

Parachute With Built-In Brain Cuts Hazard In Drops From High Altitudes

DAYTON, O.—(AP)—Now the air force comes up with a parachute that has a built-in brain.

This brainy aerial umbrella is a new automatic back-type model that knows just when and where to open itself in high-speed, high-altitude jumps.

This is a big help to pilots of today's swifter military airplanes. Dropping from fast planes at high altitudes with open parachutes is hazardous.

The opening of the parachute at high speeds or at high altitudes gives the jumper severe shock, there is a lack of oxygen, extreme cold and vulnerability to enemy fire.

Batch Of Fines Levied In Municipal Court

Daun C. Lillard, Roseburg, who pleaded guilty to failing to pay a fine for 11 parking violations, was fined \$20 in municipal court Saturday.

Other sentences by municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle: Loren Ashly Young, Roseburg, intoxication, 10 days in lieu of \$20 fine. Morris Everett Roy, Roseburg, 20 days in lieu of a \$40 fine for intoxication—his tenth appearance in court on that charge. George Harrison, Roseburg, 20 days in lieu of \$40 fine—his seventh appearance in court, on charge of intoxication.

Three persons forfeited bail. They were Bert Curtis, Roseburg, \$20, on charge of intoxication; Edward Claude Robertson, Tenmile, \$10, disorderly conduct; Aldo Carlo Valenzuela, San Antonio, Tex., disorderly conduct.

Operation Explained

Here's how it works: Before the pilot takes off, he sets a timer, usually between five and seven seconds, and an element for an altitude 5,000 feet higher than the highest point over which he expects to fly.

For instance, if he expects to fly over mountain ranges 8,000 feet above sea level, the pilot would set the aneroid element for 13,000 feet. Then, if he had to bail out at 40,000 feet, his chute will not open until he free falls to the preset altitude of 13,000 feet.

At 40,000 feet, the opening shock is four times greater than at sea level. Also, the longer time necessary to make a 40,000 open chute descent would lay the jumper open to lack of oxygen or cold.

For low altitude bail-outs, the chute timer will provide a sufficient delay to allow the pilot to clear his plane and slow down to a safe speed before the chute opens. The timing device can be set for from one to 26 seconds.

The chute also can be operated in the conventional, manual manner. The new parachute will be used by airmen in high-performance fighters, crews of the B-36 and B-29 and with ejection-seat escapes.

In 1728 Bering, a Danish explorer in the service of Russia, explored the northeast coast of Asia and the Bering Straits.

Candid Forestry



Waste To Be Converted Into New Type Hardwood

LONGVIEW, Wash. — (AP) — A new type hardwood product is to be manufactured in a new Long-Bell Lumber Co. plant now under construction.

J. M. White, Long-Bell president, said a pilot plant has been producing the new product for experimental purposes for several months, but that the actual product is the outcome of several years' work.

Wood fibers are used in the process, being mixed with bonding agents and shaped into the board by application of heat and pressure. The smooth surface may be colored for use in modern interior decorating but only natural wood-colored hardboard will be made at first.

The product will be made of dry waste now converted into fuel.

White said the plant, now being built on a Longview site, will have a 55-ton daily capacity and employ about 70 men. Production is expected to get under way late this year or early in 1951.

Deadline Extended To Get Office Candidates

ALBANY, Ore. — (AP) — When the deadline for filing passed on August 14, only seven candidates had filed for mayor and six seats on

the city council here. That meant the offices would be filled without opposition, the council concluded, so it extended the deadline to August 28. To suggestions that the move was illegal, the council replied that apparently only the seven candidates were aware of the August 14 deadline. City attorney Edward Sox said the unanimous resolution setting the new date violates the letter of the law.

"But sometimes the letter of the law kills," he added.

Parade Of Increased Barber Prices Spreads

TACOMA — (AP) — The \$1.25 haircut is spreading in western Washington.

Union barbers voted for it here Thursday, effective immediately. The barbers' union at Longview and Kelso announced the same rate in the twin cities next Tuesday. The \$1.25 rate was voted in Seattle last week.

In all four cities, the price of shaves is boosted from 75 cents to \$1; children's haircuts from 75 cents to \$1. Even the kids' cuts will be \$1.25 on Saturdays and days before holidays.

Wage Hike For W. Washington Loggers Fixed

SEATTLE — (AP) — A CIO union leader has announced an agreement for a five-cent an hour increase for logging and sawmill workers in western Washington's Douglas fir industries.

J. E. Fadling of Portland, president of the International Woodworkers of America, said the agreement was reached at a conference here last week.

He said the agreement is subject to confirmation by members of the union and firms in the lumbermen's industrial relations committee. He said, however, that the agreement is assured of "setting a pattern" for the industry because some large firms agreed to it individually at the conference.

The increase is effective Sept. 1, he said, on an across-the-board basis.

Fadling said the increase will affect between 15,000 and 20,000 workers under the CIO union's contract for districts 2 and 3. (The rival AFL-affiliated Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union recently announced it also was reopening the wage section of its contract for negotiations.)

The increase, said Fadling, will bring the basic scale to \$1.50 an hour, plus the 7½ cents an hour the industry pays to the health and welfare fund under the contract negotiated early this year.

The contract provided for reopening the wage clause Oct. 1, after the required 60-day notice but Fadling said the employers' representatives agreed to the Sept. 1, effective date.

Skunks (Deodorized) On Test For TV Appearance

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Eighty nine skunks have applied for one acting job at a television station here.

Station KTTV ran a newspaper advertisement for one week, saying it wished a trained civet for its Jack Rourke show, which winds up the station's day at 11:25 p. m. "We are delighted," says John Berba at KTTV. "Fortunately, all the applicants are deodorized. We hope to get a talented polecat out of the lot, but we haven't reached a decision yet."

Sleeping Sickness Hits Horses In Klamath Area

KLAMATH FALLS — (AP) — An outbreak of sleeping sickness has infected probably a hundred horses in the Klamath area during the past few weeks and destroyed several.

The epidemic, veterinarians say, is bad but not as widespread as a similar outbreak in 1946.

The disease is transmitted by flies and mosquitoes, veterinarians say, but can be prevented by yearly vaccination. Sleeping sickness is known to affect humans in rare cases but does not bother cattle.

Truman Names Five As Delegation To U.N.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman has announced a United Nations delegation made up of three Republicans and two Democrats.

The lineup: Republicans: former Senator Warren Austin, Senator Lodge (Mass.) and John Foster Dulles, GOP foreign policy adviser.

Democrats: Senator Sparkman (Ala.) and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The delegation will serve at the general assembly session this fall.

CANCER FROM FOODS

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Hot and spicy foods probably are one cause of cancer of the stomach, says Dr. Claude E. Welch of Harvard university. He is here teaching in the University of California summer session.

He says stomach cancer is common in Mexico where spiced foods are the rule. He also says that Japanese women who wait until their husbands eat before serving themselves escape such cancer. Their food cools before they eat it.

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Police Force For U. N. Is Proposed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A bipartisan group of 16 senators and 15 house members are urging the establishment of a United Nations police force, made up of volunteers from small nations, to aid in combating aggression.

As proposed by the sponsors of a resolution, introduced Saturday, the force would operate under an arrangement designed to prevent a Soviet veto of action to quell aggression.

The plan was outlined at a news conference in the office of Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), who was previously named by President Truman as a United States delegate to the U. N. assembly meeting next month.

Sparkman declared there are "hundreds of thousands of volunteers throughout the world who want to join in the fight against the Communists aggressors in Korea and elsewhere."

The resolution would leave the door open to Russian membership, provided she met certain conditions such as accepting international

CHOWHOUND FINDS BERTH

CUMBERLAND, Md. — (AP) — Private Striker, 7-month-old bulldog mascot of the Cumberland marine reserves, looked down in the mouth when his unit shipped out and left him behind. But he perked up again when navy reservists adopted him, outfitted him with a gob's cap and put him in training.

The navy reservists say ex-Private Striker seems quite adjusted now to his new unit and new rating — Chowhound.

COLLECTS THRESHERS

FRANKLIN, Ill. — (AP) — Milford Rees is a modern farmer who collects old steam threshing machines as a hobby. Once a year he invites the neighbors over and fires up the quaint contraptions. His prize showpiece is a wood burning thresher made in 1883.

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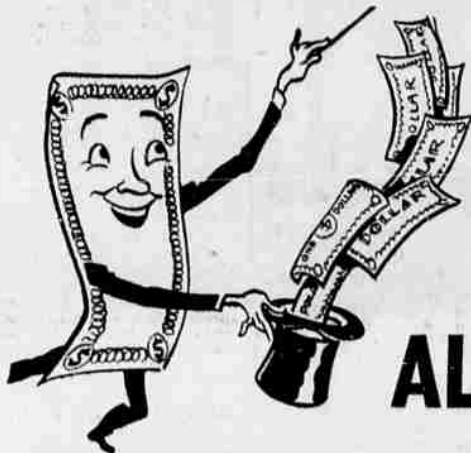
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