

15 DIE WHEN AIRLINER CRASHES INTO HOME



The Weather
Cloudy with intermittent light rain, becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and Thursday.
Sunset today 6:11 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:36 a. m.

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The News-Review

Blazing Pyre Ensues From An Explosion

Dead Include All Thirteen Aboard Craft, 2 In House; Blizzard Causes Tragedy

MINNEAPOLIS, March 8.—(AP)—Roaring through a blinding March blizzard, a Northwest Airlines plane crashed and exploded last night to convert a Minneapolis home into a blazing funeral pyre for 15 persons.

The ship carried ten passengers and five crew members. Two children, who had just been put to bed in the house the plane struck, were also trapped in the flaming inferno which erupted from the ship's shattered gasoline tanks. The rest of the family were watching television.

Originating at Washington, D. C., the ship—on NWA flight 307—made stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Madison, Wis. It was scheduled to set down at Rochester, Minn., but that landing was prevented by the heavy weather and the craft was ordered into Minneapolis.

The plane, a Martin 2-0-2 Mars, was trying for an instrument landing here in gusty winds and swirling snow. The plane struck the home of Mal Freeberg, NWA operations executive, said he was investigating a report the plane struck a flagpole at the Fort Snelling national cemetery, just south of Wood-Champlain airport on its first instrument run, which was unsuccessful. He said this report was borne out by the fact one wing was found eight blocks from the scene of the main crash.

Other Homes Fined
Less than two airline miles from the safety of the airport, the plane plummeted into the home of Franklin "Toughy" in the Quile residential

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Family Of 8 Perishes In Cabin Fire At Sandy

Blaze Thought Started By Heating Stove

Apartment House Fire In British Columbia Claims At Least 7 Lives

SANDY, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—A family of eight died in a flaming one-room mill cabin near here today.

The roaring fire apparently started on the small building's north side—the only one with a door. Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy A. Ludwig and their six children died in the trap.

The cabin was one of 14 housing workers at the Wilson sawmill off the Mount Hood loop highway about 11 miles from here. Sandy is 20 miles east of Portland.

Carl Wilson, owner of the mill said his barking dog awakened him at 1:15 a. m. and he looked out to discover the fire. He ran to the cabin, ripped away boards covering a window, and flame billowed out. The interior was all ablaze.

"It all happened so fast there was no chance to do a thing," Wilson said.

He called the fire department, but the cabin was leveled when firemen arrived.

Wilson said he assumed the fire started from a heating stove on the north side of the 16 by 16-foot building, near the door.

The dead were listed as Ludwig, 34; his wife Wanda, about

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New Real Estate Commissioner Is Named By McKay

SALEM, March 8.—(AP)—Alvin J. Crose, 62-year-old head of the loan division of the State Veterans department, is Oregon's new real estate commissioner.

Governor McKay appointed Crose yesterday to succeed Claude H. Murphy, who resigned last week.

Crose, after eight years in the real estate business in Medford, joined the World War Veterans State Aid commission in 1929.

When that agency was abolished and the new State Veterans department created during World War II, he went to work for the new department.

In the past 4½ years, he has had charge of loaning \$18,000,000 to 5,000 veterans to enable them to buy farms and homes.

Mickey Cohen, Pals, Cops Freed In 'Hush-Up' Case

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—(AP)—Mickey Cohen, four of his henchmen and two police officers are free today of charges they conspired to obstruct justice in the famous police "hush-up" case.

A verdict of acquittal was brought in by a jury of 11 women and one man yesterday. Spectators, presumably relatives and friends, cheered wildly.

Acquitted with Cohen were Jimmy Rist, Eli Rubin, Harold Melzer and Lou Schwartz, and the two officers, Lt. Clarence Swan and Sgt. W. S. Wolfe. They were charged with conspiring to assault Alfred Pearson, radio repairman, and of conspiring to obstruct justice.

Only recently Cohen was freed of a charge of disturbing the peace by calling police nasty names. He has a long record of arrests, but no convictions, since a six-month bookmaking rap here in 1941. Four years ago he shot and killed Maxie Shuman in a dispute over a bet, but claimed self-defense and was never prosecuted.

He has been bombed, waylaid and ambushed by gangsters numerous times, but always escaped death.

During the trial Swan testified he ordered the release of the Cohen men because he thought they were businessmen who had told him they planned to picket Pearson's shop. Pearson last summer foreclosed a widow's home for an \$81 debt and the Cohen men said that was why they picketed him.

A fight ensued when Pearson objected to the picketing.

He was arrested and taken to the police station.

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Shipkov Given Prison Term Of 15 Years

Four Co-Defendants In Bulgarian Spying Case Also Receive Sentences

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—Michael Shipkov, former Bulgarian translator of the U. S. legation in Sofia, was sentenced to 15 years in prison by a Bulgarian court today on his plea of guilty to spying for the United States.

The verdict of the people's court was reported in a broadcast of the Bulgarian news agency.

Shipkov, tried with four others had forecast his own abject confession in an affidavit released by the U. S. State department two days before his trial began. His affidavit said he was tortured.

Sentences for the other four were as follows:

Kivka Rindova, former telephone operator at the U. S. legation, 12 years in prison.

Stefan Krat Utov, 10 years.

Incila Tzanov, six years and eight months.

Vassil Nalchev, four years, six months and 10 days.

All, in addition, received fines ranging up to the 8,000 leva (about \$26.40) assessed against Shipkov. In addition, Shipkov was deprived of all his civil rights.

The United States recently broke diplomatic relations with Bulgaria because of the repeated accusations of spying against the American legation in Sofia. All American officials since have been evacuated from Sofia.

When state department officials

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Woman Labeled As Communist Is Barred As Juror

PITTSBURGH, March 8.—(AP)—A 30-year-old woman secretary who had been identified by an FBI undercover agent as a Communist was barred yesterday from serving on a grand jury.

Judge Michael A. Musmanno announced he was removing Mrs. Alice Roth from the jury panel because "the patriotism of the grand juror must be above reproach."

Judge Musmanno—a World War Two naval captain and presiding jurist at the German war crimes trial—described his action as the first of its kind in the U. S. to his knowledge.

"I would bar any member of the Communist party from jury duty," he said. "If I were certain of their party affiliation. In Mrs. Roth's case, she did not admit she was a Communist but she made no attempt to deny it."

Mrs. Roth was one of a score of Pittsburgh residents named as Communist party members in recent testimony by Matthew Cvetie before the House committee on un-American activities. The FBI agent posed as a Communist while gathering information for the government.

A labor leader also named by Cvetie has resigned his position. A woman whose husband was identified by Cvetie is a Communist was removed as president of a mothers' guild when she admitted party membership.

After Judge Musmanno's announcement, Mrs. Roth left the Pittsburgh courtroom, her face flushed. Questioned by reporters, she said of Musmanno:

"He's running for governor, isn't he?"

Musmanno is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

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SURRENDER OFFER TOLD

Truman Rejected First Bid Of Nazis Because All Of Allies Were Not Included

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—President Truman refused a German surrender offer 13 days before World War II ended in Europe.

In reporting this, Admiral William D. Leahy, presidential aide, said the offer was made through Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi storm troops, to the United States and Britain. Himmler said he was willing to surrender all German troops on the western front, including those in Holland, Denmark and Norway, Leahy recalls.

Mr. Truman turned him down in accord with American pledges to the Russians and the British that nothing but full surrender of all German forces to all the allies was acceptable.

Leahy's report on the incidents preceding the final German surrender appears in his book, "I Was There," which is running serially in the Saturday Evening Post.

He recalls that early in the afternoon of April 25, 1945, he was called quickly to the carefully guarded, highly secret communications room in the Pentagon.

He found President Truman, Gen. George C. Marshall and Admiral Ernest King there. They called Prime Minister Churchill, of Britain, on a direct wire into London.

Churchill told them that through the American minister in Stockholm, H. V. Johnson, he had learned that Himmler had asked

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New Grade School Plans Discussed

Roseburg school board plans for a new Fullerton grade school were aired Monday night by a five-person panel, featured on a Fullerton Parent-Teacher association program Monday night.

Paul S. Elliott, superintendent of city schools, briefly discussed the board's plan to incorporate into the proposed expansion of the senior high facilities such a plan would necessitate building a new Fullerton grade school scheduled to be located near Coates addition.

Opposition to the plan was expressed by Mrs. H. G. Jeffries and Sam McGaughey, representing Fullerton parents. Although alternate plans were discussed by these two persons, nothing definite was decided upon at the meeting.

Others on the panel were John Todd, representing the building trade, and Mrs. Sam Warg, representing the state PTA. Harold Schmeier acted as moderator.

More than 100 persons were in attendance.

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Red Cross Fund Drive Progresses

The Red Cross fund raising campaign had attained 30 percent of its goal for the Roseburg area as of Monday, March 6, according to a report from the local chapter headquarters.

One residential district has been completely canvassed, with a very satisfactory report submitted. This district was handled by Mrs. Edwin Myers, assisted by Mrs. Cora Rogan and Mrs. P. W. Sutton.

There are 16 districts in the Roseburg area. Most of them have been very well worked, and completed reports are expected shortly from the chairmen.

V. V. Harpham, chairman of the special groups division, reported that the county courthouse employees, solicited by Mrs. K. E. Young, has been completed, and has attained 100 percent of its quota. This is the first of the special groups to be reported.

He will be assisted in the new business by his wife and eldest daughter, Donna Meredith.

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Ken Bushey Will Open New Business Thursday

Thursday, March 9, is the grand opening day for another new Roseburg business concern, when Ken Bushey opens to the public his "Harmony House," home of nationally advertised records, records, window space and three acoustically lined audition booths.

Bushey has operated a record store in Miller's basement for the last two years. Before coming to Roseburg, he was in business in Grants Pass and was formerly a theater manager in Los Angeles.

He will be assisted in the new business by his wife and eldest daughter, Donna Meredith.

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SPRING OPENING EVENTS

Fashion Show, Log Hewing Contest, Fire Dept. Drill, Free Public Dance Listed

Additional information on Roseburg's "biggest and best" Spring Opening festival was announced today by John Hardiman, chairman in charge of special events.

The event will begin with a bang next Wednesday, shortly before 7 p. m., with the Roseburg Senior high school providing march music. At the stroke of seven, Lawson's log chopping contest will get underway at the intersection of Jackson and Cass streets. The contest, open to all axe-swingers of the area, has already attracted the Sutherland champion, Baba Fenton, as well as two entrants from Associated Plywood.

Beginning at 8 p. m., the popular Mabel Lewis fashion show will be given at her store on Jackson street. She announced today that arrangements are being made to install temporary bleachers to accommodate the crowds which are expected. A public address system will carry the musical background and narration of the show. Termed the "Mid-Century Parade of Fashions," the show will be repeated for the benefit of all who attend. Twenty lovely models, all local persons, will appear during the fashion parade.

At 8:30 p. m., the Roseburg fire department will take over, with a display of part of the city's fire equipment, a life-saving demonstration and a comic act.

Roseburg Local 539, American Federation of Musicians, will sponsor a free public dance at the armory, beginning at 9:30. This performance by Jack Foster's orchestra will complete the evening.

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Anti-Sabotage Bill, Strikes Are French Worries

By The Associated Press

A surge of non-Communist votes today broke up Communist filibuster tactics in the French national assembly, and it passed an anti-sabotage bill after four days of hubbub.

The bill is aimed at protecting American arms aid shipments due to arrive soon in French ports. The Communists have set up a "peace offensive" against the shipments.

The vote in favor of the bill was 393 to 186. It now must be approved by parliament's upper House where passage is expected.

The last-ditch stand of the Communists to halt the bill came as the French aircraft carrier Dixmude arrived at Norfolk, Va. to load 50 American planes destined for France.

The anti-sabotage bill provides for prison terms of from five to 10 years to anyone convicted of sabotaging the national defense, impeding the transport of military equipment or trying to demoralize the army.

Communists fought the measure tooth and nail. It was passed after an all-night session marked by pitched battles and roughhouse play. Communists are not only opposing the influx of American arms but are directing their campaign against shipment of French arms to Indochina where French forces are fighting Communist-led Guerrillas.

France had mounting troubles on the labor front, too. Premier Bidault's government ordered the staff of 100,000 utility workers to avert a nationwide strike of gas and electric workers.

The workers in the nationalized power plants were scheduled to walk out at midnight. They and the transportation workers in Paris, now in their fourth day of a strike, are demanding more pay.

The civilian draft order against the utility workers makes any who walk out liable to fines and loss of their jobs.

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STOLEN CAR FOUND

State police today reported the recovery of an abandoned stolen car near Drain last night. The car, a 1938 model, was registered to Gordon K. Bell of Parkland, Wash. The car is being held at Drain for its owner.

U. S. ABLE TO WIN WAR

This Is General Bradley's Opinion In Appraisal Of Nation's Military Power

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—