

SIX STILL MISSING FROM ILL-FATED B-36

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



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The Weather
Mostly cloudy with showers today. Increasing cloudiness with rain Friday.
Sunset today 5:45 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:08 a. m.

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Eleven Other Men Rescued By Fish Boat

One Survivor Suffers Gangrene Of Legs From Ten Hours In Tree Trap

McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., Feb. 16. — Six crew members of an abandoned air force B-36 were reported still missing today along the rugged British Columbia coast.

A coast guard report last night that all 17 of the men had been picked up or located was without substantiation this morning.

Search headquarters here and at Vancouver, B. C., and the coast guard at Ketchikan, Alaska, said a large scale search was under way today for the six.

Eleven men were rescued dramatically by a fish boat yesterday and last night from Abshdown and Princess Royal islands. They had parachuted from the burning B-36 during Monday night after three engines caught fire on a flight from Alaska to Texas.

Ten survivors were picked up after they had endured miserable cold and hunger for more than 30 hours. One was picked up later by a rescue team from a Canadian destroyer after he had hung with head down for 10 hours, with legs broken, after he had landed in a tree on a cliff side. He suffered for additional hours in an improvised shelter after other survivors freed him but couldn't get him to the beach. Both his legs were reported gangrenous.

The 17 men parachuted from the ice-weighted B-36 during Monday night. They landed on two rugged, wooded islands off the northern British Columbia coast, about 400 miles northwest of Vancouver, B. C.

Ten of the survivors were flown here last night.

In Canada, one survivor told of the sudden descent.

"It leapt up at 15,000 feet. We tried to climb, but fire broke out in No. 1 engine and flames showed in the cockpit. Two minutes later No. 2 burst into flames, and we started to lose altitude. We were dropping at 300 feet a minute. Fire in No. 5 started shortly after, and then No. 3 stopped with a plugged gas line."

So with three flaming motors and another disabled, Captain Murray gave the order to jump. The

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Initial Housing Loans Explained By Director
H. L. Scofield, executive director of the Douglas County Housing Authority, yesterday received a telegram confirming press reports of the signing by President Truman of the housing fund bill, which includes items for specified preliminary loans and the number of dwellings authorized for Douglas county.

The bill provides the preliminary loans for 15 low-rent units at Reedsport, in the amount of \$6,000; 60 units for Roseburg, \$24,000, and 25 units for Sutherlin, \$10,000.

Scofield said that 20 percent of the preliminary loans will be granted in advance to conduct a community survey to determine need of the communities and what sized apartments should be constructed.

He said that he expects to start a survey about Mar. 1, with 10 enumerators covering the respective cities. The surveys will cover about 20 percent of each town, to include the areas where the need for low-rent housing is indicated.

Scofield emphasized that the enumerators will stay out of the high class residential areas, and instead comb the sections where people may be living in trailers, shabby apartments or makeshift homes, because better housing is not available.

After the survey is completed and the housing authority has signed up a cooperative agreement with the respective city administrations, the remainder of the preliminary loans will be obtained.

The preliminary loans, he explained, are for survey purposes only, and do not represent any money, which may go into the actual construction of the dwellings.

Lewis To Hike Demands On Coal Industry

Wage, Royalty Boosts To Be Asked, Hint Made As Conference Is Resumed

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Gunfire crackled in the strike-plagued soft coal fields today as the shutdown dealt new blows to the nation's economy.

Four men identified as miner pickets were injured in a gun battle at a non-union West Virginia mine.

Bill Williams, son of one of five brothers operating the Williams mine at Junior, said the shootings took place after about 100 pickets had been driven off the property by warning shots fired into the air.

The injured men were taken to a hospital. They suffered flesh and head wounds.

The shootings followed by about 24 hours a wave of violence in the coal fields around Harlan, Ky. A swarm of rowing pickets there destroyed property and warned miners against continuing to work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Hints that John L. Lewis is readying stiffer money demands on coal operators came today as strike effects spread steadily in basic industries using coal for fuel.

David L. Cole, President Truman's personal observer in the court-directed coal dispute bargaining meeting, declined to tell reporters whether Lewis already has boosted his demands.

President Truman maintained tight-lipped silence at his weekly news conference about the spreading effects of the strike.

He said he has no comment when reporters asked if he had hopes that the miners might go back to work. He added that the matter was in the hands of the courts.

Lewis, barred from seeking four of his key contract terms, is reported determined to get instead a healthy wage and welfare fund boost, a shorter work week and a seniority system for employing miners.

Restraining Order Faced
Besides the union shop and union-controlled welfare fund set-up, Lewis now is restrained by Federal

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TOP JAYCEE — The California Junior Chamber of Commerce selected Dr. Philip M. West (above), 34, a cancer research specialist, as the state's outstanding young man of 1949. Dr. West is an associate clinical professor of biophysics at UCLA. — (AP Wirephoto).

East Roseburg To Vote Friday On Annexation

Pros, Cons On Issue Aired At Meeting; Valuation Of Area Estimated \$315,000

Residents of East Roseburg will go to the polls tomorrow between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. to vote whether or not to become annexed to the city. The polling place is located at the home of Mrs. Maude Spancake, across from the Douglas county shops on E. Second Ave. So.

The election board consists of Lonnie Denn, Ruth Parker, Mary Chapman, Lillie Stocking and Rosa Webb.

The city council chambers were packed last night by residents of the East Roseburg area at a public gathering and arguments pro and con were presented.

City Manager M. W. Slankard, Bill Davis, representative of the West Roseburg Improvement association, and City Recorder William Bolman answered questions put to them by the delegation.

Slankard explained that the city was not attempting to force annexation upon the area, but that the council had acted in good faith in recognizing the petitions submitted by the East Roseburg residents and in setting the election date.

He said the meeting was held to give the people an opportunity to air their differences over the issue and to enlighten them as to what they may expect or may not expect under annexation.

The proposed area has an assessed valuation of an estimated \$315,000, a population of about 1,100 persons and an area slightly larger than West Roseburg.

If the residents vote favorably toward annexation, the city council is expected to act next Monday on voting an acceptance election within the city.

Truman Angry In Press Interview
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — (AP) — President Truman barked at reporters today in a chips-and-shoulders news conference that they were disgruntled, he didn't like their attitude, and they ought to cool off.

That was all because he had given an exclusive interview to Arthur Krock of the New York Times and reporters were trying to amplify some of the points in that interview regarding dealings with Russia.

The chief executive said with obvious heat that he is his own free agent, he will see whom he pleases, say what he pleases, and he isn't going to be censored by anyone.

When the president emphasized that he is going to do as he pleases, somebody asked whether "you intentionally omitted 'damn'."

"Yes," he said, "but you can't put it in if you like."

Mr. Truman said that he himself is not disgruntled in the slightest.

"Why should you be?" a woman columnist, Doris Fleeson, asked.

She added "we think our business is quite important."

"Sometimes I'm not so sure," Mr. Truman came back.

Assessor Dixon Files Candidacy



Ned Dixon, incumbent, above, announced today filing of his candidacy for the office of Douglas county assessor. His name will appear on the Republican party primary ballot.

Dixon is currently serving his second term as assessor. He has been a resident of Douglas county since 1907.

Since taking office, Dixon said, the number of property transfers recorded in the county have increased from about 250 annually in 1942 to between 4,500 and 5,000 annually.

Harold T. Lewis, Reedsport, has also filed his candidacy for nomination to the office of Port of Umpqua commissioner. He is a Republican.

Hester L. Reed, Roseburg, filed her candidacy for nomination to the office of precinct committee-woman. She is a Democrat.

Sewer Plans For West Roseburg Ready For Council
Plans, specifications and cost estimates for the West Roseburg sewer system have been drafted and will be presented to the city council at its regular meeting Monday.

Shown on the plans are the cost to each block of houses, the depth of trenches and all pipe sizes and manholes.

If the plans and specifications are accepted by the council, a public hearing will be held and the people of the area will be given a chance to say whether or not the city should call for bids to construct the sewers.

If the bids are let, it is believed, that the work can be completed sometime this summer, said Slankard.

In case the bids of contractors exceed the total cost estimates of the engineer, the city may assume the work responsibility and complete the project using city funds.

Soldier Draws Prison Term For Auto Theft
Earnest Carl Goodwin, 18, Co. L, Fourth RTC, Fort Lewis, Wash., was taken to the Oregon State penitentiary Wednesday by Douglas county Deputy Sheriff Ira Byrd to begin serving a one-year sentence.

Goodwin was sentenced at Roseburg Feb. 11, when he was brought before Judge Carl E. Wimberly on the district attorney's information.

He was arrested near Drain Jan. 22 by state police for the alleged theft of an automobile belonging to Marion M. Buchanan, Sutherlin. Military authorities at Fort Lewis have placed a detainer on Goodwin for alleged desertion from that post.

Woman Finishes Paper Route, Then Bears Child
Albany, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Mrs. Larry Barnes, Albany Democrat-Herald carrier, finished driving her 15-mile delivery route as usual at 5 p. m.

Then she went to the hospital and gave birth to a 5-pound girl, Cynthia Kay.

Floods Rout Thousands In Two States

Mississippi River Goes Over Million-Acre Area; Snow Chills New England

(By The Associated Press)
Thousands were driven from their homes in flooded areas in east Louisiana and winter's worst storm raged across the New England states today.

Flood waters from the swollen Mississippi and other surging rivers spilled out over more than a million acres of lowlands in Louisiana and Mississippi. Some 8,000 persons were evacuated; other thousands were threatened with evacuation.

Snow cleared and temperatures dropped over the southern water shed. Fair weather also was reported in the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys, easing temporarily the serious flood threats in many river areas.

But the rising Mississippi remained a potential danger along a 600-mile stretch from Cairo, Ill., to the gulf. Heavy rains, engineers said, could result in widespread damage.

Storm Deals Death
Six persons died in the storm which swept the New England area. Snow falls measured up to 15 inches in western Massachusetts.

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1,000 Doctors See Operation On Eye Via Television
ATLANTA, Feb. 16. — (AP) — A delicate operation performed at 1,000 doctors watched promises to enable a cotton mill worker's wife to see her husband and two children for the first time.

It was the surgical transplant ten days ago of a cornea from a still-born baby to the left eye of Mrs. Mary Ella Sams, 33, of Manchester, Ga.

Color television picked up minute operation details and displayed them to physicians at a southeastern medical meeting. It was the first such demonstration in the south.

The bandages were removed yesterday layer by layer. Mrs. Sams' sight was tested with a flashlight beam.

She smiled as her husband, children and relatives clustered around her and told them she could detect the light.

Her doctors at Grady hospital were silent on the final results. This eye, isn't that great?"

"If you know, they think I'll probably have 80 percent vision in this eye. Isn't that great?"

Mrs. Sams has been blind since an infection at the age of 18 months. If sight is restored to her left eye, a similar operation may be performed later on her other eye.

Hearing Scheduled On Shortage Of Boxcars
PORTLAND, Feb. 16. — (AP) — The railroad boxcar shortage, which has plagued Western Oregon lumbermen and other shippers, will be eyed by a congressional subcommittee Feb. 28.

That was the word received by K. C. Batcher, traffic manager for the West Coast Lumbermen's association, from Rep. Harris Ellsworth.



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NON-POLITICAL (HE SAYS)

Truman Plans Tour To Help Demo Candidates; Party Feast Set Tonight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — (AP) — President Truman disclosed today that he plans what he calls a non-political campaign tour this year to help Democratic candidates seeking seats in Congress.

Adopting the label he used during his pre-convention swing of 1948, the President told reporters he would take them on a non-political tour again this year.

The President made clear that he will wait until after the primaries before doing all he can to help Democrats win in any state.

White House callers disclosed yesterday that Mr. Truman planned to campaign for Democratic candidates, especially in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mr. Truman again refused to tell his news conference whether he will seek re-election in 1952.

George Luckey, California Democratic vice chairman, had indicated earlier this week after seeing the President that he thought Mr. Truman was receptive.

The President said Luckey drew that conclusion himself. He declined to say whether it was correct. And he suggested that reporters wait and see what he does.

Dines, Talks Tonight
Tonight Mr. Truman is to deliver a major address at a gala \$100-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson day dinner here. He was reported ready

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Spring Opening Program Tentatively Outlined
The spring opening committee, composed of local merchants, yesterday tentatively outlined the agenda for this year's affair, to be held March 15.

Included in the plans are sponsored featuring log chopping, contests by Lawson's Jewelry store, and the repeat of the popular Mabel Lewis fashion show. Special events will include a water fight by the fire department and the annual treasure hunt.

For the first time, the spring opening will be open to any local enterprise, including seed and feed stores, farm implement and automobile dealers, building concerns and other local businesses.

Persons wishing to participate are urged to contact Ray Sims at Trowbridge Electric for further information.

More Pacific Power
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — (AP) — The Navy is adding two carriers to its Pacific striking force without noticeably weakening its strength in the Atlantic.

The move will bring Pacific carrier strength to five.

Probation Given Mother Who Killed Epileptic Son

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 16. — (AP) — A 43-year-old woman who testified she killed her son to spare him the agony of epileptic fits was released on probation yesterday after being convicted of manslaughter.

Mrs. Agnete Soendergaard said she carried out the mercy killing by turning on a gas jet while her 7-year-old son slept in the kitchen. The next morning she called the police.

She said she decided to kill the youth, who had spent most of his life in mental institutions, after seeing his agony during an epileptic fit.

Child Recovering After Swallowing Fuel Oil
Nancy Pittam, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pittam, 834 Mill street, was recovering satisfactorily at Mercy hospital today, where she was taken after swallowing a quantity of fuel oil.

The fire department was called to the residence Wednesday afternoon in answer to a call from the frightened mother. The child was immediately taken to a local physician who ordered her removal to the hospital.

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Fine, Jail Term Meted To Drunken Driver
Walter J. Newman, 22, Roseburg, charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail, when he appeared in justice court Tuesday.

Judge A. J. Geddes reported.

JAIL TERM METED
Robert Allen Hileman, 23, Scottsburg, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was sentenced Saturday to serve six months in the county jail, except the Friday night dancing party at the Shalimar and the banquet at Kennedy's.

Snake Cultist Exposed In Faking "Poison" Drinking

CANTON, O., Feb. 16. — (AP) — The "strychnine" sipped by a snake cultist during his ceremonies here was entirely free of the deadly poison, police reported here today.

Detective Sgt. Ted Koellner, said the liquid taken from West Virginian Howard Wade and his assistants underwent chemical tests at Aultman hospital.

At first, Wade refused to surrender the mustard jar which was filled with what looked like river water and was plainly labeled, "strychnine-poison!" He used the jar in his rites, gulping some of the liquid while handing copperhead snakes.

Wade told his audience it was to show that faith would save him from "a sinner's death."

City authorities paid a second call. They told him the old theater building he was using as a meeting hall was unsafe and not fit for public assembly.

Wade replied, "The Lord has ordered me to preach his word wherever I can."

He then gave police and fire officials a demonstration of "poison drinking," taking a few sallows from the jar before passing it to his assistants, who followed suit.

Residents of a nearby trailer camp called in police to complain about the snakes. But so far the police haven't found any law saying he can't keep them.

Aged Woman Beaten On Way To Church Dies
SEATTLE, Feb. 16. — (AP) — A 70-year-old woman who was beaten and robbed while walking to church Feb. 3 died yesterday.

She was Mrs. Adrienne Marcovich, who was struck several blows in the face. Her assailant robbed her of \$2.30 and several rosaries.

Dave Winters, a 26-year-old laborer, has been charged with second degree assault and robbery in connection with the attack.

An autopsy will be conducted today to determine the cause of her death.

Church's Eldest Dies
THORNTON HEATH, England, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Mrs. Isabel Seward, believed to be the church of England's oldest communicant, died last night. She was 105.

County Red Cross Chapter To Launch Funds Drive March 1; Carl Permin Chosen To Lead

The Red Cross fund campaign which begins March 1, will be headed by Carl Permin, according to Douglas Simms, manager of the Douglas County Red Cross chapter.

Heavy expenditures in Douglas county in 1949 have pretty well depleted our funds," Simms explained.

"The jaundice epidemic at Glide, an emergency that was met through Red Cross funds, alone represented an expenditure of over \$4,000, part of which cost was borne by the local chapter."

"Along with the regular routine work of distress relief, we have initiated a life-saving and swimming program at the Roseburg pool, an activity that was enthusiastically received last summer and which we hope to see grow in scope each succeeding year."

"The fact that a Veterans hospital is located in our area gives us additional responsibility. Our Red Cross hospital program, which provides birthday parties for the patients, dances, dancing instruction, help in occupational therapy work, home assistance for the hospitalized men and visits to the



CARL PERMIN
Red Cross Task Undertaken

Non-Robber Greeted By Real Species; \$106 Gone

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Two men entered the St. Clare hotel early today, and asked room clerk William Knox the rates for a double room.

"\$4.20," said Knox.

"That's robbery," said one of the men.

"I'm no robber," Knox replied, jokingly.

"But we are," said the man, showing an object in his raincoat pocket, apparently a revolver, toward Knox.

Police said the men swept \$106 from the hotel cash drawer, and fled.

Levy Fact Rant

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