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Fighter Plane Crash Claims Seven



SAMUEL WEINER, 38, is kissed by his son Jack, 10, at an Abington, Pa., hospital after becoming the hero of a flaming jet crash Sunday into a group of picnickers at Willow Grove. Weiner threw himself across his son, covering him with his body as the plane struck the bathhouse in which the group was seeking shelter from a storm. After carrying his son out, Weiner returned into the flames, dragging others to safety. (UPI photo)

Burning Jet Hits Jammed Bathhouse

WILLOW GROVE, Pa. (UPI)—Seven persons, four of them children, were killed Sunday when a Navy jet fighter crashed into a bathhouse being used as a shelter by picnickers during a violent thunderstorm.

The F-4 jet was on a landing approach to nearby Willow Grove Naval Air Station when it burst into flames in the air and crashed into the frame and cinder block structure jammed with people. Minutes before, they had been playing baseball and swimming during a carefree outing. They had sought the shelter of the double garage serving as a bathhouse when the sudden storm struck.

The pilot, Marine Capt. John W. Butler, 30, Bowling Springs, Pa., ejected safely before the crash. He had been about to land following a routine training mission.

Butler, a Marine reservist, was detained overnight at the base dispensary and was expected to be questioned today by a naval team investigating the tragedy.

Die in Crash

The crash on the grounds of the Green Hill Day Camp killed Mrs. Jennie Klein, 36, of Philadelphia; her daughter, Sandra, 10, and a son, Harry, 4; Emmanuel Fine, 43, Jean Arnold, about 40, Judy Arnold, 10, and Carolyn Hershfield, 10, all of Philadelphia.

About 16 persons were treated at Abington Memorial Hospital, and 10 of them were detained. One of the injured, Samuel Oberdin, 51, of Philadelphia, was listed in critical condition.

The day camp area had been rented for the day by a family, and the group from northeast Philadelphia. All the victims were from that area or suburban communities.

Describes Mishap

Alan Fineman, 35, of Philadelphia, was on the outing with his wife, Ruth, and their three children when the plane crashed "like the biggest firecracker in the world."

Fineman said a "huge orange ball of flames raised up, followed by billowing clouds of black smoke." He rushed to the pool where his sons, Barry, 9, and Evan, 11, were swimming. Fineman said the plane struck the ground about 30 feet from where he was standing and skidded into the crowded bathhouse.

See Plane Approach

Robert Maier and James McGhee, lifeguards from the Newhammy Swim Club, located one nautical mile from the crash, said they saw the plane as it approached the bathhouse.

Maier said he saw the plane "explode in the air" and the pilot bail out.

He said "We went over and the whole place (the bathhouse) was leveled. He said people standing around were hysterical" and the baseball field on the grounds was "scorched."

A 14-month-old baby napping in a house on the grounds and his mother, Grace Lederer, who was in the next room, received minor cuts and bruises when the wheels of the jet came crashing into their dwelling.

Lands in Crib

One wheel came through a window and landed in the crib where the child, Duncan, was sleeping. The other crashed into the framework of a doorway.

Inside the bathhouse, Samuel Weiner, 38, fell upon his son and saved him from more serious injury and, after carrying the boy to safety, returned to the building several times to aid other victims.

Weiner and his son, Jack, 10, were burned on the backs and arms and the boy had a possible concussion. Both were reported in fair condition today.

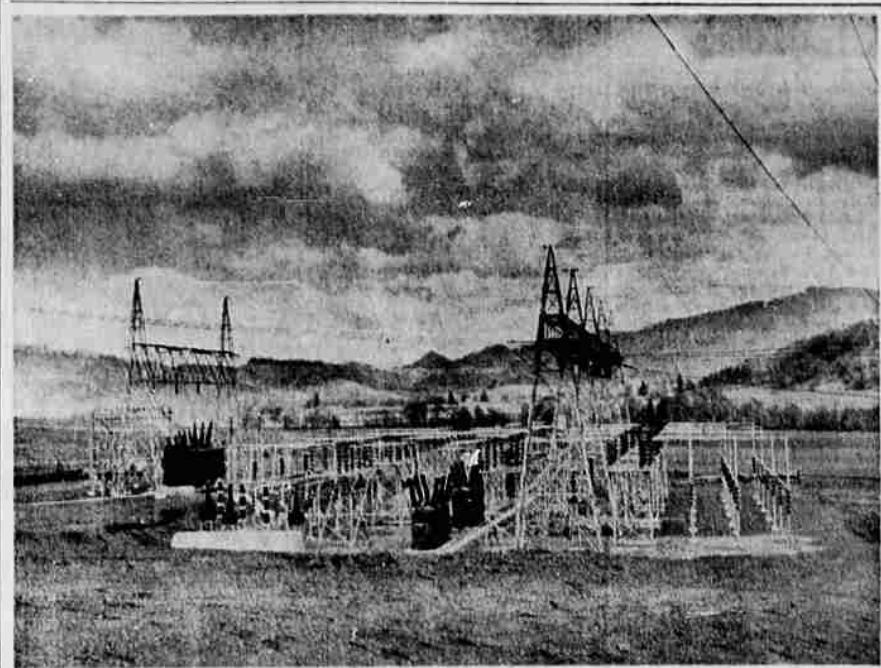
Authorities said the plane struck the ground about 100 yards west of the building and skidded into it, demolishing the structure. The tail assembly and the plane's wings were torn loose and hurled about the area. The main building of the day camp was not damaged.

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Holiday Carnage Sets Record



POWER CROSSROADS — Pacific Power & Light Co.'s large Dixonville substation east of Roseburg is the hub for the electric power transmission grid serving the county. It is one of the company's major power crossroads for energy flowing between the southern Oregon plants and the big hydroelectric plants on the Columbia and other Washington and Oregon rivers. For more about PP&L's vast county projects, see page 5.

Death Takes Tragic Toll On Highways

By United Press International
A toll of 557 traffic deaths during the Independence Day weekend set a new record for highway slaughter during a summer holiday.

Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council, called the toll a "tragic standard against which to measure any holiday."

The final United Press International tabulation of holiday fatalities from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday night showed this breakdown:

Traffic	557
Drownings	192
Boating	4
Planes	17
Fireworks	1
Miscellaneous	101
Total	872

California led the death count with 48 traffic fatalities. There were 43 in both New York state and Pennsylvania, 32 in Michigan, 29 in Ohio, 25 in Texas, 23 in both Indiana and Missouri, 22 in Illinois and 21 in Virginia.

Only five states could boast no traffic deaths over the 102-hour weekend. They were Alaska, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Rhode Island.

The toll broke the record for traffic deaths over a summertime holiday set just last May, when 525 persons died over the Memorial Day 4 holiday record of 509, set in 1961, was also surpassed.

The Safety Council had made a pre-holiday estimate of 550 to 650 traffic deaths over the holiday. During the weekend's early hours the death count was so low safety officials hoped they would scrap their estimate. But the death pace increased sharply during the last two days of the holiday.

The worst accident of the period began at the start of the holiday when a family of six was wined out near Butler, Pa., Wednesday night after their foreign-made car collided with a convertible.

An analysis by the National Safety Council of figures supplied by United Press International showed that 27 per cent of the fatal accidents were caused by excessive speed, 16 per cent by crossing the center line and 18 per cent by failure to yield the right-of-way.

The number of deaths caused by fireworks — once the bigger killer on the Fourth of July — was held to only one. Pyle said this was a "manifestation of what can be done" to sources of danger.

Beckwith Enters Innocent Plea In Evers Case

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — Byron De La Beckwith today pleaded innocent to charges that he murdered Negro integration leader Medgar Evers.

"No guilty, sir," the 42-year-old fertilizer salesman said loudly when asked to enter his plea before Hinds County Circuit Judge Leon Hendrick.

Arraignment of the ex-Marine and staunch segregationist from Greenwood, Miss., was then suspended while Dist. Atty. William Waller conferred with defense attorneys.

Beckwith stood before Judge Hendrick while Waller read the indictment charging that he "did kill and murder Medgar Evers, a human being."

Beckwith is charged with firing the shot which fatally wounded Evers, state field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) about 12:40 a.m. June 12.

Evers was shot in the back as he stepped from his automobile in the driveway of his Jackson home after returning from a civil rights rally.

Administration Leaders Confer On Rail Dispute

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy and Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz conferred with nine Democratic congressional leaders today on possible government moves to head off a nationwide rail strike.

Included were Chairman Lister Hill, Ala., of the Senate Labor Committee and Warren G. Magnuson, Wash., of the Senate Commerce Committee; Sens. Wayne Morse, Ore., and Pat McNamara, Mich., ranking Democrats on the labor committee; Chairman Oren Harris, Ark., of the House Commerce Committee, and Reps. Carl Perkins and Phil Landrum, ranking Democrats on the House Labor Committee.

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Rep. Elmer J. Holland, D-Pa., who was presiding at the hearing, wished him "good luck."

"I'll need it," Wirtz replied. The administration appeared to be nearing a decision on whether to ask Congress for legislation to prevent the strike. The five operating rail unions Sunday rejected Wirtz' last-ditch proposal for averting the walkout threatened for Thursday.

Presumably, the administration now was nearing a decision on whether to ask Congress to step into the dispute by enacting a law to require compulsory arbitration of the issues involved.

Oregon Mishaps Take 11 Lives Over Holidays

By United Press International
Eleven persons lost their lives in accidents in Oregon during the long Fourth of July holiday weekend. Six persons died in traffic accidents, two drowned and three died in other accidents.

The weekend count began at 6 p.m. Wednesday and ended at midnight Sunday.

Lawrence Norton, 20, Stayton, was fatally injured in a two-car collision near Stayton early Sunday. Four other persons were injured.

Bruce Current, 18, Gridley, Calif., was killed when his car struck a parked truck-trailer north of Salem Saturday night. Karen Welo, 23, La Grande, died Saturday as a result of injuries suffered in a two-truck crash near Athena Friday.

Killed in traffic crashes Wednesday night and Thursday were Alexander Volk, 48, Eugene; Mrs. Margaret Busby, 56, Milwaukie; and Sharon Lee Christiansen, 18, Chiloquin.

Robert Trent, 41, Tacoma, Wash., drowned near Newport Thursday and Lawrence Adams, 13, Portland, drowned near Sweet Home Wednesday night.

Two persons died in fires Friday. The victims were Fred Snyder, 78, Portland, and David Lund, 36, Oregon City.

Madeline Maloney, 8, Pendleton, was dragged to death by a horse Thursday.

Wave Beach Grass Nursery at Florence. He told the senators how grass is used to stabilize the dunes.

The senators gave little indication of their sentiment for the project. They left Portland Sunday morning to inspect other public land in the West.

In the group were Sens. Alan Bible, Nev.; Frank Moss, D-Utah; Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska; Quentin Burdick, D-N.D.; Len Jordan, R-Idaho; and Milward Simpson, R-Wyo.

International Paper Co.'s objections to certain wording in the Neuberger bill for a dunes park were discussed at I-P's office at Gardiner, reports Dawn Pesseau, News-Review correspondent.

(Earlier testimony at Washington, IP spokesmen met for revisions which would meet guarantees provided by the state of Oregon.)

IP feels that powers accorded the secretary of interior under the proposal might jeopardize water rights and effluent right-of-way guarantees granted by the state.

Tom Payne, general manager of IP pulp and paper plant construction at Gardiner; Ed Stone, an assistant, and Tom Mutchler, chief public relations department chief

from Longview, Wash., joined the touring group at Tugman State Park where lunch was provided by the National Park Service.

Others making an appearance at Tugman were Ray Doerner, Douglas County commissioner and member of the Salmon Harbor Administration Committee, and Charles Collins, director of the Cal-Ore Recreation Development Association.

At the suggestion of these two, the Senate group changed its itinerary to take a quick view of Salmon Harbor, Mrs. Pesseau said the harbor was bustling with weekend activity and large picnic crowds were in evidence at recreation facilities. A stop was also made at Umpqua Lighthouse State Park.

The senators also viewed the Tahkenitch tree farm, Siletcoos River, Homey Beach State Park, Trilcoos Lake and inspected the proposed national seashore park.

Other participants in the tour included S. E. Moore, Corvallis, Sluslaw National Forest supervisor; Russell Getty, Bureau of Land Management director for Oregon and Washington; and a D & A Allen, executive secretary for a Committee on Natural Resources, representing Gov. Hatfield.

Bareknuckle Fights Erupt In New Series Of Racial Demonstrations

By United Press International
Racial violence flared Sunday in New York City and Baltimore where angry Negroes and whites tangled in bareknuckle brawls. New integration moves were planned today across the nation.

Police described the situation at a Bronx white teen-age diner hang-out Sunday night as "highly explosive" and set up barricades to prevent a full-scale riot. The barricades were erected after two attempts by young whites to break up a picket line at the diner where about 60 whites and Negroes paraded with signs protesting alleged discriminatory hiring practices.

In Baltimore, more than 100 integrationists who tried to force their way past park owners and

police into the Gwynne Oak Amusement Park met with violence. At least 95 demonstrators, including 13 clergymen, and six white hecklers were arrested. One Negro woman was punched in the face.

Police Hotel Picketing
Omaha Negroes planned a protest demonstration today in the downtown section around the entrances of the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel. The demonstration apparently was planned to coincide with the first meeting of a biracial committee to discuss civil rights remedies in city government, the mayor's office, the school system, banks, insurance firms, railroads and other businesses which integration leaders said were almost entirely segregated.

A group of young Negroes was scheduled to meet with city officials of La Porte, Ind., today to discuss complaints of alleged racial discrimination in restaurants and taverns. The stage was set for the meeting after a weekend of "testing" facilities in eating and drinking establishments in the city.

There was more racial unrest in other parts of the nation:

Chicago: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) concluded its "year of decision" national convention by announcing plans for militant action in its drive for increased civil rights.

Charleston, S.C.: Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, said

New G. P. Mayor Named
GRANTS PASS (UPI)—Robert C. Martin has been appointed mayor of Grants Pass to fill the unexpired term of Charles B. Gill, Jr., who resigned June 24. Gill accepted an appointment to the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Martin, an auto dealer, and a former mayor, was selected by a unanimous vote of the city council.

Two inmates flee Grants Pass Jail

GRANTS PASS (UPI)—Two men escaped from the Josephine County Jail early today by removing a two-foot square section of the concrete cell floor and tunneling seven feet under a sidewalk.

Authorities identified the men as Wesley Earl Sanford, 30, Grants Pass, and Kenneth Barr, 20, Santa Ana, Calif.

Sanford, released from the Oregon State Penitentiary earlier this year, was wanted on a burglary charge in Kings County, Calif. Barr had been returned to the jail July 2 as an alleged probation violator after a burglary conviction.

Josephine County authorities said the pair were placed in the cell Saturday morning. They apparently used a large spoon and some steel mirrors to dig the tunnel. The earth was put in a cardboard box.

Their disappearance was discovered about 5 a.m. A car stolen nearby later was recovered in another section of town, but a pickup truck has been reported stolen in the latter area. The men are thought to be heading for California, police said.

Annual Appaloosa Event Slated Here

The fifth annual Oregon Appaloosa Show will take place in Roseburg this weekend, under the sponsorship of the Douglas County Sheriff's posse.

The horse show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds is scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

Everett Partin, publicity director for the show, says it will be one of the most colorful horse shows ever held in the county. He said horses are expected from California, Idaho and Washington, as well as from Oregon. Other entries have even been received from Nebraska and Ohio.

Partin said the big horse show had been brought to Douglas County through the endeavor of several club members, including Del Clubs of Canyonville, president of the Oregon Appaloosa Horse Club, Bob Cameron, A. J. Ferenbaugh, Bob Dudley and C. (Tolly) Tollefson.

Events will include halter classes, working events, races and games.



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