

DEATH TOLL RISES IN FLAMING SHIP TRAGEDY

185 Are Known Dead As Fire Traps Victims

Pleasure Ship Noronic Was Loaded And Ready For Final Season Trip

TORONTO, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A middle-of-the-night fire roared through the Great Lakes cruiser Noronic at her pier and by noon today, police said, 185 bodies had been removed from the wreckage.

Investigating officials at the scene of the Great Lakes worst ship fire in a century said they thought the death toll would mount to at least 192 and possibly to 226.

In addition they said three persons died in hospitals and four were recovered from the water, making a known death toll up to noon of 192.

The fire which raged through the 56-year-old vessel, broke out while most of those aboard were sleeping. Operating officials put the number aboard at 512 passengers and 170 crew members. The 6,905-ton Noronic tied up at her pier in downtown Toronto last night with holiday trippers bound from Detroit and Cleveland for the Thousand Islands.

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Alleged Burglar Shot And Killed By Portland Man

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A 21-year-old man, who was sleeping in his father's tavern in the city, was shot and killed yesterday by a man who was alleged to be a burglar.

Detectives identified the dead man as Ellis Ruben Garrison, 37, who has served three penitentiary terms for auto theft and burglary.

Athanasios (Tom) A. Monistis told police he had decided to sleep in the back room of his father's east side tavern, hoping to catch a prowler. The tavern had been burglarized twice recently.

Monistis said he was awakened early this morning by the crash of glass and splintering wood, and crept into the tavern to see a man near the cash register.

Monistis drew his gun and yelled, "hold it."

The intruder spun around toward Monistis, and the latter fired.

Then the intruder got up and started toward him. Monistis said, and he fired again. Simultaneously he yelled out the door for a passing motorist to call police.

Police took the injured man to a hospital, where he died before he could be questioned.

Detectives identified the man as Garrison. A car registered to him was found nearby with burglar's tools. He was last convicted of burglary in Multnomah county in 1940, and served 18 months in the Oregon State penitentiary.

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The Weather

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Sunset today 6:20 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:56 a. m.

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North Atlantic Pact Unified Defense Policy Worked Out

West Powers Agree On Plan To Resist Reds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The 12-nation Atlantic council today ordered creation of a top level military committee to work out "military measures for the unified defense of the North Atlantic area."

The council of the foreign ministers also reported they had established a defense committee, to be composed of the ministers of defense of each of the Atlantic powers.

Defense Secretary Johnson represents the U. S. on that group. A communication also brought out that as members of a "standing group" within the projected military committee the U. S., Britain and France—the Big Three of the western world—will play the dominant role in unifying western defenses under the Atlantic treaty.

The U. S., by participation in a western European "regional planning group," can and presumably will take an active part.

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Assassination Plot Of Hungarians Is Revealed In Trial

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Gyorgy Palfy, former chief inspector of the Hungarian army, confessed in court today that he and his co-defendants had plotted to assassinate Hungary's top government officials last May.

He said the planned putsch failed because the government arrested Laszlo Rajk, former communist minister of foreign affairs and minister of the interior.

Rajk admitted his guilt on the stand yesterday.

Palfy said the scheme had Yugoslav help, and after the planned assassinations, the plotters would have seized the country.

The general, number two defendant in the treason trial here, took the stand and, like Rajk yesterday, pleaded guilty and then embarked on a long public confession.

(Six others are scheduled to follow Palfy to the witness box. It appeared certain that they also would follow the established procedure of confession.)

All eight defendants are charged with treason.

Palfy, speedily incriminated himself, not only as a leading plotter in the purported putsch, but as "chief of spies" while inspector of the army.

Gen. Palfy's narrative lasted about an hour.

Then the No. 3 defendant, Lazlo Brankov, 37-year-old former member of the Yugoslav legion in Budapest, took the stand.

After some hesitation he declared that he was "partly guilty."

He charged that Allan Dulles, brother of U. S. Senator John Foster Dulles (R-N.Y.) was linked with the alleged plot as chief of American wartime "spying organizations."

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Scout Roundtable Well Attended; Program Planned

Rollie Quam, Roseburg Scout executive, said today that the all-county Scout leaders roundtable held at Riverside school Thursday night proved to be "the biggest success of the 1949 season."

A total of 53 Cub, Scout and Explorer leaders were present for the meeting, coming from as far north as Elkton and as far south as Riddle.

Jerry Willis, new district commissioner, presented tentative program plans before a joint session of all three scouting groups. He also emphasized the importance of planning unit meetings by use of the three scouts' assistants, scout leaders, program notebook, the Scouting magazine and the Boy's Life magazine.

To point up the need for such planning, a film entitled "The Three Assistants" was shown to the group. Following the film, each unit in the nation to be inspected at that time by district commissioners and committee members.

Units will be judged on attendance, advancement, number of days and nights spent in camp, long term camp activities and the proper wearing of the uniform. Quam said the troops receiving the highest rating will receive citations signed by President Truman.

Members of the new commissioner staff which will serve the various units from throughout the country were introduced as follows: Jim Adcock, Lee Emory, Frank Wlekham, Lowell Bas, Chuck Friday, Harold Glover and Bob Proctor.

Two Elderly Pensioners May Keep Automobiles

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Two elderly pensioners won the right yesterday to keep their automobiles.

The State Public Welfare commission, reconsidering an earlier decision, decided that Logan Fields, 78 and one-eyed, needed his 1937 model car to visit the doctor at regular intervals.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bartholomew also were told they could keep their car after Mrs. Bartholomew said she needed it to visit a clinic. A third case still is under consideration.

Old age groups protested after the commission earlier announced that the pensioners had to give up their cars or their pensions.

Discussion Of Airport Highlights Forum Meet

Frank discussion on what can be done to give Roseburg an airport adequate for its needs will be held at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon, Monday noon at the Hotel Umpqua.

Among the speakers will be E. L. Youravich, chief of the planning and evaluation division of the Civil Aeronautics administration, Seattle; J. V. Fryberger, assistant district engineer, C.A.A., Salem; and Ben B. Irving, local engineer who has surveyed the airport and prepared cost estimates for improvements.

Program chairman for Monday's forum will be George E. West, chairman of city council's airport committee.

Police Raid Chicken House; Capture Still

ALBANY, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Just like in prohibition days, police closed in on a chicken house yesterday and seized a 100-gallon still.

They also grabbed two men they said were operating the still. The two, identified as Robert Charles Bruce, Waterloo, and Frank Bewesley, Sodaville, were sent to Portland for federal court arraignment.

The raid was on the outskirts of Sodaville. Wayne Hoffman, state policeman, said police also seized 30 gallons of moonshine and 200 gallons of mash.

Four Circus Trains Halt Here Early This Morning

Four circus trains of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey combined shows stopped in Roseburg early this morning, en route to California points.

The first train came in at 3:25 a. m., the second at 7:15, the third at 7:45, local Southern Pacific officials reported. The fourth train was due later in the morning.

The trains included both passenger and freight sections. They stopped at the Southern Pacific depot for servicing of cars and locomotives, and to permit train crews to eat.

POLIO FUND ENHANCED

Lions Members Contribute \$75 To Campaign; Program Features 4-H And FFA Work

Roseburg Lions club, meeting Thursday night at the Umpqua, combined 100 percent attendance night with 100 percent contribution toward the infantile paralysis emergency fund campaign.

Roseburg Polio Chairman Del McKay, announcing that he wasn't asking members to "give" anything, nevertheless left the meeting with \$75 in his pockets to be turned over to the drive headquarters. Each member present dug in his pockets and produced a dollar bill.

The club's attendance record was tops for the season. The only absentees had legitimate excuses for not being present.

An interesting program of 4-H and FFA work was provided by Frank Von Borstel, county club agent, who introduced Homer Grow, Future Farmers of America instructor at Roseburg high; Miss Patricia Tuthill, Oakland high junior, and Michael Wooten, of Elgarose, a Roseburg junior high ninth grader. The latter two were sponsored by Lions club scholarships to the annual 4-H Summer school at Corvallis.

Lockwood Named President Of Game Association

Charles A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game director, was elected president of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners September 12.

The election of the Oregon Game Director was announced after an executive session of the Association in Winnipeg, Canada, where the game officers were attending the annual meeting of the International Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners.

The Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners is an organization made up of administrators, technical fish and game men, and Commissioners of the eleven western states.

After his election to the presidency, Lockwood wired the Portland offices of the Commission that the annual meeting of the association will be held in Portland some time in June of 1950. The annual meetings of the Western are also held in conjunction with the meetings of the western division of the American Fisheries society. Several hundred game and fish men from the western states and others from all parts of the nation will attend the Portland sessions.

Lockwood has served on the legislative committee of the Western association and recently has held the post of vice-president.

The exact dates of the meetings will be announced by the Board of Directors some time before the first of the year.

INFECTION TREATED

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Sept. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger is in St. John's hospital here for treatment of an infection.

Dr. Rex Ross said her condition is not serious, but the exact nature of the infection has not been determined. The late president's daughter was admitted to the hospital Thursday.

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The Myrtle Creek board of education has accepted the detailed plans for a new elementary school building. The plans call for a new brick veneered, 12-room structure to be erected on a plot of ground recently purchased by the district, adjacent to the present school site.

In a conference with Claude Freeman, architect of Freeman, Hayslip and Tuit of Portland, James Turnbull, school building consultant from the State Department of Education and M. C. Deiler, superintendent of schools here Thursday the plans were approved and the go ahead signal was given to proceed with the building preparations.

P. B. Froehlich, clerk of the board of Myrtle Creek will call for bids this week. The call will include an invitation to bid on the construction of a 40x80 addition to the present gymnasium and for considerable remodeling of the same structure.

Accommodations reached the point of saturation last year and, expressed in mathematical terms, the buildings are overflowing three times. The enrollment five years ago was 313 as compared to 941 at the present time.

Washington Couple Die When Trapped In Fire

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A Lynnwood couple died early today when they were trapped in their burning home about 16 miles north of here.

Snohomish County Coroner Ken Baker identified the couple as Mr. and Mrs. George G. Richmond. Their small home was completely destroyed.

Baker said that Mrs. Richmond's body was found at the doorway of the bedroom, where she had died in a desperate attempt to escape. Her husband's body was found beside the bed, several feet from the doorway.

The fire apparently started in an overstuffed chair.

A neighbor, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, said that she discovered the fire about 4:30 a. m. when she was awakened by the whines of her dog. She said that it was impossible to get to the house because of the intense heat.

Richmond, about 45, was a railway mail clerk employed in Seattle.

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JAYCEES WELCOME CONCERT ARTISTS—A party of Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce members, headed by Reception Chairman Bill Tipton, greet Gale Page and Count Aldo Solito de Solis after the latter arrived in the city Thursday night. Miss Page will combine her vocal talents with those of concert pianist De Solis, in a program of music by popular artists and original compositions by De Solis. The concert, being sponsored locally by the Jaycees, will be held at junior high auditorium tonight, starting at 8:15.—(Paul Jenkins picture)

Nation-Wide Coal Strike Fears Mount

400,000 Miners Expected To Stay Away From Pits Because Pensions Stop

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The danger of a nationwide coal strike next week mounted today but hopes brightened for averting a less-imminent steel strike.

The 400,000 coal miners were expected to stay away from the pits next Monday because their welfare fund's trustees, headed by Mine Union President John L. Lewis, voted to suspend pension and other benefit payments.

This action was taken at a stormy five-hour meeting of the fund's three trustees yesterday. The reason was that the fund was fast running out of money. Many coal operators, because their contracts with Lewis have lapsed, have refused to continue paying.

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