

Jet Fighter Crashes Into Convent; Toll 15

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general of the order, said there were 35 persons in the convent. Eleven nuns, ranging in age from 21 to 77, were given up as dead.

The bodies of three nuns and the priest had been recovered from the smoldering debris Wednesday. The Royal Canadian Air Force detailed 100 men to a quest for the others. The airman tackled the job of removing the rubble largely by hand.

The air force disclosed the CF100 had been ordered up to identify a mysterious transport from the Arctic on which it had not received a flight plan because of communications difficulties. The fighter's crew ascertained the transport was a Royal Canadian Air Force North Star bound for Montreal.

After the jet climbed and identified the transport, the air force said, it and another CF100 carried higher altitude. It was last checked at an altitude of 31,000 feet.

The tragedy was the worst of its kind in Canada.

Within seconds after the jet hit the convent was a pyre. The explosion was heard 15 miles away.

Sister Marie said of those who escaped:

"Strangely enough, there was no panic. We put on our slippers, slipped into our robes and made our way in orderly fashion to the fire exits."

Sister Marie said that the disaster might have been more serious if it had occurred during the summer, when occupants in the home number about 70.

Niagara Power Measure Calls Estes For Vote

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primary campaign with Roseburg and Coos Bay appearances before heading at mid-day for California.

Before leaving Eugene, Stevenson breakfasted with University of Oregon students at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house and in discussions said he thought educational benefits are not adequate. He said the purpose was to help veterans in their transition to civilian life and the benefits were to bear a relationship to living costs.

Stevenson said he thought an increase in living costs would be in order because of living cost increases since the benefit sums were set.

Asked if the farm problem were paramount he said it is the top domestic issue but conduct of foreign policy is the transcendent issue for the country.

Jim Bailey, Oregon's four-minute mile runner who had been mentioned by Stevenson in his talk Tuesday night, dropped in for a chat.

Search For Small Plane In Washington Canceled

SEATTLE (AP)—The Washington State Aeronautics Board Tuesday night called off all further official search for a small plane which vanished last Friday with four persons aboard.

Board Director Robert Nuber explained that military and civilian planes have searched all areas where the plane could have gone down. He said all leads had been checked out without success.

The plane, en route to California from Seattle, carried Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Poston of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leep of La Mirada, Calif.

The search for the craft started after it failed to make a radio check with the Toledo, Wash., airport as scheduled.

INJURY SUIT FILED

Jess J. Young has filed suit in Douglas County Circuit Court against Mr. and Mrs. Clyde I. Poole, alleging Poole was at fault in a collision between the plaintiff's lumber truck and defendant's car in Myrtle Creek on Feb. 27, 1955.

Young seeks \$25,000 general damages and an unspecified amount of special damages, alleging he was permanently injured in the accident.

Woman On Trial For Embezzling Huge Amount

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Accused embezzler Minnie Mangum pleaded innocent Wednesday to the first of a series of indictments involving her in fantastic shortages of nearly 3 million dollars that wrecked the Commonwealth Building and Loan Assn.

The 52-year-old spinster made her plea in a low voice in a crowded courtroom to the count that she gave false information about the assets of the firm to the Virginia Corporation Commission.

The face of the plump woman, once known for her charity and kindness, was almost devoid of expression as she answered the court's inquiry as to her guilt.

The indictment to which Miss Mangum pleaded innocent is one of a series. Others on which she will be tried later charge her with embezzling almost 3 million dollars from Commonwealth, for which she worked for 28 years.

The tedious process of selecting a jury was expected to take most of the day.

Miss Mangum is charged with stealing more money than any other woman in U. S. history.

The largest embezzlement on record is attributed to Gilbert H. Beesmyer, who was charged with taking \$7,681,793 from a building and loan firm in Hollywood, Calif., 25 years ago. He was paroled in 1940 after serving nine years of a 40-year term.

Miss Mangum worked for Commonwealth 28 years and for the last few years served as assistant secretary-treasurer.

The shortages were discovered in mid-December and Miss Mangum was arrested four days after Christmas.

The 52-year-old woman had enjoyed a reputation of a kind-hearted, generous person who gave freely to church and charity. She lived at home and took care of a blind sister.

Truman Skeptical Of Russian Move To Cut Forces

PARIS (AP)—Harry S. Truman took a skeptical view Wednesday of Soviet Russia's announced plan to cut its armed forces by 1,200,000 men.

"I'll believe it when I see it," said the former president, jaunty, smiling and relaxed, on his arrival at the Elysee palace for a seven-week tour of Europe.

He and Mrs. Truman arrived at La Havre aboard the liner United States, Wednesday morning and met other newsmen there before taking the train to Paris.

Asked if he thought President Eisenhower would win a second term, the Missourian jotted out his jaw and cracked:

"I'm not doing any crystal gazing but I'm going to try to beat him."

He said he would campaign for Democrats if the party's National Committee asked him and quickly added with assurance:

"I judge there's some chance they will."

He also had a word for the Russians. Asked if he trusted them, Truman snapped out a "No" and said:

"The first year I was in office they broke 32 agreements with me."

The former president, visiting Europe for the first time as a tourist, will go to Rome Thursday and later to Austria, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and England.

2 Treated For Injuries In Crash Of Airplane

GOLD BEACH (AP)—Two men were being treated in a hospital here for injuries suffered Monday in an airplane crash at Agness.

The plane, piloted by Gerald Lucas, 30, Bakersfield, Calif., crashed while taking off Lucas and a passenger, Henry Evans, 41, Lafayette, Calif., suffered non-critical injuries.

They were brought here by mailboat from Agness.

They had flown to Agness to visit Lucas' father, Don Lucas.



WINNERS from Roseburg High School in the Roseburg Regional Industrial Safety Conference poster contest were, left to right, Brent Long, Linda Backen, Roy Hedine, Sharon Fiksdal and Leveta Ball. The posters are on display in several stores in downtown Roseburg. (Paul Jenkins).

Stevenson, Kefauver Talks Parallel When Two Appear Together On Same Platform

By MORRIE LANDSBERG

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Two travel-weary Democrats who would like to be president brought their Oregon write-in campaigns to a formal climax last night in a head-on meeting.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Adlai Stevenson, bidding for a boost in Friday's Democratic primary, aimed their fire exclusively at the Eisenhower administration.

Each in his fashion, they presented a resume of their political beliefs before some 5,000 persons in the basketball pavilion of the University of Oregon.

Their only reference to one another was either polite or joking.

Their general theme: The Republicans in three years have failed to secure genuine peace, have moved backwards on social legislation and have consistently favored big business.

The applause ran as close as many people foresaw the outcome of their race for Oregon's 16 delegates to the Democratic presidential nominating convention.

Kefauver, up first, was interrupted 18 times; Stevenson, who spoke a little longer, 23.

Kefauver shook hands with Stevenson afterward and then left immediately for Washington on a rush trip to vote on the Niagara power bill. Flying with him was Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore), who introduced the two rivals to the largely campus audience.

Stevenson, who covered eastern Oregon yesterday while Kefauver toured the southern area, planned final visits today to Coos Bay and Roseburg. He continues on into Eureka and Redding in northern California.

Both Democratic contenders showed the wear of recent hard traveling in Oregon and California where they are competing in a big one for 68 delegates June 5.

Kefauver and Stevenson at times sounded as though they were reading each other's speeches.

They each said American prestige abroad has "crumbled" since the Republicans began guiding the country's foreign policy in 1953, that the administration has allowed NATO to "disintegrate."

"We must begin at once to prepare our economy for peacetime existence," said Kefauver. "This the Eisenhower administration has failed to do."

"On the record of more than three years in office," said Stevenson, "it is a shameful irony that loud talk, bad manners and saber rattle, not to mention Soviet propaganda, have left many sensitive people around the world with the impression that it is the United States, not Russia, that is the peril to peace."

YOUTH ON PROBATION

A 17-year-old Coquille youth was released under one-year probation Tuesday after he went before Justice of the Peace Nina W. Pletzold, Canyonville. The youth was arrested by a deputy sheriff after disturbing the peace at Milo Academy near Days Creek. Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said.

ACCESSORIES STOLEN

Laurence T. Stephens, Myrtle Creek, told Roseburg police Tuesday that a pair of fender skirts were stolen from his car while it was parked on Kane Street Monday night. Stephens said he was attending a National Guard meeting at the Armory.

SIXES CHILD DROWNS

SIXES, Ore. (AP)—David Reuter, 6, drowned in the Sixes River while playing near his home.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Reuter.

The body was recovered a few hours after the accident Monday evening.

Harriman Lashes Policy Of Ike On Political Tour

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Gov. Averell Harriman, the busy but "not active" candidate, moved into this rich wheat country Wednesday and forecast "the farmers are going to veto Eisenhower's reelection bid."

Harriman spoke to a group of farmers from Whitman County, the nation's largest wheat-producing county, and spoke of the wheat surplus as "an essential strategic reserve in the struggle against communism."

"President Eisenhower is guilty of narrow short-sightedness in constantly talking about our God-given abundance of food as if it were some kind of disaster," he said.

"We do not refer to our stores of copper or nickel as surpluses. They are stockpiles, set aside so they do not overhang the market. That is exactly the way we should regard a wheat reserve and they should handle it that way."

"The costs should be charged to our national security, not to agriculture."

Harriman flew here in his chartered plane from Spokane where he delivered a personal attack on Eisenhower in a speech Tuesday night and defended the wartime Yalta Conference during a breakfast meeting with labor leaders Wednesday morning.

Prison Rioting Trial Started

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—Trials of alleged participants in last July's State Prison insurrection proceeded on an unprecedented two-court basis here Wednesday.

The state was framing its case against an alleged ringleader in one courtroom while another inmate was on trial in the other department on a charge of participating in the riot.

In the No. 1 case, testimony began after Prosecutor Arthur Hawman told the jury Tuesday that Charles Lambert was a ringleader who wanted to massacre the hostages held during the prison outbreak.

"But for the act of the inmates, this would not be a kidnap case," the prosecutor declared. "It would have been a massacre case. It would have been a murder case."

Arthur Eggers, defense attorney, denied the prosecutor's statements and told the jurors that Lambert did not take an active part in the rebellion in which a group of inmates gained control of most of the prison.

Brother Of Local Woman In Crash

John A. Lauc, brother of Mrs. Harold Jokela of Roseburg, was one of two executives of a Seattle fishing company who escaped death when a plane crashed on Duke Island near Ketchikan Monday. They were flown to the Alaska city Tuesday night, the Associated Press reports.

Chris Dahl, operator of the Kaylor-Dahl Fish Co. and Lauc, sales manager, were flown to Ketchikan in a private plane after they radioed for help.

It was not known what caused the plane to crash on the island, 30 miles south of Ketchikan. Dahl and Lauc were flying from Seattle to Petersburg when the plane went down, the press report said.

Lauc resides at Bellevue, Wash. He and his wife have one son, John Jr., Mrs. Jokela said.

Investigators Examine Wreckage Of Airliner

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Investigators examined the twisted and scattered remains of a private airliner today trying to learn the cause of its tragic plunge to earth.

Eight persons, including six business executives en route to a convention in Louisville, Ky., died yesterday when the plane roared out of low-hanging clouds into a muddy field.

Witnesses said the twin-engine, 14-or 15-passenger Lockheed Ventura plunged to earth in a spin and exploded.

It was owned by the Crane Co. of Chicago. Two vice presidents of the firm, George Erwin Jr. and James A. Dwyer, were among the victims.

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Syngman Rhee Wins Handily In Korea Vote

By GENE KRAMER

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Syngman Rhee won his expected third term as South Korea's president today but strong opposition cut his vote to only about 55 per cent of the total ballots cast.

The 81-year-old conservative, South Korea's only president since the republic was established in 1948, polled 72.6 per cent of the total vote in the 1952 election.

In the separate vice presidential ballots Rhee's running mate, Lee Ki Poong, was trailing Democratic party candidate, Chang Myun, a former ambassador to the United States. However, Lee was still given a good chance to pull ahead in the rural counting.

Because of Rhee's advanced age many politicians think the next president may well turn out to be the old man's presidential heir.

Rhee piled up a big lead in the country districts. In the big cities of Seoul and Taegu he trailed the combined total of his opponents—a dead man and a former Communist—and ran a poor second in the capital.

Indonesia's Head Arrives In U. S. For State Visit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Indonesia's President Soekarno, arriving on a state visit, expressed hope Wednesday his American tour will lead to "real understanding and friendship" between the United States and Indonesia.

The Moslem nationalist leader flew here from Honolulu aboard President Eisenhower's plane, Columbine III, for his first visit to this country.

Soekarno was greeted by a military honor guard and the 21-gun salute reserved for heads of state.

Vice President Nixon, Secretary of State Dulles and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shook hands warmly with Soekarno as he stepped from the ramp. Also on hand were diplomats from other nations.

Welcoming the Indonesian leader, Nixon likened him to "our own George Washington" and declared: "You led your people to independence from colonial rule and now in peace lead your people to new achievement."

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Dry east winds also are forecast.

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Crowd Of 500 Hear, See Stevenson In Roseburg

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many were of great importance to him.

A motorcade from the Roseburg Municipal Airport carried the candidate through downtown Roseburg to the speaking spot. Before a short introduction by State senatorial candidate Dan Dimick, Stevenson was made "Chief consul for all Paul Bunyans" and presented with a shiny red steel helmet. As Bunyan Chief Bull of the Woods, Russ Osborn noted that the candidate wore "flat lander shoes." Stevenson offered one of many quips he was to intersperse his short 20-minute commentary with.

"I'm a Democrat and lucky to have any shoes," he said, shortly before the Bunyon initiation started.

The smiling Illinois man referred often to Oregon and the "western rich and beautiful green valleys." His visit Wednesday was the second to Roseburg. He appeared first in May of 1952, he said.

A taped interview with Stevenson will be broadcast at 6 p.m. over KRNK tonight.

British Rulers Brace Selves For New Outbreak

SINGAPORE (AP)—British rulers of this crown colony braced themselves today for an outbreak of violence believed developing in the wake of the collapse of independence talks in London.

Some British residents predicted bloodshed and rioting would break out on a scale comparable to the Cyprus violence in the Mediterranean.

Chief Minister David Marshall said in London he is coming home to resign, a move which could bring the leftist People's Action party into power.

"This is a great victory for Communism," Marshall asserted in a voice trembling with anger.

The three-week-old talks broke off yesterday over British insistence on retaining final control of internal defense on this island base.

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Dr. Boyd To Open Dentistry Office

Dr. Alfred N. Boyd will open his office for the practice of general dentistry Wednesday afternoon in the Hudson and Monroe medical building at 880 SE Jackson Street.

Starting Thursday regular office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dr. Boyd took his pre-dental training at the University of Washington and Walla Walla College, College Place, Wash. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon dental school, and a life member of Xi Psi Phi, national dental fraternity.

Dr. Boyd is married and they have a 5-year-old son, Jimmy. They are temporarily residing on Newton Creek Road in Roseburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyd resided in Pendleton for eight years where he practiced dentistry previous to moving here.

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