

# 56 DEATHS IN PLANE CRASHES

## Flaming Tragedy Near Bombay Kills 45 Persons, Including 13 American Correspondents

### Airliner's Fiery Crash On Summit Of Santa Susana Pass, California, Takes Lives Of 11 Persons, Injures Thirty

BOMBAY, India, July 12.—(AP)—Thirteen American correspondents and 32 other persons died today in the crash of a KLM Constellation dropping through monsoon rainstorms toward a Bombay island airport.

The American reporters were returning home from a tour of Indonesia sponsored by the Dutch government. It was the second tragedy to befall planes of KLM (The Royal Dutch Airline) within three weeks. The Constellation that carried the reporters to Indonesia crashed on its return trip to Europe, killing 33 persons off Bari, Italy, June 23.

The correspondents killed included Charles Gratke, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and two Pulitzer prize winners—H. R. Knickerbocker and S. Burton Heath.

A 14th American killed was Lynn Mahan, representative of a New York public relations company. The others killed were 11 Dutch crewmen, including the general operations manager of KLM at Karachi, Pakistan; 17 other Dutchmen; two Chinese and one Briton.

## Sabotage Fear Saves Woman In Plane Crash

MANILA, July 12.—(AP)—William R. Mathews, Tucson, Ariz., publisher, said today Miss Dorothy Brandon of the New York Herald Tribune had refused to board the ill-fated KLM plane that crashed near Bombay for fear it would be sabotaged.

Mathews, who arrived here aboard a Pan American plane from Bangkok, Siam, quoted Miss Brandon as saying the plane would be "sabotaged as sure as your life."

So far, no evidence that the plane was sabotaged has been uncovered.

Mathews said members of the American newspaper group had requested permission from India's Prime Minister Nehru for the plane to return by way of India.

The Arizona said Miss Brandon expressed fear because most newsmen aboard the plane had been impressed by the Dutch side of the Indonesian question.

The group originally went to Southeast Asia as guests of the Netherlands government to study the Indonesian conflict.

SEATTLE, July 12.—(AP)—Miss Dorothy Brandon, whose life was saved because of belief that Dutch Airlines plane bearing 13 American correspondents to India would be sabotaged, is a former prominent Pacific Coast women's editor and Red Cross worker.

Miss Brandon was women's editor of the Seattle Star from 1939 to 1942; with the American Red Cross, Seattle, 1942 to 1943; radio editor of the Portland Oregonian from 1937 to 1939 and women's editor of the San Francisco Chronicle from 1934 to 1937.

Thirty-three bodies had been recovered by nightfall, approximately 14 hours after the crash. The plane struck a rocky hilltop while approaching the Santa Cruz airfield, 15 miles north of Bombay. It hit a hill near Ghatkoper, on the opposite side of the 30-mile-long island from Santa Cruz.

Monsoon rains beating down on the scene of the crash hampered search parties. The first to reach the area said wreckage was strewn over a two-mile area along a slope 800 feet high. The accident was said to be the worst in India's aviation history. The Indian government began an investigation and granted special authorization to KLM to send an aircraft and Dutch technicians to the scene.

Dead Reporters Listed

The American reporters listed as dead by the American consulate:

- Nat A. Barrows, Chicago Daily News.
- James Brannan, Houston (Tex.) Post.
- Fred Colvig, Denver Post.
- Miss Elsie Dick, Mutual Broadcasting System.
- Tom Falco, Business Week Magazine.
- Charles Gratke, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor.
- S. Burton Heath (home Darlen, Conn.).
- Bertram D. Hulien, New York Times.
- H. R. Knickerbocker.
- Vincent Mahoney, San Francisco Chronicle.
- George Moorad, Portland Oregonian and Station KGW.
- William H. Newton, Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance.
- John Wexley, Time Magazine.

## California Crash Kills 11 Persons

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—(AP)—A Los Angeles police radio car broadcast today that 11 persons were killed and 30 injured in the flaming crash of a Standard Airlines plane near the summit of Santa Susana pass. The crash occurred shortly after the pilot reported that a fight had broken

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## Three Nations In Accord On Pacific Alliance Plan

BAGUIO, Philippines, July 12.—(AP)—The Philippines, Nationalist China and South Korea got behind the proposed Pacific front against Communism today. The big question was: will the United States come in?

The Philippines and Nationalist China initiated the Pacific Union in a three-day conference between President Elpidio Quirino and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek which ended today.

Little South Korea, with a Communist North Korean government to think about, quickly approved the idea. "Korea stands ready to join," President Rhee said in Seoul.

The United States will be asked to line up with countries of the far Pacific in a political and economic—but not military—alliance. Quirino made it clear a military pact was not contemplated.

The State Department in Washington said with caution yesterday it is "sympathetic" with efforts to bring the Pacific nations together to aid each other. Secretary of State Acheson has frowned on a Pacific defense treaty as premature.

Quirino told newsmen he was happy to hear the State Department was "sympathetic." He described the front as "moral rearmament to defend ourselves against the Communist advance."

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The insurgent wing of Republican leaders appears bent on changing National Chairman Scott's name to 'Scoot.'

# The News-Review

**The Weather**  
Fair today, tonight and Wednesday.  
Sunset today 7:53 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 4:44 a. m.

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## Garage Bids Rejected By City Council

### New Ones To Be Sought; Airport Improvement, Union Hall Considered

The Roseburg City Council, meeting in special session last night, rejected all bids previously submitted for construction of a corporation garage as too high and a new call was issued asking bids from qualified contractors. These are to be opened at the next regular council meeting Aug. 1.

Other matters for discussion of which the special meeting was called included airport improvements, city garbage disposal and proposed construction of a union hall on Cobb Street.

The previously submitted report of the Airport Committee, headed by George West, was again given a consideration. Methods of enlargement and improvement, in order to meet specifications of the Civil Aeronautics Authority for feeder service airlines, was considered.

City Manager M. W. Slinkard

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## Five Alger Hiss Trial Jurors Think Judge Was Biased

NEW YORK, July 12.—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said today that telephone interviews with members of the Alger Hiss trial jury show five think Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman was biased in favor of the defense.

The newspaper said two of the 12 jurors stated they do not think the judge showed bias, one declined to take a stand, three had no comment, and the 12th could not be reached.

Judge Kaufman, who has been accused of bias by some members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, issued this statement last night:

"After conferring with some of the judges in this court I will stand on the record and will not enter any debates. The record speaks for itself."

Trials of Hiss, former State Department official, ended Friday night with the jury split eight for conviction and four for acquittal. The government plans to bring Hiss to trial again on the perjury charges.

## Wheat Loan Rates For Oregon Counties Down

PORTLAND, July 12.—(AP)—Wheat loan rates for county points will average 4 cents a bushel below last year, the State Production and Marketing Administration reported today.

Terminal loan rates for Portland, Astoria, Longview and Vancouver will be \$2.16, down 3 cents from last year.

County rates were listed as: Baker \$1.85; Benton \$2; Clackamas \$2.02; Douglas \$1.93; Jackson \$1.88; Josephine \$1.88; Klamath \$1.88; Lake \$1.84; Lane \$1.97; Linn \$1.99; Marion \$2.01; Polk \$2.01; Umatilla \$1.93; Union \$1.86; Yamhill \$2.02.

## RAISE WAGES, CUT TAXES

## CIO-Engaged Economist Presents Proposals For Fending Off Depression

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Controversy grew up fast today over a CIO-sponsored economic report which called upon the nation to fight off a possible depression by means of wage raises, tax reductions, and public works.

The CIO hired Robert R. Nathan, a consulting economist, to analyze the national situation. His findings were issued here yesterday at a big gathering of reporters, cabinet members, senators and others. Nathan has written a second report on the steel industry alone, for release today in Pittsburgh.

Yesterday's report advocated wage raises of different sizes to fit the industry—in all except "severely depressed" industries and companies. It said many industries can afford to raise wages and cut prices at the same time.

That pleased labor unions but ran in the teeth of the contentions of those industrialists who say higher wages would force prices up and be bad for the economy in this period of decline.

Nathan argued that higher wages—greater purchasing power—is exactly what business and the country need in order to reverse the trend of decreasing employment and production.

President Truman, in an economic report to Congress yesterday,

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## Bandit Haynes Finally Caught In New Mexico

SANTA FE, N. M., July 12.—(AP)—William (Billy) Haynes, sought for four days in a search over mountains of Central New Mexico, was captured last night 150 miles south of here.

Hubert Beasley, state police chief, said Haynes, alias Bill Brady, was cornered in a stolen sedan at a road block near Bingham, N. M., on U. S. Highway 380.

State policemen, sheriff's deputies and border patrolmen took part in the capture. Haynes was carrying a revolver at the time.

The tip on his whereabouts came from a man by the name of Wells, who saw Haynes in a store. Then later a motorist reported seeing Haynes. Roadblocks were set up.

Haynes was wanted by federal, state and county officers. He had been charged with aiding in a jail break last month at Corvallis, Ore., auto theft and was wanted for questioning about a Utah post-office robbery.

Marshall E. Huff, whom Haynes reportedly helped escape from the Benton County, Ore., jail June 4, is in jail at Albuquerque.

Haynes was tracked through the mountains three days. He slipped past the dead-tired officers yesterday, and stole the sedan in which he later was trapped, Beasley said.

## Rural Telephone Bill Embattled In House

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The rural telephone bill came up in the House today. Opponents centered their fight on efforts to minimize federal-aid competition with privately-financed phone service.

The bill would permit the Rural Electrification Administration to make loans for rural telephone service the same as it has been doing for years in the field of electricity for farms.

The loans, bearing two percent interest, could be made to private corporations, public agencies and cooperatives, with identical terms to all qualified borrowers. Loans could not be made in any state having a state authority for telephone service regulation unless the state body gives its approval.

## Dapper Lothario Faces Charge Of Grand Theft

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—Sigmund Engel, aged but dapper Lothario, faced a new and for him—unusual charge today: Grand theft without romance.

Engel, jailed in Chicago, is accused by authorities of having netted perhaps millions of dollars in 50 years of fast love-making, and quick getaways.

But Mrs. Irene Grimes, 49, says it wasn't that way in her case. Filing a \$16,000 grand theft charge against Engel yesterday, she told District Attorney Edmund G. Brown:

Engel bumped her in a downtown store and started fast-talking in Hungarian. He posed as a diplomat and promised—for the \$16,000 cash—to help unearl passport difficulties for her relatives in Hungary.

## Ousted Slovak Priest Accuses Catholic Clergy

PRAGUE, July 12.—(AP)—A Communist government official accused Roman Catholic bishops and clergy today of spying and demanded they be subject to the same penalties as soldier-spies, including the death penalty.

Prof. Alexander Horak, commissioner of transport in Slovakia, who made the charge said the Catholic clergy was guilty of "espionage for unfriendly foreign countries."

Horak is a former priest who was suspended by the church for disobeing its ban against the clergy taking part in politics. He now leads the government-sponsored separatist Catholic Action Movement, denounced by the church.

## Life Savings Of Eugene Doctor Have Close Call

FLORENCE, July 12.—(AP)—A satchel full of money, bonds and jewelry—the life savings of Dr. John Scofield, Eugene—was returned safely yesterday to the physician. He lost them at an auto service station here.

State police said there were \$25,376 in cash, \$14,100 in bonds and an unvalued amount of impressive jewelry. The satchel was turned over to officers by Walt Erynd, who said it was left by an unidentified motorist who had a fire fixed at the Brynd service station.

Dr. Scofield telephoned authorities about the loss and explained he kept the satchel in the rear compartment of his automobile because he did not trust banks.

## Firemen Again Battle Flames On Mount Nebo

For the second time in less than two weeks flames were climbing up the rugged slope of Mt. Nebo today. Firemen battled the grass fire, and it was believed they would have the blaze under control within a short time. Cause of the fire was not immediately learned.

On July 4, fire blazed all day long over Mt. Nebo, and finally burned itself out during the night. The fire today was slightly to the north in dry grass.

## British Soldier Slain By Yugoslav Patrol

TRIESTE, Free Territory, July 12.—(AP)—A British soldier was killed by a Yugoslav patrol Sunday along the border of the Trieste Free Territory and Yugoslavia.

The Italian news agency Astra said the soldier had wandered across the border into Yugoslavia.

## Cuts In Excise Taxes During 1950 Probable

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## Pleas May Stay Two Executions

WALLA WALLA, July 12.—(AP)—Appeals to stay the execution of two men scheduled to die minutes apart Friday on the Washington state penitentiary gallows were in the mails today.

Dr. Sol Levy of the Eastern Star Hospital spent three hours yesterday in a mental examination of Arthur Bruce Perkins, 23, who has been condemned to death for the murder of an elderly Olympia couple. Dr. Levy declined to comment except to say that his findings will be in the hands of Governor Langlie by Wednesday morning, when members of the Perkins family will make a personal appeal in Olympia for executive clemency.

The other appeal is, of course, by Jake Bird, who already has managed to postpone three previous meetings with the hangman. Bird's attorney, Murray Taggart, said he has mailed a writ of certiorari to the U. S. Supreme Court, seeking a review of Bird's conviction for the slaying of Mrs. Bertha Kludt two years ago in Tacoma.

This will be the third time the clever Negro had laid his case before the country's highest court. And the serpentine odyssey of Bird's many appeals has led almost numberless times through every tribunal which would hear him.

## Idaho Polio Incidence Nears Epidemic Stage

BOISE, Idaho, July 12.—(AP)—The polio incidence in the state of Idaho approached the epidemic stage today with the report to the State Public Health Department of seven new cases, bringing the year's total to 71.

Twenty-five cases have been reported since July 1 and 26 during June, most of them in the latter part of the month.

(In Seattle, the Seattle-King County Chapter of the American Red Cross appealed for registered nurses to travel to Idaho to help care for the stricken).

## Drunk Driver Fined

John Wayne Kornegay, Roseburg, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunk driving in Municipal Court today, was fined \$100 and his driver's license revoked for one year. Judge Ira B. Riddle reported Kornegay was arrested by City Police July 9.

## Military Policeman Held For Manslaughter

EAST NASSAU, N. Y., July 12.—(AP)—A military police corporal was held on a charge of second degree manslaughter today in the fatal shooting of a girl near a wrecked jet plane he was guarding.

The victim was 25-year-old Marion Anna Nordeen of nearby Brainard, N. Y. She was walking near her fiancé, Walter Martin, 26, of East Nassau, and Martin's stepister, in a wooded area near the crash scene early last night.

The girl, who was to have married Martin in September, died a few minutes after the shooting. She was shot in the neck.

## EX-OREGON NEWSPAPER SCRIBES IN AIR TRAGEDY

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PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—George L. Moorad, 41, reported aboard the KLM airliner that crashed near Bombay, India, today, was a commentator for radio KGW here.

Moorad's return to the Far East on this trip was a return to news beats he had been covering off and on since the early 1930s.

Almost immediately after his graduation from the University of Oregon in 1930 and study at the Northwestern College of Law, Moorad went to China. For five years early in the Sino-Japanese War he worked on the China Press and the Shanghai Times. He also was full-time correspondent for Time and Life in that area. In 1937 he returned to the United States to become news editor of the Santa Cruz, Calif., Sentinel.

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## Rep. Paul Geddes Named On Committee To Study Plan To Revise State Government

SALEM, July 12.—(AP)—Oregon's "little Hoover commission," which will study whether the state government should be reorganized, was appointed today. It will make its recommendations to the 1951 Legislature.

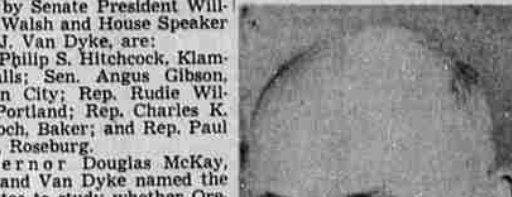
Members of the commission, named by Senate President William E. Walsh and House Speaker Frank J. Van Dyke, are:

Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls; Sen. Angus Gibson, Junction City; Rep. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland; Rep. Charles K. McCulloch, Baker; and Rep. Paul Geddes, Roseburg.

Governor Douglas McKay, Walsh and Van Dyke named the committee to study whether Oregon's colleges are adequate. It will recommend whether junior colleges and more colleges should be constructed.

Members of this committee are Edgar Smith, Portland, president of the state board of higher education; Dr. H. Morgan Odell, president of Lewis and Clark college, Portland; James W. Bushong, Bend; Oscar I. Paulson, Salem, state director of vocational education; Sen. Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg; Rep. Sprague Carter, Pendleton; and Rep. J. F. Short, Redmond.

Walsh appointed the senate committee to investigate state institutions. Members are Sens. Vernon D. Bull, La Grande; Russell Gardner, Newport; Frank H. Hilton, Portland; Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; and Stewart Hardie, Condon.



REP. PAUL GEDDES Draws committee job.

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