

AIRCRAFT PLUNGES INTO N. Y. CITY DISTRICT

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. JOE KIRKENDALL, at the left above; Mrs. William Cunningham and Mrs. Milo Cloughton, all of Camas Valley, as they invaded Roseburg, the Chamber of Commerce and KRNR Friday in the interests of the "Old Maids' Convention," a play in which the three have active parts and which has been rehearsed by the Camas Valley Grange. It will be presented by them tonight (Saturday) at 8 o'clock at the Riverside Grange. What these three gals know about being old maids I reckon I'll never know, inasmuch as they all are married; but I recall Mrs. Cunningham had a mighty good story to tell about an incident occurring during rehearsal. Next time I leave town for a few months I'll tell it to you; I'd tell it now but ain't ready to leave yet. All of them are wearing "Centennial" dresses in the style of long ago. Can't understand why our mamas and grandmas who wore them as a matter of course didn't all become old maids but they didn't. I'm sure of this, though: our pas and grandpas had to do a lot of gambling we don't have to do today.

NO SETTLEMENT YET

Steel Parley Drags On, Government May Invoke T-H Law To Meet Crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal Wage Chief Nathan Feinsinger conferred separately with industry and union officials Saturday in a last ditch attempt to avert a strike of 700,000 steelworkers on Wednesday.

He gave no hint whether he was making any progress.

House Votes Envoy Ban Without Senate O.K.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted nearly two to one Friday night to prohibit the government from setting up a diplomatic mission at the Vatican without Senate approval.

But President Truman is free to renew relations at any time through a personal representative. This is an aftermath of the President's recently-disputed appointment of Gen. Mark W. Clark as ambassador to the Papal City. The Senate did not confirm the appointment, and it later was withdrawn at Clark's request.

The legislators took precautions against being recorded individually on the controversial Vatican issue. They rushed it to a quick vote and avoided a roll call.

BABY HAS 12 TOES

A baby was born recently at Community Hospital with six toes on each foot.

To avoid embarrassment of the family, the infant's identity was not revealed. Attendants said surgery would probably be performed to remove the extra toes.

Act 2: President Truman fires McGrath. McGrath (sheds a few tears, then wipes his eyes and issues a statement.)

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The Weather

Some high cloudiness tonight with increasing high cloudiness Sunday. Mostly cloudy and cooler. Highest temp. for any April — 96. Lowest temp. for any April — 25. Highest temp. last 24 hours — 87. Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 33.78. Precip. from Sept. 1 — 3.78. Precip. last 24 hours — 0.00. Sunset today, 6:44 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 5:47 a.m.

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PHONE WORKERS' STRIKE LOOMS

Monday May See Tie-Up In 43 States

Accord Before Deadline 'Seems Impossible,' Union Chief Declares

DETROIT (AP) — A tieup of telephone service for 43 states edged closer Saturday with notice from the communications workers chief that "agreement doesn't seem possible" before Monday's strike deadline.

Joseph Beirne, president of the CIO Communications Workers of America, predicted disruption of telephone service in 24 states and the District of Columbia if Western Electric Co. employees strike as scheduled at 6 a.m. Monday.

Beirne, whose telephone operators threaten walkouts in Ohio, Michigan and Northern California, says no CWA members anywhere will cross Western Electric picket lines before telephone exchange.

Angry rejecting an offer of an increase of \$3 to \$7 a week from Michigan Bell for its 18,000 employees, Beirne left for Washington Friday night to organize machinery for "a strike on a nationwide basis."

The Michigan negotiations had been regarded as setting the pattern for any wage agreements in Ohio and Northern California and eventually for Bell Telephone systems throughout the country.

The Bell systems and Western Electric Co. are owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Western Electric manufactures all Bell equipment and makes its central switchboard installations.

Western Electric has plants, warehouses or installers located in all states except Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Montana.

Some Already Out

Western Electric employees like the Bell operators are also out at a number of points including New York City and Buffalo plants, at telephone exchanges where installers still are on the job.

Beirne's assertion that operators and other Bell unionists would refuse to cross Western Electric picket lines was quickly backed up by CWA leaders elsewhere including Seattle, Denver, Birmingham, Ala., San Antonio, Tex., and Kansas City.

Beirne refused to set in dollars and cents what his union wants in the way of wage increases reiterating they want "the maximum permitted under the Wage Stabilization Board formula."

Assault Charge Jails Reedsport Man Here

Ted J. Evans 43, was arrested by Reedsport city police and sheriff's deputies and is being held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, the sheriff's office reported.

Evans was arraigned in Reedsport Justice of the Peace, Fred Wright's court.

The arrest reportedly grew out of a brawl in Reedsport involving three men, officers said.

Present wages average \$1.88-an-hour.

Costello Finally Convicted After Four Acquittals



FRANK COSTELLO

Loses 5th Round To Law

NEW YORK (AP) — Swarthycroaky, voiced Frank Costello, who twice stalked out of a Senate Crime Committee hearing rather than answer questions, was convicted Friday night of contempt of the United States Senate.

The 61-year-old gambler and underworld figure, who four times previously beat government efforts to put him behind bars, faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in prison — plus \$10,000 in fines. He was continued in \$5,000 bail pending sentencing Tuesday.

Government Prosecutor Myles J. Lane, who finally tripped the Italian-born racketeer, hailed the jury's guilty verdict as a "turning point" — and said it was proof that no man "no matter how cunning or powerful he might seem to be, could be bigger than the government itself."

The usually calm and poised Costello, visibly shaken by the verdict, had "nothing to say."

Auto Collision Sends 2 Persons To Hospital

Two persons were taken to Community Hospital Friday night with injuries received in a highway accident two miles north of Roseburg.

John Wesley Beatty, Camas Valley Route, received a severe chest injury, while Mrs. Arlene Bernice Beatty received a broken jaw. Their car struck another driven by John Quincy Sailor, Klamath Falls, from the rear, state police said.

Five other persons sustained minor cuts and bruises in a collision some two miles south of Dillard Friday afternoon. They are Archie Edward MacDonald, his wife and 9-month-old son Michael, Mrs. Arthur Perry and Wallace William Preston, all of Dillard.

The MacDonald vehicle collided with one driven by Preston.

County-Wide Library Plan Progresses

Committee Appointed To Give County Court Method Of Financing

Plans for a county library took a step forward Thursday with the creation of a five-person committee to work out arrangements with the County Court.

Heading the committee is Mrs. Hal Schiltz, Myrtle Creek. The remaining members have not been appointed yet.

The committee was appointed during a meeting of some 50 persons Friday in the Court House. Appearing at the meeting were Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, and Eloise Ebert, executive assistant.

Miss Stephens said the county is a logical subdivision between the state, which has too much territory to cover to work effectively in getting books to the people, and the small cities, which can't afford extensive facilities.

"You can't expect to have a good setup without spending money," she said. "I would discourage a county library unless you're prepared to spend money."

County Commissioner Lynn Beckley asked the committee for some definite figures in costs and needs of a county library.

"We could start on something of this nature without it hurting too much financially," he said. "But when the timber sales start on the decline, what's going to happen to the project? Once something like this is started, it has to be continued. I believe the people should pay for it separately and not with the money coming from other sources."

Miss Stephens said adequate facilities could probably be set up on the basis of one dollar per person.

Commissioner Elmer Metzger suggested the "thing to do is to work out a schedule of what you want, how much it's going to cost and so forth and bring it to the County Court and thrash it out."

Shortly after that Mrs. Schiltz was appointed chairman of the committee and authorized to choose four members.

The committee plans to meet with the court in the near future. City Librarian Muriel Mitchell commented that the "Roseburg Library Board has always looked very kindly toward a county library. I don't think that working out dealings with a county library would present any great problems for us."

One Killed, 3 Injured In Truck-Auto Crash

MYRTLE POINT (AP) — A woman was killed and three men were injured near here Friday in a head-on auto-truck collision.

Dead was Mary Minter, Chicago. Injured were Roger Meisman, driver of the car, and Jack L. Valentine and Clemens J. Barth. They also were from Chicago.

The driver of the log truck was not hurt.



THE UNIQUE DISPLAY above was awarded first prize in the shadow box division of the Roseburg Woman's Club annual spring flower show Friday. A light concealed in the covered wagon diffused a soft light over the display. Enclosing the exhibit was a gold frame, accentuated by a red velvet background. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

OREGON LABOR GAINS

Two Wage Disputes End But 2 Others Continue; Walkout Closes Sawmill

By The Associated Press

Oregon's troubled labor picture brightened Saturday with major wage settlements announced in the Douglas fir lumber industry and a Portland steel mill.

Negotiations also were resumed in a dispute that threatened to cripple Portland's city transportation system.

Van Fleet's Son, Two Other Fliers Missing In War

SEOUL, Korea — Lieut. James A. Van Fleet Jr., a B-26 pilot and son of the U.S. Eighth Army commander, Saturday was listed by the U.S. Fifth Air Force as missing in action with his two-man bomber crew.

The Air Force said their plane failed to return Friday morning from a night bombing mission near Suwon in North Korea. It was the 26-year-old Van Fleet's third night mission.

Crewmen listed as missing with Van Fleet are Lt. John A. McAllister, Portland, Ore., navigator-bombardier, and Airman First Class Ralph L. Phelps, Bemidji, Minn., engineer-gunner.

The Air Force said Van Fleet and his crew went out on their mission Thursday night but were diverted from their primary target by fog and low clouds.

Van Fleet radioed at 3:15 a.m. Friday that his dwindling fuel supply would not permit him to hit a secondary target and that he was returning to his base. It was his last transmission.

Hundreds of planes — the exact number is classified — combed the target area Friday and Saturday without sighting any wreckage.

The planes carried bombs and "did a job on the Communists" while they were searching, the spokesman said.

James, junior, a West Point graduate, is the general's only son. The general has two daughters.

Young Van Fleet arrived in Korea only three weeks ago and was assigned to a B-26 squadron based a short distance from his father's headquarters. He saw his father for the first time in 15 months on March 19 — the general's 60th birthday.

Tornadoes Boost Deep South Toll

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Deep South, hit twice in two weeks by terrifying tornadoes and wind storms, counted its newest losses Saturday — seven dead, 65 injured and more than 1 million dollars damage.

The destruction came from wind and rain storms carrying four tornadoes that tore at Louisiana, Alabama and Northwest Florida Friday.

Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky were raked by tornadoes that killed 233 persons March 21 injured 1,100 or more and did multi-million dollar damage.

One tornado Friday killed four members of a farm family at Arndville, La., 10 miles northeast of Lafayette, deep in the French speaking Cajun country. Twenty-four persons were injured in the New Orleans area as recorded winds reached 100 miles an hour — hurricane strength. The New Orleans Weather Bureau said winds may have reached 150 to 200 miles per hour after measuring instruments failed.

March Building Permits Listed

Permits for construction of eight new dwellings and one commercial building were issued in March, reports City Building Inspector C. H. Bonolis.

Total valuation of all permits issued during the month amounted to \$86,153.

Permission to construct dwellings were granted the following: Jack Meyers, Sunny Acres, \$8,500; Robert Trued, W. 1st St., \$9,500; John Pinkerton, 1338 Ball St., \$4,000; G. L. Richardson, 1310 Ball St., \$2,000; E. N. Coons, Kane St., \$2,000 and W. Pemberton, Lot 7, Block 1, Wharton Acres, \$8,000.

Permits for construction of two houses in Wharton Acres at an estimated cost \$17,000 were issued to M. T. Dimmick.

Eleven plumbing permits valued at \$8,675 were also issued, and electrical permits totaling \$4,110 were granted.

Dwelling repair permits amounting to \$13,818 and commercial repair permits valued at \$3,350 were also issued.

Two garage permits of \$800 were granted and five miscellaneous permits issued.

Husband Follows Wife In Auto Mishap Death

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Edwin Platt of Hermiston, Ore., critically injured in a head-on automobile collision which killed his wife Wednesday, died Friday night in a Walla Walla hospital.

Platt, 24, was the driver of one of the cars involved in the crash. Mrs. Mary Z. Smith, Pasco, driver of the other car is still listed as critical.

5 Persons Die, Fiery Havoc Dealt Homes

15 Persons Perish When Transports Crash After Collision Over Mobile

NEW YORK (AP) — A twin-engine cargo plane plunged like a bomb into densely populated Queens Saturday, wrecking flaming havoc on homes and killing at least five persons.

The big plane, its motors roaring, dived out of a rain-darkened sky, and hit the earth with a thunderous explosion.

It ripped through the middle of one two-story frame house, glanced into a cruising police car, then barreled in blazing fragments into two other homes.

Hurling missiles and spewing gasoline, spread fire and wrecked over a block-long area in the heart of the residential Jamaica section of Queens, ten miles east of midtown New York.

A dozen cars in the lot and street were smashed. One was flipped on its top by the blast. A truck blew up.

The C-46 Curtis Commando plane, owned by the U.S. Airlines, a cargo carrier, was trying for an instrument landing at New York International Airport, on Queen's south edge.

Both of the two-man crew, the pilot, Capt. William B. Crockett, and the co-pilot, John Woerdhoff, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., were killed.

Police Inspector Thomas Boylan died in the smashed police car. Bodies of two residents were removed from the wrecked buildings. Others leaped from windows, or fled from doorways. Seven injured were hospitalized.

At least two houses were demolished and four others were burning fiercely.

The fires, consisting of small apartment houses and stores, was described as a "shambles" by one onlooker.

Entwined Transports Crash In Flames Into Mobile Business Zone

MOBILE, Ala. — Salvage crews dug through the smoldering wreckage of two entwined Air Force transports Saturday morning, grimly searching for the bodies of 15 crewmen and passengers.

They were killed when a C-124 Globemaster II, biggest operational cargo plane in the U.S. Air Force, and a C-47 collided in flight over Mobile Friday night.

The transports spun earthward in flames and landed squarely atop packed railroad box cars, setting 12 of them afire.

The crash took place inside the city limits a mile north of Mobile's business district and a few blocks west of the Alabama State docks industrial area and a battery of gasoline storage tanks.

Coast Guard and Air Force crash boats, and a Navy helicopter searched nearby swamps bordering the Mobile and Tensaw Rivers for a possible lone survivor. An unconfirmed report said one airman in the C-47 had parachuted when the planes rammied.

Double Traffic Accident Sends Two To Hospital

Two men are in Cottage Grove Hospital with undetermined injuries suffered in two accidents on the same highway the same night.

They are Francis Chadwick McKenna, Empire, Ore., and Eugene Brown, Scottsburg.

State police said they were injured Friday night in an accident six miles east of Elkton on Highway 38. A drain city ambulance was summoned.

On the way back with the two injured men, however, the ambulance collided with another car and ran off the road. Officers term the ambulance vehicle a total wreck.

There were no other injuries in the second accident.

Police had only sketchy details on the first accident.

The wreck involving the ambulance occurred about 9 p.m., 1½ miles east of Drain. The driver of the emergency vehicle, a 21-year-old Dr. J. DeMoe, was following a car driven by Edgar Manley Johnson, 31, Norway, Ore.

Johnson's car swung around another car apparently slowing to make a right turn. The ambulance continued on the right lane and collided with the Johnson vehicle when the latter turned back into the right lane, police said.

The ambulance then went off the road into a group of tree stumps. The two injured men were taken to the hospital by a Cottage Grove ambulance.

ALL-OUT SHELLING OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Harlan Jones sat flabbergasted in his automobile Friday while an angry woman peppered his windshield with eggs. They had both stopped at an intersection.

"You caused me to bust some of them and I'm giving you the rest free," he quoted her as saying.

Joe Stalin opines that a third world war is no nearer than it was three years ago. Neither is world peace.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Excerpts from a modern comedy entitled "A Day in Washington."

Act 1: J. Howard McGrath (U.S. attorney general) FIRES Newbold Morris (cast as the modern Hercules to clean up the modern Augiean stables.)

Morris (gets the blue slip, goes out in the park, sits on a bench, feeds the pigeons and mutters into his beard):

"I was canned because I wouldn't turn my corruption investigation into a whitewash."

Act 2: President Truman fires McGrath. McGrath (sheds a few tears, then wipes his eyes and issues a statement.)

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Week's Air Toll Puts Allies Ahead

SEOUL (AP) — U. S. Sabre jets destroyed or damaged 40 Communist warplanes in the last seven days, Far East Air Forces reported Saturday.

FEAF said it was the heaviest weekly toll of Red air power since last October.

The summary for the week listed 15 Russian-made MIGs shot down, four probably destroyed and 21 damaged.

United Nations losses were two Sabre jets lost in air combat, one plane destroyed by Red ground fire and three planes lost for unknown causes.

TOKYO (AP) — Far East Air pilots have destroyed or damaged 1,053 Communist planes since the Korean War started.

Allied losses — not counting United Nations naval planes — were listed as 622. Of this figure 490 were lost to Red ground fire, 68 in air combat, and 64 due to other causes not explained in detail.

PERCY WEBB VERY ILL

Percy A. Webb, former sheriff of Douglas County, is reported to be seriously ill in the Veterans Hospital, Portland. Since the death of Mrs. Webb a few years ago, he has been residing with his son in Cottage Grove. Mr. Webb is a veteran of the Spanish-American war.



DECORATING the table above are camellias that were judged prize winners at the Roseburg Woman's Club annual spring flower show held in the club house on W. Masher St. The picture was taken Friday. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)