

Adm. 'Bull' Halsey Dies; Eisenhower Pays High Tribute

COMMANDED THIRD FLEET IN WORLD WAR II ACTION

FISHERS ISLAND, N.Y. (UPI) — Fleet Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey, 76, commander of the Third Fleet in the Pacific during World War II and leader of America's first offensive move after Pearl Harbor, died Sunday in his sleep.

The implacable fighter who had carried his attacks to the Japanese homeland by the end of the war was pronounced dead of a coronary occlusion at 11:45 a.m. e.d.t.



WILLIAM F. HALSEY
Fleet Admiral Dies

His body was flown to New York City from this small island off the Connecticut coast where he was vacationing, and was to be taken to Washington today. Final funeral arrangements, however, were delayed pending arrival of his family at the nation's capital.

Bert Frazer, manager of the Fishers Island Country Club, said Halsey spent his last day peacefully, wading and basking in the sun. Frazer found the admiral's body after a waiter told him he was concerned because Halsey had not yet ordered his breakfast an hour past his usual time.

Ike Lost 'Personal Friend'
President Eisenhower, in a statement released at Gettysburg, Pa., said he had lost "a personal friend" and "all Americans have lost one of their great national leaders."

"His great personal contribution to the successful campaigns in the Pacific and the exploits of the forces under his command are a brilliant part of American military history," the President said. It was Bull Halsey who vowed while the war was raging that he would ride the emperor's white horse through the streets of Tokyo. He did not keep that promise, but he did push the war to the emperor's doorstep, attacking Tokyo, Honsu and Hokkaido and ranging up and down the Japanese coast in July and August, 1945.

Between July 10 and Aug. 15, when the war ended, Halsey's forces destroyed or damaged 2,804 enemy planes and sank or damaged 148 warships and 1,598 enemy merchant vessels.

'Hit Hard, Fast, Often'
"Hit hard, hit fast, hit often" were his orders, and "kill Japs, kill Japs, and then kill more Japs" his motto.

The triumph and mastery of the war's final days were a long voyage along the war's opening on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese navy seemed in all but complete control of the Pacific after blasting the American fleet at Pearl Harbor. But early in 1942, less than two months after those first bombs fell, Halsey directed the first American counter-blow.

Halsey married the former Frances Cooke Grandy in 1909. She survives him, as do his son, William F. Halsey III, his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Halsey Spruance, and six grandchildren.

"He was one of our greatest fighting admirals," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said Sunday, "and his name and his fame will always be associated with our great victory over Japan."

In reply to a question of whether popularity polls would determine his decision, Rockefeller said, "I think the professionals give more weight to the polls than the general public."

Rockefeller emphasized he was not a candidate for any public office at this time. He pointed out, however, there were "two hurdles" a candidate must face—nomination and election.



JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION — Dick Reeves, 14, of North Powder stands next to his "Carmen Eyes" Gladliolus that won him the Grand Champion award. He was also given a trophy. Dick also won the award last year. (Observer Photo)

Joseph Boy Is Killed As Car, Bike Collide; 6 Others Die In State

Lawrence Patrick O'Rourke, eight years old of Joseph, died in Wallowa Memorial hospital about 3 p.m. Sunday, after the bicycle he was riding and a car collided. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. O'Rourke of Joseph.

The car was driven by Earl Heilke of Oswego, Oregon. The accident happened about 5 p.m. Saturday, on the Sheep Creek Road.

Dr. James Coffman of Joseph will conduct a post mortem this afternoon and Wallowa county district attorney, Keith Wilson, is conducting an investigation.

At least six other persons met their death in Oregon weekend auto accidents and drownings. In addition a Salem woman was killed in an accident near Chelalis, Wash.

An Estacada couple and a Myrtle Creek woman, besides the Joseph boy, died in traffic mishaps. Drownings claimed the lives of a Redmond man and a Portland boy.

John Turnbull, 53, and his wife, Emily, 50, of Estacada, were killed.

Fire Department Answers Alarms
The La Grande fire department was called to a hay fire and a grass fire Sunday afternoon.

Firemen were called to the Walter Pebler farm on a mutual-aid signal from the Island City department. The Pebler farm is in Ladd Canyon.

Fire trucks were also called to the 1400 block on Z Ave., to battle a grass fire. Firemen were able to control the fire before it spread to several buildings in the area.



HOT SPOT — Firemen battled flames Saturday afternoon on 500 acres of range land. Flame fighters had to make a second trip to the scene of the blaze when flames flared again late in the evening. (Observer)

Little Rock Outwardly Quiet; Tension Mounts Behind Scene

Conference Committee To Consider Compromise On Tough Reform Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate agreed after a long and heated wrangle today to send the tough House labor bill to a congressional conference committee to see if a compromise with the milder Senate version can be worked out.

Republican senators who favor the House bill did not press a move, favored by some, to by-pass the joint House-Senate conference and force an immediate showdown on the Senate floor.

AFL-CIO Considers Next Move

UNITY HOUSE, Pa. (UPI) — Stunned members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council met today to consider their next move in a battle against what they term union-busting labor legislation.

The council is certain to discuss future opposition at the polls to Congressmen who voted for the House-approved Landrum-Griffin Bill when the chips were down last Thursday.

Top AFL-CIO leaders, opening their summer meeting at this union-operated resort in the Pocono Mountains, appear reconciled to defeat in the legislative fight.

In the eyes of the AFL-CIO, the Senate-passed bill is bad and the House version is worse. Any compromise by Senate-House conferees could not produce legislation more favorable to labor's high command.

The losing battle in the House caused new disappointment in the Democratic congressional leadership, one AFL-CIO vice president said.

"You can say that labor is growing cooler toward the Democrats," he told a reporter referring to heavy Democratic support for passage of the House bill favored by President Eisenhower and business organizations.

AFL-CIO leaders were reported to be casually sifting the 229-201 roll call vote by which the House passed the measure co-sponsored by Rep. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) and Rep. Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.).

One union official said only a handful of 54 House members who received labor support in political campaigns last fall voted for the Landrum-Griffin proposal.

The measure passed with "yes" votes of 134 Republicans and 95 Democrats. All but three of the latter were from either southern or border states.

"We did the right thing last fall (at election time) but we did not do enough of it," the official contended.

BLACK-TOPPING DUE
Contract has been made with the Newport Construction company for 20 miles of new blacktopping between Mt. Emily Camp and Lehman Springs.

The 40-mile-long job is under construction now and is expected to be completed by fall.

BOSSIE BUMS RIDE ON TRUCK HOOD

CALLINGTON, England (UPI) — Truck driver William Hill picked up an unexpected hitchhiker Saturday. He was driving along a lane, calm as you please, when a cow jumped over a hedge and landed smack on the hood of his truck. The hey-diddle-diddle cow rode along calmly for a short distance, then slid off and trotted away, none the worse for the trip.

Escapees Are Back In Cells

Larry Morand Cornelius and Brow Provost who escaped from the county jail around 11 p.m. Friday night are back in their cells today.

They escaped by way of an upper story window in the court house after throwing a blanket over the head of Jay Conley who is the court house janitor.

Cornelius who is 16, turned himself in at the Arnold Coler farm on the foothill road beyond Hot Lake yesterday morning.

Provost was picked up by State Police about 2 p.m. yesterday on Highway 30 east of North Powder. Provost did not resist arrest police spokesman said.

The two who jumped almost 25 feet from a second floor window in the court house to make their escape were not injured and only hungry upon their return to jail, Sheriff H. A. Klinghammer said.

Cornelius will be held for Chelalis reformatory authorities and Provost will be sentenced this afternoon on a forgery charge.

Benny Fields Dies At 65; Wife At Side

NEW YORK (UPI) — Benny Fields, 65, the "minister minstrel man" whose soft shoe song and dance acts carried him through a 60-year entertainment career, died Sunday after a heart attack.

His wife and former partner, Blossom Seeley, was with him when he died in their apartment at a hotel here. They had just returned from a month-long appearance at Las Vegas.

"After 37 years it's over," Miss Seeley sobbed. "No more 'melancholy baby,' I have nothing left."

"Melancholy Baby" and "Lullaby of Broadway" had been Fields' theme songs.

They were married in 1922. In the late 1930s Fields seemed to be slipping from the spotlight, but he made a successful comeback and in 1952 a movie biography of him and his wife entitled "Somebody Loves Me" was produced.

Negroes Attend Classes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Two Little Rock high schools began the second week of token integration quietly today and school officials reported students were ignoring an opportunity to use a state law providing for segregated classes inside the schools.

There were no disturbances as the three Negro girls attending Hall went to class, and the one Negro boy who has integrated Central arrived books in hand.

The situation was one of outward quiet. But there was an undercurrent of tension as the community and other southern states waited to see how the latest legal weapon against mass integration of schools would work.

This latest weapon is a "sleeping" law put on the Arkansas statute books in 1958 among a package of segregation bills. It provides that no student shall be forced to attend classes with a member of another race.

In effect, it would provide for segregated classes in integrated schools.

Attack On Law Expected
Everett Tucker Jr., president of the Little Rock School Board, said the law would be complied with as long as it is still valid. He said he is "confident" it will be attacked.

Wiley A. Branton, Arkansas attorney for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, said the law would be attacked if one of the four Negroes attending Central or Hall High School is denied the use of school facilities or classrooms with white students because of race.

Both Branton and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, pointed out the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the 1948 case of McLaurin vs Oklahoma University Board of Regents that "a Negro once admitted to an integrated school could not be segregated within the school."

McLaurin was a Negro teacher who entered the university to study for a doctorate and was segregated in the cafeteria, library and in one instance forced to sit in an alcove off a classroom.

Attorney Invokes Statute
John A. McLeod Jr., a white attorney, invoked the virtually unnoticed law. He asked that his daughter, Ann Lane, 15, not be assigned to classes with Negro students. She is a junior at Hall High School, where three Negro girls have been assigned.

Terrell Powell, superintendent of schools, said he told the principals of Hall and Central to honor McLeod's request, and any other similar requests.

Fairview Home Superintendent Dies In Salem

SALEM (UPI) — Dr. Irvin B. Hill, 44, superintendent of Fairview Home for the mentally retarded here, died today.

The veteran administrator had been seriously ill last year. He appeared to be recovering, but lapsed into a coma while visiting his parents, State Rep. and Mrs. Earl Hill of Cushman.

He died in an ambulance on the way to Salem.

Hill was head of Fairview home since 1946. He was married and the father of three children.

Dr. D. L. Callicrate, assistant superintendent, will take over until a replacement is found for Hill. Gov. Mark Hatfield commented: "Irv Hill was one of those rare individuals who not only refused to be detoured by his own handicap but also dedicated himself to a life-time of serving the less fortunate in our society."

Hill, a frail-looking man, had suffered from tuberculosis earlier in life.

The governor added "the facilities and friendships he built at Fairview are high tribute to his rare combination of practical administrative skill and warm personality."

State officials said Fairview was regarded as one of the best homes of its type in the United States.



500 ACRES GO UP IN SMOKE
Flames burned approximately 500 acres of range land near Union Saturday afternoon. The flames flared up again around 11 p.m. and the fire department was called and quickly extinguished the flames. The property is owned by Bill Dobbins, Robert Withycombe, A. J. Wagner and Ralph and Bert Titus. (Observer Photo)

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