

# B-29 CRASHES AT SECRET WEAPONS BASE

## All 13 Aboard Believed To Have Perished

### Fire Follows Plunge, Occurring After Craft Leaves Base At Sandia

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 12.—(AP)—A B-29 bomber carried all 13 men aboard—believed to be 13—to fiery deaths in a crash last night into the Sandia secret weapons base.

Thirteen crew members were listed on the loading report. An air force official warned however the death toll cannot be determined with absolute accuracy until an actual count of bodies is made. The air force drew a tight secrecy curtain on the tragedy in a remote area of the atomic bomb assembly installation.

Newsmen were barred from entering the area, a spot 7,000 feet high in the Manzano mountains. The scene is some five miles east of Sandia headquarters and 17 miles east of downtown Albuquerque.

A road block was thrown across the only trail leading into the area, just off transcontinental U. S. highway 66.

The likelihood a spy escaped seemed remote. The giant strategic air command plane from Walker base at Roswell, N. M., plunged to the ground and burned three minutes after it took off from nearby Kirtland field.

Emphasizing secrecy cloaking the locale, one officer observed: "Not even the President of the United States could get into the place."

Except for describing the big craft's flight as one for training, military authorities declined to disclose its mission.

Kirtland base is part of the air force special weapons project, and new weapons are developed at adjoining Sandia base. Men are trained at Kirtland for air force use of these weapons.

Names of crewmen were not made public. The strategic air command said no one above a junior officer was aboard. Identification was proceeding by body. Nearly half remained to be found early today. Next of kin were being notified.

It was the second tragedy at Sandia in slightly less than a month. Fifteen military prisoners died in a flash fire at the base prison March 8.

## Board Will Probe Rail Labor Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—President Truman set up an emergency board Tuesday to investigate a dispute between the railroads and the railroad yardmasters.

His action automatically postponed for 60 days a strike which the yardmasters had set for today.

The yardmasters, who conduct switching operations in the big rail centers have been demanding a 40-hour week with no reduction in pay. They now work 48 hours.

The dispute is between the Railroad Yardmasters of America (RYA) union and the Eastern, Western, and Southeastern Carriers conference committee.

The emergency board, whose members are yet to be named, has 30 days to report. For 30 days thereafter there can be no change in present working conditions.

The union is seeking the same five-day work week which the bulk of railroad employees were awarded by an emergency board last September.

About 2,200 Pullman conductors, members of the Order of Railway Conductors, also are scheduled to strike at 6 p. m. next Monday. They could tie up Pullman and sleeping car service on American and Canadian railroads.

**Woman Jailed With Huge Sum Faces U. S. Tax Lien**

ATLANTA, April 12.—(AP)—The federal government tessed a \$50,587 tax lien at a 50-year-old woman who went to jail carrying \$65,000 in a flour sack after she was arrested on a liquor charge.

The tax lien was filed against Mrs. Elizabeth Spears yesterday just before she waived a hearing on a charge of possessing non-tax paid whiskey.

"A person works hard all their life and then when you get old they try to take it away from you," commented Mrs. Spears, who also faces a state charge of selling liquor without a license.

She had come by the money honestly, she said—"mostly through pinball and juke box machines."

She kept the money with her because she didn't trust banks, she added.

**'SMACKED' FOR SMACK**

PORTLAND, April 12.—(AP)—Lewis H. Sherill, 21, suffered a \$50 fine in municipal court here yesterday.

His fault: When he opened his door, and discovered the census taker was a woman, he kissed her.

**Levy Fact Rent**

By L. F. Reizenstein

If there's anything in a name, the third World war ought to be shorter. In the first two we fought the Germans; in the next one (according to military scientists) we'll fight gorms.

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**HONORED BY EAGLES**—William "Dutch" Mills, commander of American Legion Umpqua post 16, is pictured above as he accepts for this group the award of the Roseburg Aerie, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, for the part the Legion has played in sponsoring baseball for local youngsters. Paul Travis, left, worthy president of the local aerie, presents a framed scroll and engraved gavel. Scheduled for individual commendation, but unable to attend last night's public ceremony, was Mayor Al Fliegel, chairman of the American Legion Junior Baseball program and active in the Peewee baseball project (Staff photo).

## School Needs, Dist. Finances Explained By Supt. Elliott As Roseburg Nears Bond Election

Calling attention to the Roseburg school district 4 "permissive" election Monday, April 17, Superintendent Paul Elliott spoke before the Roseburg Kiwanis club Tuesday noon on the school enrollment problem.

At the election, to be held between the hours of 2 and 8 p. m., the voters will be asked to grant the board permission to use bond money already voted for the construction of a new Fullerton school, while the present Fullerton building would be converted for use by the high school.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE isn't much heavy news on the wires as this is written—for which, I think we should be duly thankful. The heavy news these days is apt to be grim news. We have enough of that, goodness knows. A respite every now and then helps us to keep our balance.

MY 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter was climbing the stairs recently for her noonday nap. She had loaded herself like a packhorse with dolls, teddy bears, woolly rabbits and the other miscellany that at that age are essential to sleep. The load wasn't very well balanced, and about halfway up a doll toppled off. She couldn't spare a hand to pick it up. If she did, the rest of the cargo would slip. She met the situation as many of us older ones have done. She blew up. "Oh damn!" she said.

WHERE they get it none of us know. It's funny the first time. After that, it presents problems. Life is like that.

PAUL WINTER was telling me the other day of a sign he'd just seen in a service station. It read:

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## Stolen Truck, Automobile Are Recovered Here

State police today reported recovery of two stolen cars. The first was a pickup truck, owned by Farm Industrial Equipment Co. of Roseburg. It was stolen in Eugene last night and abandoned in Roseburg on Hamilton street about 1 a. m. From this location a car owned by Theibert W. Sutton, 1034 Hamilton, was stolen, and the vehicle was recovered this morning by officers in the vicinity of Wolf Creek, Josephine county.

## Motorcyclist Injured In Accident Near Oakland

Stewart Basset of Dexter, Lane county, was injured when the motorcycle he was riding went out of control Monday at 5:30 p. m. north of Oakland, state police reported. He was brought to Mercy hospital in Roseburg by ambulance. The officer's report stated that the motorcycle apparently failed to negotiate a turn and skidded 200 feet through brush and trees. His condition was reported "serious."

## Second Death Occurs From Home Fire At Lakeside

COOS BAY, April 12.—(AP)—Oscar Erickson, 54, died Tuesday of burns suffered Monday in the Lakeside home of Mrs. Hannah Mannila. Mrs. Mannila died in the blaze. Erickson, his clothes afire, was found 300 feet from the house.

**The Weather**  
Cloudy with showers today and tonight. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Thursday.  
Sunset today 6:52 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:35 a. m.

## Protest Of Russia Will Be Rejected

### Soviet Planes Believed To Have Fired On U. S. Craft, Bearing No Arms

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington diplomatic and military authorities said today the cold war isn't going to turn into a hot one because of any one incident—such as an airplane shooting scrape reported by the Russians yesterday.

Nevertheless American officials took a serious view of the implications of Russia's protest note which said an American plane penetrated Latvia, fired on Russian planes and disappeared over the sea. A full investigation is underway.

U. S. officials indicated the Russians may have fired on an unarmed navy "privateer" plane. Such a plane has been missing since Saturday and may have flown over Russian-held territory. The next steps appear to be: A tartly worded rejection of the Russian protest. A complaint of our own that the Soviets evidently shot down an unarmed American plane. A sharpening of relations, and a further deterioration of relations, just as there were when Russia blockaded Berlin. Additional exchanges of angry notes.

**Neither Seeks Fight**  
Yet officials here say we certainly don't want to pick a fight with anyone and they have an idea the Russians want to avoid one within the foreseeable future. They reason that since World War II the Reds have pushed the frontiers of Communism forward here and there without using military force and probably will want to see how far they can go with the process. So they look for continued Russian probing for weak spots, continued "pressure-short" use of arms.

If the Russians did knock down the missing U. S. patrol plane, the Moscow protest could be viewed as an application of theory that a good offense is the best defense.

**Soviet Charge Refuted**  
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff of the U. S. air force, said the air force had no four engine bombers in the Baltic area on Saturday, and none are missing.

Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, said the navy patrol plane has been missing since Saturday—that had been announced previously—that it was unarmed, and "therefore, could not have fired on any other aircraft, or returned the fire of any aircraft."

Sherman said navy patrol planes in the Baltic region are under standing orders to "stay well clear of the territory and territorial waters of Russia and Russian satellites." Russia regards Latvia as Russian territory, although this country has not recognized it as such.

The revised senior high plans would accommodate 1154 students. The planning is broken down as follows: Remodeled old senior high plant, 680 students; new library, arts building (for which a contract has been let), 150 students; Fullerton building, 14 rooms and auditorium, 450 students.

Elliott assured that all grade pupils would be transported by bus, in accordance with a policy set by the board.

The Kiwanis program also included numbers by the eighth grade boys' chorus, directed by Mrs. W. W. Woodward.

Announcement was made of the Kiwanis conference in Bend Monday, April 17, which will be attended by several local members.

## Montana Bank Bandit Suspects Nabbed By FBI

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 12.—(AP)—The federal bureau of investigation said today two young farmers had been arrested in the robbery of a Valier, Mont., bank. Both admitted their part and all but \$200 of the \$16,100 was recovered in a garbage can. The FBI added.

Agent W. Guy Bannister identified the pair as Maurice Arthur Holm, 24, and Lewis Andrew Peters, 26. He said they were captured during the night at Conrad, only 20 miles east of Valier. The arrests were made 12 hours after two masked men robbed the Farmers and Stockmen's bank at Valier.

## Dirksen Wins G. O. P. Nod In Illinois Vote

### Ex-Congressman Will Race Lucas For Senate; Death Invades Primary

CHICAGO, April 12.—(AP)—Former Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, who retired last year after serving 16 years, won the Republican nomination for U. S. senator in yesterday's Illinois primary election.

Dirksen, who piled up a big lead over two Chicago candidates, will oppose Scott W. Lucas, President Truman's majority leader in the Senate, in the November general election. Lucas, now serving his second term, was renominated without opposition.

Seven of the 23 incumbent congressmen who had opposition in the primary were renominated, as was expected. There was a light turnout of voters in the election, the first in a series of state primaries this spring that will nominate candidates for next fall's decisive congressional contests. The total vote was estimated at about 1,500,000 out of a total of about 5,000,000 registered voters.

Among the seven congressmen winning renomination was Rep. Adolph J. Sabath, 84-year-old dean of the house. Sabath, a Democrat, now is serving his 44th year and 22nd consecutive term in Congress from Chicago's seventh congressional district. He defeated Marshall Mendel, whom he also beat two years ago.

The late Rep. Ralph E. Church, Evanston Republican, who died last March 21, polled the most votes in the 13th district. Write-in campaigns for various candidates failed, throwing the district nomination into the hands of the Republican district congressional committee.

In Havana, the Republican nomination for Macon county treasurer was voted to Lloyd M. Kramer, who died two weeks ago. His name had not been taken off the ballot.

In Chicago, state Rep. David I. Swanson, 61, dropped dead of a heart attack last night while he was being congratulated on leading his district Republican ticket for renomination. He had served in the state assembly for 12 years.

## Fires Buildings Because He 'Was Mad At Everybody'

LANCASTER, Pa., April 12.—(AP)—Police said today a 23-year-old hospital attendant admitted setting two fires because he "was mad at everybody and disgusted with the world."

The fires, which swept a warehouse and service station, caused damage estimated at \$15,000. The fire, which swept a warehouse and service station, caused damage estimated at \$15,000.

Cpl. James J. Haggerty of state police identified the man held on arson charges as Willoughby Litzenberger of nearby Manheim. Litzenberger was an attendant at Lancaster general hospital.

The young man now is a patient at the hospital. He suffered back injuries when he plunged 40 feet from the hospital balcony, Haggerty said, in an attempt to escape police.

## Former Cabinet Member Passes

### Bainbridge Colby

REMSUM POINT, N. Y., April 12.—(AP)—Bainbridge Colby, last secretary of state under President Woodrow Wilson, died last night. He was 80.

While secretary of state, Colby wrote an historical note refusing recognition to the Soviet government of Russia.

The recognition was granted 13 years later, but Colby contended there had been nothing to justify a change.

Colby never did change his opinion about Russia. Until recently, he gave lectures against Communism.

## New Mill Will Be Constructed South Of Roseburg

Construction will start within the next 10 days on the Sun Stud Co. mill, to be located about two miles south of Roseburg. Immediately adjoining the Douglas Manufacturing Co. plant, it was announced today by Fred Sobn, owner. Mr. Sobn, who recently moved to Roseburg from New York and who resides with his family on Terrace Ave., has purchased a large supply of timber from which he will draw in addition to purchasing logs on the market.

The mill, 40 by 80 feet, will be of concrete, steel and wood construction, two stories in height. It has been designed by St. Onge Mill Design, 217 Pacific building, Roseburg, and will be constructed by A. A. St. Onge.

A twin circular saw headrig will be equipped with two electric motors, 75 h. p. on the top arbor and 150 h. p. on the bottom arbor. A 10 x 32-foot ash gang is designed to save approximately 10 percent in saw kerf over equipment commonly used. The mill will have a 6 x 54-foot edger. Electric and air power will be used throughout.

The mill is expected to produce from 50,000 to 60,000 board feet of 2 by 4 daily. It will employ about 17 persons.

A 28 by 56-foot planer shed will be erected adjoining the mill.

A 16-acre log pond now is being excavated by Gates and Co., Roseburg.

The plant is expected to be in operation within 60 to 90 days, Sobn reports.

## Civic Project Procedure Is League Topic

### Give Full Facts, Figures On Proposals To Public, Advice Of Pres. Smith

The importance of going to the public with facts and figures on contemplated vital civic improvements was stressed by Mayor Hollis Smith of Dallas, president of the League of Oregon Cities, in a talk before the regional league meeting at the Hotel Umpqua in Roseburg Tuesday night.

The meeting was attended by league representatives and city officials from Drain, Oakland, Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek, Glendale and Roseburg. Following the principal talk by Mayor Smith, polemics confronting the various towns was discussed at length.

There are three approaches which mayors and city councilmen may take; 1, calculate the best political course then act accordingly; 2, do what you think is right, for the best interests of the people and let the chips fall where they may, and 3, get all the advance information and make a full study of the problems, then go to the service clubs and the people with the issues and solicit their support.

He urged following the third plan, with adequate planning in advance to assure sound proposals, supported by facts. He said it is important for the mayor and council to be in unity on such proposals, and then the support of service organizations and the general public.

## Mississippi Law Bans Trumanites From Party Name

JACKSON, Miss., April 12.—(AP)—Mississippi supporters of President Truman are officially banned from using the Democratic party name. Acting Attorney General George Ethridge advised Secretary of State Laddner yesterday that only one party is entitled to use the word "Democrat" in its title, and because the States' Rights Democrats registered first, he said, pro-Truman Democrats cannot use the title of Democrat.

The controversy began when the legislature enacted a law requiring all political parties in the state to register with the secretary of state.

The law bans use of the same name or any part of the same name by more than one party. The possibility arose that the same situation may face Mississippi Republicans, who are split into two factions. One faction known locally as the "Black and Tan" and headed by Perry Howard, Negro attorney, is recognized by the national party.

The other group, known as the "Lily Whites" and not accredited by the national party, is led by George Sheldon, former governor of Nebraska. Laddner has accepted registration of the "Lily Whites." The "Black and Tans" so far have made no move to register.



**CITY HEADS MEET**—Pictured above are some of the officials and hosts present at the regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities held here Tuesday night. Delegates from ten Douglas county cities met with state officials of the league and experts on city planning. Roseburg's mayor and city council acted as hosts for the event. Pictured above, from right, Deane Seeger, league consultant; Mrs. Fliegel and Mayor Albert G. Fliegel; Hollis Smith, mayor of Dallas and president of the league; Morris Milbank, mayor of Grants Pass and vice-president; and Herman Kehrl, executive director from Eugene. (Staff photo).