapped a daring holdup man and brought about recovery of \$15,000 worth of unset diamonds.

Detective Chief J. L. Schuerling said the bandit was Eddie Brouel, 26, of Chicago and Detroit. The detective further identified Brouel as a parolee from the Michigan state penitentiary and said he was held on charges of armed robbery.

Brouel was arrested in a sky-blue convertible coupe an hour and 22 minutes after a tray of diamonds had been taken at gunpoint from a midtown jewelry store.

Police spotted the car after receiving a description from an unnamed woman who said she accompanied Brouel and his wife into a store thinking she was to help select a gift.

Henry Ford 3rd, Labor Chief Have Friendly Chat

DETROIT, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Young Henry Ford's flair for the unconventional caused a lot of discussion in industry and labor circles today.

Taking a leaf from his famed grandfather's book, the 30-year-old Ford Motor Co. president did the unexpected and talked over "general labor policy matters" for three hours yesterday with President Walter Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers.

It was the second meeting of the two in less than two months, but it was the first time labor relations were discussed by top labor and management officials when no contract negotiations or disputes involving them were in progress.

French Solons Approve 5,000-Franc Note Grab

PARIS, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Both houses of France's legislature approved today the government's bill withdrawing all 5,000-franc notes from circulation.

The finance ministry announced that everyone holding the 5,000-franc notes will be repaid. The announcement said the operation was not "an expropriation." An official source had indicated yesterday that some of the bills might be confiscated as a blow at the black market if holders could not explain their possession.

March of Dimes Funds Stolen; Arrest Made

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Police today held a man accused of stealing a March of Dimes collection bottle from a tavern.

He was booked as Clayton L. Crane, 28, Tacoma, and bond was set at \$1000. Police said the bottle and \$11.52 in change were recovered.

Another bottle was reported stolen from another tavern.

India's Independence Father Shot Down by Hindu on Way To His Prayer Meeting Grounds

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A Hindu tonight shot to death Mohandas K. Gandhi, apostle of non-violence and father of Indian independence.

Police said the frail spiritual leader of India's hundreds of millions of Hindus was killed for "political reasons—because some persons did not agree with his appeals against violence."

Gandhi, 78, was walking to, to appeal again for an end of communal violence. Three shots rang out at close range. One found his heart. Death came in a few minutes to his emaciated body, wasted in a recent fast in the cause of peace amid the rival religious sects of India and Pakistan.

The assassin was held incommunicado. Police said he was a Hindu civilian from Poona, although he was wearing army clothes. Earlier this month a bomb had exploded near the spot where Gandhi was holding his prayer meeting.

Tens of thousands of weeping Indians streamed to Gandhi's bier in his quarters in the palatial residence of G. D. Birla, an industrialist who long had supported Gandhi.

There was grave concern at the possibility of renewed violence between Moslems on the one side and Hindus and Sikhs on the other. Only two weeks ago the 78-year-old Gandhi had fasted for five days in an effort to ease the communal situation. He ended the fast on the promise of leaders to work for peace.

(By the Associated Press)
India's chief delegate to the United Nations called the assassination of Gandhi "the biggest disaster which has overtaken our country." Issues between India and Pakistan, her Moslem neighbor, are before the U. N. security council.

Prime Minister Attlee of Britain arranged a broadcast to night, probably to appeal to India and Pakistan to put aside thoughts of violence. The countries remain as dominions of the British government, but to all intents are independent.

"Anything Might Happen"
The news shocked London.

A government official said almost anything might happen in India because of the shooting. The official, who spent many years in British service in India, said authorities there would have to move fast to keep the situation

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Child Burned In Trailer House Fire

Two-year-old Lewis Skurlock, Jr., is in a "serious" condition at Mercy Hospital from burns received in the fire which destroyed his parents' trailer home at the government trailer camp on E. 2nd Ave. S. late yesterday morning.

The boy was rescued from the flames by M. A. (Jack) Deakin, maintenance man at the trailer camp, who heroically dashed into the burning trailer and carried the child out in his arms. Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor said.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Skurlock, went to the hospital last night to stay with their child while he was placed in an oxygen tent for treatment. Although his condition is still "serious," the child was reported to be "better" today than last night.

Taylor said the fire was caused by an overheated gasoline cook stove. Damage to trailer was estimated at not less than \$1,000 and household possessions at \$500.

Wrecks on Two Railroad Lines Hurt 39 Persons

OGALLALA, Neb., Jan. 30.—(AP)—All 18 cars and one of three power units of the crack Union Pacific City of Francisco streamliner were derailed 12 miles east of here early today.

Twenty-five persons were injured, seven seriously enough to require hospitalization here. A hospital spokesman said none of the injured was in critical condition.

Five of the cars—two Pullmans, a diner, and two coaches—were on their sides or leaning.

MITCHELLVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Fourteen persons were injured early today when the Louisville and Nashville railroad's streamlined passenger train Hummingbird, involved in its fourth accident in recent days, was in collision with a freight train on a sideline near this town on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

Max Baer Faces Damage Suit on Assault Charge

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Max Baer, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, is the defendant in a \$120,000 civil damage suit filed yesterday by Herbert Seal, electrical contractor, whose complaint accused Baer of assault and battery.

Seal contends Baer cursed and struck him last Armistice Day in a traffic argument. He asks \$50,000 for his injury, a like amount for his wife, Mrs. Jessie Mae Seal, and \$20,000 for his daughter Marilyn, 5. Seal charged they were "frightened and terrified" by the alleged assault.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

President Truman declares he won't be satisfied with less than a four-year program of aid to Europe. To operate concurrently, one presumes, with his next four years in the White House, that is—perhaps.



'BODY' AND 'BRAINS'—WHAT MORE DOES A COP NEED?—Determined to be a Detroit policeman, after failing the examinations for 5 years, Tony Rea, 23, (center) tried a new approach. For \$15 he allegedly hired Robert Gilligan (left) to take the physical, and Joseph Sakow, student, (right) to take the mental examination, for free accordion lessons. Only trouble with the scheme: It failed. All three were given six months probation, and Rea was NOT hired for his initiative. (NEA Telephoto.)