

Americans Rub Shoulders With Russians Along Vast Expanse Of Polar Icecap

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Russian scientists drift on an Arctic ice floe and United States Air Force fliers on their daily weather missions are figuratively rubbing shoulders in the vast expanse of the polar icecap.

The ice on which the Russians have an extensive weather observation station has drifted slowly eastward to a spot about 650 miles northwest of Point Barrow, the northernmost tip of North America.

It is almost directly on a route which is flown daily by B29s of the 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. (Editor Ryan flew recently on the squadron's 1,500th mission over the icecap.)

The U.S. airmen have found it

easiest to spot the Russian camp on the ice in the perpetual darkness of the polar winter when the twinkling lights of the Soviet camp are an amazing sight in a world of dark, icy desolation. The flights are made daily from Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks.

The Air Force planes parachute radio devices which transmit weather data from lower altitudes for pickup by the plane. The devices transmit in a dot and dash code so the American fliers are sure the Russians pick up the reports—by courtesy of the U.S. Air Force.

That is the only contact between the two nations through the "ice curtain." However, the Russians do transmit weather data on an international wave band, which can be received by Alaska stations.

The Russian camp appears well equipped. There are extensive shelters, small observation planes and helicopters. It apparently is supplied by transport planes on shuttle runs from Siberia, which can land on the drifting polar ice near the camp.

That is the way the U.S. Air Force supplied a similar observation crew which it once maintained for many weeks on a floating Arctic ice floe in the region which is labeled the "weather factory" of the continent.

On the 1,500th polar flight of a weather plane Wednesday, low clouds obscured the Russian base, but the plane's radio operator was picking up Russian conversation.

Sometimes the squadron encounters jamming of its radio communications, especially out along the Aleutian Islands or over the Bering Sea, where daily flights also are flown. However, crewmen believe it comes from Siberia, not from the Russians' ice camp.

"We don't expect to have any trouble with the Russians in the polar region," commented Lt. Col. Fort W. Lipe, commander of the weather squadron. "Our job is to gather weather data this is of benefit to all nations. They should appreciate our work."

Rains Improve Columbia Water Supply Outlook

PORTLAND (AP) — Recent heavy rains improved the Columbia Basin's water supply outlook somewhat, forecasters reported Friday.

But "unfortunately the heavy rainfall during April and May did not contribute materially to runoff of the filling of reservoirs," Anthony J. Poles of the Weather Bureau's river forecast center here and Morland W. Nelson of the Soil Conservation Service at Boise announced jointly.

They said the two-month period of April and May was "undoubtedly the coldest of the past 30 years," and that there was a heavy snow cover for the first of June in some Canadian and U.S. snow courses which could result in slightly higher water on the Columbia and Kootenai rivers.

They expect the Kootenai at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to flood at 31 feet, 4 1/2 feet lower than last year.

"The lower Columbia River flood potential also has gone up slightly and is forecast to flow between 500,000 and 575,000 cubic second feet near The Dalles, the report said.

Although rains eliminated the need of some irrigating and thereby saved a quantity of stored water, supply shortages still are expected on the Big Lost, Little Lost, Little Wood, Salmon Falls Creek and adjacent smaller watersheds, the report concluded.

Ira Rodgers, West Virginia University golf coach, has been on the University coaching staff for 35 years.



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SOON A REALITY—This is the preliminary sketch of the proposed United Church Center to be located in New York City. The 17-story structure, which will occupy an entire block, will be the national headquarters of Protestant and Orthodox church groups in the United States. Planned for 20 years, the \$14,000,000 building will house the offices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and a number of its 30-member Communions, their boards and agencies.

Worst Drought Hits Red China's Kwangtung Area

HONG KONG (AP) — The worst drought in 90 years has struck Red China's Kwangtung Province, compelling authorities to mobilize army officers and men to assist peasants.

Copies of Communist papers reaching Hong Kong this week reported an additional 10,000 persons were sent from Canton to the countryside last May 7 in seven specific areas.

The Reds reported that in two thirds of the total producing acreage work was suspended because of lack of water and pests.

Thirteen thousand agricultural cooperatives and several hundred thousand mutual aid teams have been called upon in the province to find water in wells and mountain streams.

In the Chungfa a man called Yin Ko Chiang was expelled from the Communist party last month because he was "guilty of indulging in a go slow strike in the fight against drought," one paper said.

When plans for fighting the drought were discussed in the local agricultural cooperative, "he sat in a corner reading a novel and failed to assume the leadership in carrying out the fight against drought," the report said.

Localized Enemy Attack Wouldn't Bother Mails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmaster General Summerfield said here that a dispersal of both post office records and administrative functions has been effected to assure survival of the mail service in the event of localized enemy attack.

"Now," he said, "no matter what happens in Washington, the machinery is in the field and it can operate the service efficiently. Most of our management functions are being dispersed to 14 widely separated regional offices and 92 district offices, and our irreplaceable records have been completely dispersed to several strategically located depositories.

"As a result, the postal service is far less vulnerable to enemy attack. It can survive localized holocausts."

Henry Fonda Lists Reasons Why He Opposes Interviews

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Most of the Hollywood press corps would agree that Henry Fonda is an excellent actor, a fine fellow and a lousy interview.

Fonda himself would be the first to admit the latter. Like many Broadway-trained actors, he does not go along with Hollywood's conception of publicity. Unlike other actors, he resists conforming to the system.

He expressed his ideas with unusual frankness during a break in rehearsals for "Petrified Forest," which he is performing with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall next Monday over NBC. The play has been done before on TV, but the cast obviously places it in the "spectacular" classification.

"When I first started on Broadway," he related, "I turned down the offers to go to Hollywood. They wanted me to come out at \$75 a week or so.

"They offered me big money to do the film version of 'Farmer Takes a Wife.' so I came out. I was fascinated. On the stage, we were pretty proud of the set, which showed the blacksmith's shop, the canal over a hill and so forth.

"But at the studio, the blacksmith's shop had a real forge and the canal had water in it. I spent more time talking to technicians behind the scenes than I did acting before the camera.

"Because I was so fascinated by it all, I went along with the publicity routine. But one interview changed all that.

"I came into the publicity department and met a fan magazine writer, a large woman who set her notebooks on a table and said 'Now my story is called 'The Love Life of Henry Fonda.'

"I was taken aback, but I tried to answer her questions. Finally, I was so appalled that I said, 'I'm sorry, I can't go on with the interview,' and I fled.

"This made the writer so angry that she made her own story and printed it under my by-line!" Fonda was under contract to Walter Wanger at the time, and the producer agreed with his views about fan publicity. The actor has not done any since.

Bridge room, 62, Dies At Wedding Reception

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A 61-year-old bridegroom of less than an hour died of a heart attack at his wedding reception Sunday.

Richard M. Godsey, a retired Navy chief petty officer formerly of Miami, married Mrs. Viola G. Hardenburgh, a St. Petersburg clubwoman, at 3 p.m.

He had the heart attack a few minutes later at a church reception and was pronounced dead at a hospital at 3:35 p.m.

TO BUY GEESE

SALEM (AP) — The State Forestry Department plans to buy a flock of geese.

Vern McDaniel, superintendent of the Oregon Forest Nursery, said here that the geese would be used to eat the weeds at the nursery.

McDaniel said he is still hunting for a way to stop birds from eating the tree seed he plants. He thinks four or five falcons might do the trick.

General Wyman To Be Transferred

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Army announced that Lt. Gen. William G. Wyman, commanding general of the 6th Army at San Francisco Presidio since March, 1954, will be transferred July 1 to the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, deputy commander of the 6th Army, and hero of the Korean War, confirmed that he is stepping out, too. He has requested retirement Oct. 31. General Dean, who wears the Medal of Honor, is 55 but has almost 32 years of Army service. He said he wants to spend more time with his wife and family.

An Army spokesman said Maj. Gen. Robert N. Young, assistant chief of staff for personnel, would arrive at the Presidio July 1. It was assumed here he would be General Wyman's successor.

Wyman's new assignment places him second in command to Gen. John E. Dahlquist in the Continental Army Command.

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