

CRASH KILLS U.S. AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT

Four Other Persons Die When Fire Hits Plane Near Ottawa; Lone Survivor Goes To Hospital

OTTAWA, March 28. — (AP) — Laurence A. Steinhardt, U. S. ambassador to Canada, was killed with four other persons today in the crash of a Washington-bound U. S. transport plane on a farm near Ottawa.

The two-engined U. S. air force C-47 crashed 11 miles south-east of here shortly after taking off from Ottawa's Rockcliffe airport. The craft was demolished.

The victims, as listed by the Canadian Press: Steinhardt, once ambassador to Russia and Czechoslovakia and for 17 years a career diplomat.

Alan Harrington, son of the U. S. minister to Canada, Julian Harrington.

Capt. Thomas Archibald, U. S. army air force pilot. Lt. Col. W. F. Trueblood, U. S. army air force, an exchange officer attached to R. C. A. F. headquarters in Ottawa.

Lt. Mark Belanger, U. S. army air force, a former U. S. air attaché at Ottawa who was in Ottawa on an exchange basis.

The lone survivor was Master Sergeant Gwyn A. Long of the U. S. army air force, crew chief on the flight. He was reported to have walked away from the wreck and was taken to a hospital.

Witnesses said the plane took fire in the air, and upon descending exploded within fifty feet of the ground.

Cause of the crash was not immediately determined. The weather was clear and visibility good when the aircraft took off.

Steinhardt, 57, became the American envoy here in August, 1948. He previously served in Sweden, Peru, Turkey and Czechoslovakia.

Steinhardt was ambassador to Moscow during a critical period of U. S.-Russian relations.

A New Yorker, Steinhardt gave up a profitable law and business career to enter the diplomatic service in April, 1933. He worked for the election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom he had known for several years.

Steinhardt said the war began in Moscow. He was bombed and nearly captured by the Germans after they turned on their Russian allies.

Because one German officer he knew sent a pet dog home by plane four days before the German invasion in 1941, Steinhardt was able to call the turn on the German's decision to fight Russia.

He flew home just before Pearl Harbor and was immediately posted back to Istanbul. There he matched wits for three years with Hitler's ace diplomat, Franz von Papen. He helped hold the Turks from wavering into the German ranks and then cinched their aid for the allies.

It was on that his work won him the medal of merit for helping American fliers escape from eastern Europe. Most of them were crewmen of planes shot down in raids on Romanian oil fields.

His wife and their daughter, helped him with their ability in languages. He himself spoke French, German, Swedish and Russian in addition to English.

Steinhardt was on the board of directors of 25 corporations. He described his business career as "extensive and lucrative."

Reds Repulsed In Attack On Hainan

(By The Associated Press) Nationalist Chinese defenders of Hainan island said today they "completely annihilated" Communist forces which stormed ashore yesterday.

Hainan, 10 miles off the Communist-held south China mainland is the second largest territory left to Chiang Kai-shek's government.

The Nationalists claimed 4,000 of Communist General Lin Piao's elite "steel corps" were killed, wounded or captured in the invasion attempt.

It was not clear immediately whether there had been an all-out Red offensive to take the island or merely a preliminary jab.

The battle arrayed two of China's most famous generals against one another. Lin won his spurs in Manchuria fighting. He led Red forces in their southward surge and commanded armies that took many key Chinese cities such as Peiping and Canton.

The island is defended by Nationalist General Hsueh Yueh, who is a veteran of Hunan province's war against the Japanese. He has boasted he can hold Hainan against any Communist attempt.

A life term is Michigan's maximum penalty for kidnapping. Mabrey, 35, married and father of a baby girl, stole Karen from the porch of her home. The child was rescued unharmed after an 80-mile-an-hour police chase.

"I don't remember what I did to her. I don't remember anything else because I was drunk," Mabrey said.

An indecent liberties charge against Mabrey was dismissed.

Cornelius Whitney Quits As Commerce Dept. Aide

WASHINGTON, March 28. — (AP) — Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney said today he has submitted his resignation as undersecretary of Commerce to President Truman.

He declined to go into the reasons for his resignation, saying he was "stated in my letter to President Truman and if he wants to release the letter, he will do so."

Asked whether the letter dealt with operations of the Commerce department, he said he did not "feel at liberty to disclose" anything in it.

A member of the wealthy and prominent Vanderbilt family, Whitney was named undersecretary of Commerce in February, 1949, after having served as assistant secretary of the air force from September, 1947.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGED Arthur Lewis Hill, 40, Winston, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Saturday by state police officers, posted \$250 bail and was released, following his appearance in Deer Creek justice court, said Judge A. J. Geddes.

GARDINER MAN JAILED Joseph Gall, 34, Gardiner, charged with threatening to commit a felony, was lodged in the county jail upon failure to post \$2,500 bail, set by Justice Fred M. Wright at Reidsport, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported. Gall was brought here by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Bever.

ARSON TRIAL OPENS TOLEDO, Ore., March 28. — (AP) — A Lincoln county circuit court jury was sworn in yesterday for the trial of Cecil Clarence Hill on arson charges involving a sawmill fire.

Two others named on the indictments, Alfred McQueen and a brother, William, may be tried later before Judge Fred McHenry.

State police arson squad officers are to be prosecution witnesses in the case involving destruction of the Carter sawmill at Elk City Jan. 21.

LOVITY FACT Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Russia it seems isn't the only nation with an iron curtain. Uncle Sam's State department is offering an impressive copy.

The News-Review

The Weather
Partly cloudy today with scattered rain showers.
Sunset today 6:34 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:01 a. m.

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Alleged Red Hits Back At Sen. McCarthy

State Dept. Official Dares Sen. To Waive Immunity From Suit

WASHINGTON, March 28. — (AP) — Haldore Hanson today challenged Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) to waive his senatorial immunity and repeat his charges that Hanson is pro-Communist.

Hanson, 37-year-old State department official, told a Senate foreign relations subcommittee that he is not a Communist, has never been a Communist and never belonged to a Communist-front organization.

McCarthy, in testimony to the committee, said Hanson had "pro-Communist proclivities." He also described Hanson as a man "with a mission to Communize the world."

McCarthy cannot be sued for libel for any statements he made to the committee.

But Hanson said that if McCarthy would repeat the charges "without benefit of senatorial immunity, I assure him that he will be called upon to answer to me in a court of justice at the earliest practical moment."

Asserting that he had been cleared after a thorough investigation by the FBI, Hanson continued: "I deeply resent this attack upon my loyalty. I wish to state now, under oath, that I am not a Communist. I have never been a Communist."

"I have never belonged to an organization cited by the attorney general as being a Communist front organization. I have never knowingly associated with an espionage agent of a foreign power."

Others Deny Charges Hanson was the fourth person to come before the committee and deny charges made against them by McCarthy. The others were Dorothy Kenyon, former American representative on a United Nations commission; Ambassador at Large Philip C. Jessup, and Mrs. Esther Brumberg, who is on the State department's U. N. relations staff.

All had been named by McCarthy in detailing his charges that the state department is shot through with Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Republican Senator Bridges of New Hampshire told the Senate last night that a servant of Russia is "using our state department as he will." Bridges did not name the master spy he spoke of but he demanded that Congress find out: "how did Stalin manage it?"

Britons Get New Dose Of Austerity

LONDON, March 28. — (AP) — Britain's shaky labor government today ordered another dose of austerity—further cuts in purchases from the United States and other dollar countries—to cure the nation's continuing economic ills.

Plans were outlined to cut Britain's estimated dollar drain in half in 1950 by a drastic 26 percent slash in imports from hard currency countries—principally America.

The government at the same time called on Britons to work harder and more efficiently for the same wages. Exports to earn dollars must be pressed harder than ever.

An economic survey for the coming year, issued by the government today, declared the continuance of Marshall aid "though on a diminishing scale" was the basic assumption on which the hope of progress is based.

In a sober evaluation of what lies ahead for Britain, the survey declared that an unfavorable dollar balance will remain her most vexing problem "for many years ahead."

GUERRILLA CHIEF SLAIN

SEOUL, Korea, March 28. — (AP) — The South Korean army is no longer worried about Guerrilla chief Kim Tal Sam.

Officers brought the head of the slain guerrilla here last week in a pan of gasoline.

The private who shot him is wearing sergeant's stripes today.

Plan For Handling Juvenile Delinquency Drawn For Study Of Governor's Committee

An eight-point program for handling juvenile delinquency was prepared for recommendation to the governor's committee on juvenile control, at a meeting of the sub-committee, attended by Roseburg Police Chief Calvin Baird Monday in Eugene.

The sub-committee included Herman Kehrli, head of the League of Oregon Cities; Keith Jones, Eugene police chief; Melvin DeRock, Hillsboro police chief; Joseph Kooney, Portland city juvenile officer, and Chief Baird.

The eight-point program to be presented to the governor's committee when it meets next Monday, includes the following recommendations:

1. That juvenile traffic offenders be handled in the adult traffic court.

2. Better relations and freer flow of information between the schools, welfare department, health department, parole officer, probation and juvenile court, by placing them all under one heading—namely, the circuit court.

3. Uniform law, codified as a juvenile law.

4. Fingerprinting of juveniles for all felonies, the records to be strictly confidential. At present the system used in various towns and counties is up to them.

5. Providing proper psychiatric service by asking a better setup in the state. A psychiatric service is desired in each locality.

6. Better facilities for removing children from their homes. Recommended was that foster homes be established under state supervision, instead of placing the children through the welfare department in private homes. Too many private homes make a "business" of the deal and accept the fees, without providing adequate homes for the child, it was emphasized.

7. Institution of a boys and girls camp of an "honor" farm nature, for first offenders or children who would benefit more than by being sent to Woodburn. The farm would be under the supervision of the state penitentiary, the same as the Woodburn home.

8. Establishment of an intermediate court for 16 to 21-year-old youths, standardized throughout the state and administered by the circuit court. Youths under 16 would be handled by the juvenile court the same as now.

SPOT ZONING SOUGHT

Robt. Travera's Petition, Affecting Fowler Street, Tabled By City Planners

The city planning commission last night tabled until the next meeting a petition submitted by Robert Travera requesting rezoning from residential class 2 to commercial the area at 551 Fowler St.

No Clues Yet To Girl's Murderers

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 28. — (AP) — Police worked stubbornly for new clues today in the abduction-slaying of Jo Ann Dewey as the family prepared to bury the 18-year-old girl.

Search of the Wind River valley by Skamania county sheriff's deputies and volunteers failed yesterday to turn up the girl's clothing.

Clark county authorities reported their checks led nowhere.

City police Chief Harry Diamond said last night the autopsy had shown the girl was not raped. This further supported the belief of some authorities that the girl had fought furiously against attack, was knocked unconscious and while lying on the floor or in the rear trunk of her abductors' car, had succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning from leaking engine exhaust fumes.

Dr. Howard Richardson, Oregon crime laboratory director, said the girl had been struck on the head before she died. He presumed the men overwhelmed her, later found her dead, and tossed the body into the Wind River where she was abducted from a street here.

'Saucers' Product Of U. S. Air Force, Broadcaster Says

DALLAS, March 28. — (AP) — Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor said it is his opinion flying saucers are real and that when the U. S. Air Force confirms the news, it will be wonderful.

Taylor expressed his opinion in his regular broadcast last night.

"They (the saucers) are not from another planet, not from Russia, but right here from the United States of America," Taylor said.

He said he believed the saucers were a "military secret" and nothing to cause hysteria or to be frightened about.

The commentator said his investigation of the many reports of flying saucers convinced him they were some type of guided object which disintegrates after a given period in the air.

The air force in Washington reiterated that it had nothing to do with any "flying saucers."

The air force conducted a two-year study of "flying saucer" reports but shut it down sometime ago. It came to the conclusion that "flying saucers" are just jokes, mass hysteria or misunderstanding of natural phenomena.

"We haven't run into anything with enough substance to warrant reopening our investigation," an officer said.

Crime Panel Moderator Finds His Car Rifled

DALLAS, Tex., March 28. — (AP) — Felix R. McKnight, assistant managing editor of the Dallas Morning News, served as moderator of a panel on crime last night.

The panel laid down a concrete five-point program to cut criminal activities in Dallas.

When McKnight left the auditorium he found his car had been rifled.

MacArthur Commutes Death Penalty Of Japs

TOKYO, March 28. — (AP) — General MacArthur today commuted the death sentences of six Japanese war criminals convicted of murdering three United States Navy fliers in 1945.

Of 46 Japanese navy men tried in 1947 and 1948 for the murders, 41 were sentenced to death. The commanding general of the U. S. Eighth army disapproved three of these and reduced 25 others to prison terms.

Of the remaining 13, MacArthur commuted six to prison terms of five to 40 years.

The other seven still are scheduled to hang—probably Friday.

The three had parachuted into the sea when their plane was shot down off Iishigake island near Okinawa.

Truck-Auto Collision Kills Oregon Stockman

BAKER, March 28. — (AP) — Oscar Burnside, 58, prominent Eagle valley stockman, was killed here yesterday afternoon when his pickup truck collided with a passenger car on highway 30 west of Baker.

The other car was operated by C. A. Harroon, Ontario, who was traveling with Mrs. Harroon. Neither was hurt.

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