



PLANE CRASHES INTO APARTMENT HOUSE — Firemen probe the ruins of a North Hollywood, Calif., apartment house where a plane crashed Oct. 17 and killed three persons. The pilot, millionaire playboy Joel Thorne, pictured at left, was killed as were two others in the charred two-story apartment house. The other victims were two-month-old Sheryl Preston, who had been christened only two hours earlier, and Mrs. Betty Jean Wolf, 18. Thorne, 40, was returning to his home at Las Vegas, Nev., when his light craft plunged into the building and set fire to the structure.



Chessman, Two Attorneys Part Company Angriily

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—Caryl Chessman—the death row author—headily parted company yesterday with two attorneys who saved him, at least temporarily, from the gas chamber.

The attorneys, Berwyn Rice and Jerome Duffy, told newsmen after leaving San Quentin Prison that they were leaving the case. They declared their part in it was "finished, kaput."

Rice said soon after they arrived for a conference, Chessman, banging the table, shouted:

"Goldman you, you—When are you going to get out here when you can spend more than 20 minutes with me?"

Both quit.

Chessman was convicted May 22, 1948, of eight counts of robbery, four of kidnaping, two of sex perversion on victims, one of attempted robbery, one of attempted criminal assault and one of auto theft.

The U.S. Supreme Court ordered a rehearing Monday on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The court based its ruling on the state's failure to deny Chessman's charge that the transcript of his trial at Los Angeles was "fraudulently prepared" and remanded the case to Federal District Court for a hearing.

Chessman, now 34, has been relieved from execution six times. While in death row, he wrote the best-selling "Cell 2455 Death Row."

2 More Korean War Prisoners To Stand Trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two more former Korean War prisoners who returned home after denouncing the United States and casting their lot with Red China must face court martial, the Army says.

William A. Cowart, 23, of Dalton, Ga., and Lewis W. Griggs, 23, of Jacksonville, Tex., were notified Wednesday they will stand military trial on charges of aiding and collaborating with the enemy while prisoners of the Reds.

No date was set.

The Army earlier ordered a court martial on similar charges for a third turncoat, Otho G. Bell of Hillsboro, Miss.

As it did in Bell's case, the Army again challenged lawyers seeking to have the cases transferred to civil courts, declaring Cowart and Griggs are subject to army trial under the uniform code of military justice.

Douglas Camera Club To Have Workshop Meet

Douglas Camera Club will hold its monthly workshop meeting Friday. The group will meet on the corner of Main and Washington Streets by Oertling's store at 8 p.m. and will then go to various viewpoints to take night pictures of the city. In case of inclement weather the club will meet as scheduled but will go to the home of Mrs. John Clark, 3139 Pollett St., for discussion and a slide showing.

The club met recently at the home of Claud Hicks for its regular business meeting. Participation in the winter circuits of traveling salons of the Photographic Society of America was decided upon and members are asked to bring selections of their color slides to the Nov. 4 meeting when the entries from the local club will be determined.

The club meets on the first and third Fridays of each month and is open to anyone interested in color and black and white photographs.

Barneburg Explains Red Cross Roll In Disaster

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is taken to see that assistants are ready to "take over during summer months when school is out."

Special committees set up include those for lodging, food, clothing, transportation and communication, registration and information, central purchasing and supply to name a few.

Admittedly new to his volunteer job, although he served two years previously as RC mass shelter officer, the chairman said he didn't believe any plan could operate smoothly "because we haven't the actual experience." He added "We've got to have the plan or we can't operate."

The next step for him and his staff is a survey of churches to set up a program similar to the one now in effect for the schools.

The Red Cross acts as an independent agency in natural disasters. It provides: (1) Lodging of homeless; (2) food, clothing, supplementary medical aid, rest, and handles welfare inquiries from all over the world; and (3) "rehabilitation assistance" to each family on basis of need evaluated by caseworker. It administers and finances its own operation.

Schools, he emphasized, would be used in case of natural disaster "only if it is catastrophic."

Otherwise the RC would use armories, lodge halls and churches.

In a brief business session preceding the program, AAUW members voted unanimously to sponsor a children's theater production Feb. 1, 1956. The live show, "The Bramble Musicians," is designed for younger folk in the county. Some 45 persons attended the session at the Library Arts Bldg. which was chaired by President Mrs. Harold Hoyt.

Portland Council Refuses Bus Franchise Renewal

PORTLAND (AP)—The City Council unanimously refused Wednesday to renew the franchise of the Portland Traction Co.

Commissioner Nate Boody said he wanted to see a city transportation service with local control instead of the present ownership by San Francisco interests.

Gordon Steele, president of the traction company, said there were many Oregon investors in the Portland Transit Co., the parent company of the traction firm.

He was assured the Wednesday decision against a franchise renewal did not mean the firm could not apply for a new franchise. The implication was made that local financial control would aid any new application.

Four Policemen Swim Icy River To Freedom

HELESHAUSEN, Germany (AP)—Four policemen from Communist East Germany swam the icy Werra River three times Thursday to seek asylum in the West.

West German authorities said the fugitives swam across and then realized they had left their boots, so they swam back to get them and returned again.

All four asked political asylum in West Germany "so we can live as free men," authorities said.

Algerian Rebels Again On Warpath; Kill Three

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—Algerian rebels went on the warpath again and killed three Frenchmen in an attack on a mine just over the Tunisian border, the French announced Thursday.

Roger Seydoux, French high commissioner in Tunisia, said 250 rebels armed with rifles and a machinegun attacked the Brafim phosphate mine, near Redeyef, late Wednesday.

The attackers let Muslim employees of the mine leave unharmed, but forced seven French workmen to barricade themselves in a gallery of the mine and killed three of them.

STRIKE IN FOURTH DAY

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A strike of 44,000 workers against Westinghouse Electric Corp. ended 30 plants for the fourth day today, while negotiators renewed settlement efforts.

The CIO International Union of Electrical Workers called the walk-out Sunday to back up demands for a 15-cent hourly wage boost, a one-year contract and limitations on company time studies.

Three New Staff Members Added To Welfare Dept.

Douglas County Welfare Commission members authorized the hiring of three new staff members Wednesday and discussed the new maximum fee schedule for services of physician and surgeons.

Added to the department were Miss Barbara Barrett, caseworker, and Mrs. Robert (Doris) Watkins and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Sykes Jr., both bookkeepers. Miss Barrett received her Master's Degree in sociology in June from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She completed her field work this summer in Hartford, Conn. She is a 1950 graduate of Maryhurst College, near Portland.

Mrs. Watkins is a former legal stenographer and has worked for the Oregon State Employment Office in Roseburg. Mrs. Sykes has recently come from Washington where she worked for the state public welfare commission in Tacoma.

County School Board Members To Meet Oct. 31

The Douglas County school board members' convention at Myrtle Creek is scheduled Oct. 31 reports county Supt. Kenneth Barneburg.

The school board members of the county have been called to convention on the request of the State Legislature. The county-wide convention was called by Barneburg and the Douglas County School Board Assn.

Its purpose will be to determine the chief educational problems of the county, Barneburg said. From the suggested answers to these problems, a legislative state interim committee may form legislation to be presented at the next legislative session at Salem.

Barneburg said the first convention gathering at the Myrtle Creek school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. will be for the purpose of organization. The board members will select an agenda, decide on distribution of work and later formulate responses for delivery to the interim committee.

Nixon Describes Health Status Of United States

NEW YORK (AP)—Vice President Nixon says "American wage earners today have more jobs at higher wages, with greater purchasing power and less strikes than at any time in history."

"And they have peace to boot," he adds.

Nixon credited this to the Eisenhower administration—and what he called its "dynamic conservatism"—in a speech last night at the 25th annual dinner of the New York group of the Investment Bankers Assn. of America.

The vice president answered what he said was an opposition effort to give the administration the political "kiss of death" by pinning "the business label" on it.

He said the business is sharing in an unparalleled time of prosperity, and he lauded the administration's economic policies as "progressive and humanitarian without being socialistic."

He said the Eisenhower program is designed to meet the nation's needs over a 10-year period for power, roads, schools, hospitals and slum clearance by "partnership" between the federal government and private enterprise and state and local governments.

Mother, Three Sons Die From Suffocation

MISSISSIPPI CITY, Miss. (AP)—A young mother and her three sons died yesterday of suffocation after lighting a new heater to warm their small apartment. Firemen tried more than an hour to revive them.

The dead were Mrs. Justin A. Egnor, 22, and her sons, Gordon, 2; David, 22 months; and Randall, 6 weeks.

She was the wife of Sgt. Justin Egnor, on temporary assignment at the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Los Angeles. He left for home on leave Oct. 14.

Egnor was based permanently at Keesler Air Force Base near here. Keesler said she was a native of Dayton, Ohio.

Oriental Society Missionaries To Speak Four Days

Speakers from Japan, India and South America will participate in a missionary conference at the Union Gap Bible Church which starts Thursday. The four-day event will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day. The missionaries are members of the Oriental Missionary Society.

The church is located between Sutherland and Oakland on Highway 235.

A showing of colored motion pictures will be one of the features of the nightly programs. They will highlight the missionary comments of the Rev. Charles Kempton (Japan), Mrs. Ruth Lee (India) and the Rev. Stewart Sparrow (Columbia, South America).

Another Columbian missionary, Miss Ruth Bernert, will direct the conference and provide musical numbers.

The society is an interdenominational faith mission, according to Pastor Jamie France.

Soldiers, Women Escape Injuries In Traffic Mishap

Ten Ft. Lewis soldiers and two Salem women escaped unhurt Wednesday in a traffic accident at the Yoncalita interchange on Highway 99, state police report.

An officer cited Betty Haley, 35, after her car struck the rear of an Army truck, driven by Billie Coker, 21, carrying nine other soldiers. Bertha Simmons, 57, was riding in the Haley car.

The citation was for passing with insufficient clearance. Officers said Mrs. Haley apparently tried to pass the truck, which was in a convoy, then applied the brakes and skidded into the truck at a point where the highway narrowed to two lanes. The truck was not damaged, and the car was driven away under its own power.

A cow belonging to David Hixon, Lookingglass, was killed in another traffic accident just after midnight Wednesday night, police said.

An officer said a car driven by Lindsey Dale Kimbrough, 22, Lookingglass, was traveling south about 1 1/2 miles south of Lookingglass when two cows started across the road. Kimbrough attempted to dodge the cows, but hit one and ended up in the ditch. He was not hurt, but his new car was badly damaged, police said.

Governor Lifts Martial Law At Perfect Circle

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Gov. George N. Craig Thursday ended martial law in the Perfect Circle Corp. strike areas but said a reduced force of National Guardsmen will remain in Henry County under civil control.

The troops were sent in after a riot at New Castle, Ind., between sympathizers and non-striking Oct. 5 resulted in the wounding of eight persons. Full martial law was declared five days later.

The governor announced his decision after conferring with Mayor Paul F. McCormack of New Castle and National Guard officers. He said the present force of 330 officers and men would be cut to about 150.

All troops are to be removed from Hagerstown, in Wayne County. The 150 guardsmen on duty in Henry County will be under the control of Mayor McCormack in the city and Sheriff Robert Padgett in the rest of the county.

Craig said he did not know how long the reduced force of troops would be kept on duty and that he had no word on any negotiation meetings between the piston rings firm and the striking CIO-United Auto Workers.

The UAW went on strike July 25 against Perfect Circle plants in New Castle, Hagerstown and Richmond. Negotiations snagged on the union's demand for a union shop, layoff pay and a 21-cent wage package and the company's offer of 11 cents.

4 County Men Receive Journeyman's Cards

The State's certificate of journeyman status is being conferred upon Jack B. Rountree, Donald Stumbo and John A. Parsons of Roseburg upon completion of four years apprenticeship training for skilled trades. Rountree and Parsons attain journeyman rank as an auto body and fender mechanic.

Also completing trade-training is Lorán N. Lathrop of Riddle who receives his journeyman certificate in the electrical trade.

Under the state's apprenticeship system, standards of on-the-job training and courses of related instruction are established jointly by local labor and management committees. All standards must have the final approval of the State Apprenticeship Council.

The quality of journeyman completing apprenticeship in Oregon is considered the highest level by national scales, according to A. C. Hoggan, state apprenticeship director.

Storms Cause Damage, Deaths In Japan Cities

TOKYO (AP)—A Pacific storm hit densely populated central Japan with winds up to 44 m.p.h. Thursday, flooding and wrecking houses, sinking boats and killing at least six persons.

The storm, spawned in the Pacific two days ago as a typhoon, had dropped to a gale. But the wind and rain wrought heavy damage in the industrial cities of Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya.

Rail traffic was snarled, boats were swept to sea and overturned and bridges and roads washed out in the 100-mile wide Kansai Plain.

Nationalists Stage Big Airdrop On Red China

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist Chinese planes Wednesday night staged what appeared to be one of its biggest airdrops on Red China.

Air force headquarters said they flew over Kiangsu, Chekiang, Kiangsi and Eukien unloading 25 tons of rice, several tons of socks, towels, underwear and other useful articles, and millions of copies of a Chiang Kai-Shek propaganda message. The air force said the planes ran into vigorous anti-aircraft fire but all returned.

FUNERAL PENDING

Coroner L. L. Powers reported today that the body of Robert Ross, about 30, who apparently killed himself Tuesday by exploding a stick of dynamite under his head, has been transferred to Long & Orr Mortuary in Roseburg. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Powers reiterated again that "all indications point to suicide."

Pentagon Reveals Files Of General MacArthur

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er Russia should have been brought into the Pacific war—this should have clearly been done at the very beginning—but whether we should have made vital territorial concessions at the expense of Chinese sovereignty to induce Russia to come in at the end."

Yalta was a meeting of President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Churchill and Russian Premier Stalin at a Russian Crimean resort of that name. Stalin asked there for territorial and other concessions, largely at the expense of China. He was given them, and pledged in return to enter the war against Japan three months after the defeat of Germany.

As matters developed, the Russians came in six days before Japan's surrender.

In the years since, critics of the Roosevelt administration have contended the Yalta concessions are to blame for many of the Western world's present difficulties in the Far East.

Some Democrats have replied that Roosevelt acted on the basis of the advice given them, and that MacArthur, including that from MacArthur, was not to be made public an edited record as to the entry of Russia into the Pacific war.

Rosetta Slaven Of Oakland Dies

Rosetta Slaven died early today at a Roseburg hospital after a lingering illness. The 68-year-old Oakland woman was born March 24, 1887, at Stearns, Ky., and spent most of her life there and at Onida, Tenn.

She came to Oregon about a year ago to make her home with her sons. She is survived by two sons, Lee of Roseburg and Clarence of Oakland; two daughters, Christine Slaven of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Vickie Boyd of Onida; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled Friday at 2 p.m. at the House of Prayer east of Sutherland. Officiating will be pastor Dick Kelley. Following services, the body will be shipped to Onida, Tenn., for interment. Stearns & Little Mortuary, Oakland, is in charge of arrangements.

DOG BITES GIRL

Oliver Frame of 806 NE Lincoln St., Roseburg, complained Wednesday that a dog owned by the Dick Gilman at 1208 E. Fifth St. had apparently bitten his daughter. The Gilmans reported they would keep the dog chained.

Woman Reports Step-father's Death At Age 101

William Smith, 101, who was well-known in Roseburg having visited here a number of times with his step-daughter, Mrs. B. H. Laird, died Sunday, Oct. 16, following a few days illness in the Independence, Mo., hospital.

He was born May 21, 1854 in Blake, Huron County, Ontario, Canada, and went to California in 1876, where he drove teams in logging operations. He later went to Butte, Mont., to drive teams hauling cordwood for the large smelters.

In 1888, he moved to a ranch near Myrtle Point in Coos County and became an American citizen in 1887. In Coos County he married Mrs. Agnes McCloskey Weekly, a widow with four small daughters. They resided there 28 years and then moved to Portland and later to Independence, Mo., to reside with their youngest daughter, Mrs. H. L. (Eunice) Livingston. Mrs. Smith died at the age of 93 in July 1933.

Survivors include two daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Besides three step-daughters and a number of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Churchill Services Scheduled Friday

The body of David Shelby Churchill, 61, who died as a result of an apparent heart attack while hunting Wednesday, has been removed to Long & Orr Mortuary. Funeral services for the Roseburg man will be held at the mortuary.

Funeral services for the Roseburg man will be held at the mortuary Friday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth D. Dooley of the North Roseburg Evangelical United Brethren Church will officiate. Concluding services and vault interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Churchill was born near Melrose May 18, 1894, the son of David and Melvina van Orman Churchill, pioneer settlers in the Coles Valley community. Churchill served with the armed forces in World War I, was married to Margaret Carlson at Roseburg on Dec. 9, 1922. He had lived most of his life in this community with the exception of a period from 1933 to 1949 when he lived at Powers and from 1945 to 1952 when he lived at Sheridan.

He was employed at the Evans Products plywood plant at Winchester. He was a member of Dean Perrine Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and Local 9-436 of Plywood and Veneer Workers, IWA-CIO.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret of Roseburg; two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Phyllis) Williams and Mrs. Henry (Bonnie Jean) Krohn Jr., both of Roseburg; a son, George M. of Willamina, Ore.; a sister, Mrs. Everett (Vinnie) Cooper of Brockway; and seven grandchildren.

Concluding services and vault interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

U.S. Chinese Reds Meet For 23rd Time Thursday

GENEVA (AP)—Ambassadors of the United States and Communist China met for the 23rd time Thursday in their effort to ease tension in the Far East, but made no announcement concerning the subject of their discussion.

They disclosed they would meet again Oct. 27—the day the conference of Big Four foreign ministers opens in Geneva.

The next meeting will round out three months of negotiations between U.S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson and Red Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-nan. The talks which originally were held three times weekly now have simmered down to one a week.

Police Narrow Area Of Search For Boy Killers

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CHICAGO (AP)—The search for the slayers of three Chicago boys was concentrated Thursday in the area where they last were seen alive.

Fifty uniformed policemen and detectives were assigned to a house-to-house canvass of a north-west sector of the city.

The victims—Robert Peterson, 14, John Schuessler, 13, and his brother, Anton, 11—got off a bus there shortly before 9 p.m. Sunday night.

Some time between then and midnight, investigators figure, the youths were taken captive, beaten and strangled. Their nude bodies were found just after noon Tuesday in a forest preserve four miles west of the place where they left the bus.

The manhunters, grim and methodical, sought to find the place where the youngsters were killed and to pick up their clothing or other clues.

L. Edward Stanwyck of the State Police said a brown suit coat had been found near the spot where the bodies were thrown. He said the coat has grease spots and what appear to be blood stains.

5 Children Die In Indiana Fire

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Five young children died Thursday in a fire that swept through a three-room house and seriously burned their parents.

The house burned to the ground in less than an hour, leaving the five little bodies identifiable only by size.

The eldest of the victims, Leonard Malone, 5, was found near the back door, and the youngest, Elaine, 6 months, was in the charred remains of the parents bed. Katherine, 2, and 3-year-old twins, Paul and Paulette, were found near the center of the house.

The mother, Mrs. Mattie Malone, 37, suffered second and third degree burns over her body trying to rescue the children. The father, Tom, 45, was burned seriously.

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