

WEATHER

Fair tonight with fog in valleys; mostly cloudy Wednesday; high Wednesday 43-48; low tonight 18-24.

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24 People Killed In Plane Crash

ONE PASSENGER ALIVE; SHIP CLEVELAND-BOUND

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (UPI) — A Philadelphia to Cleveland Allegheny Airlines plane crashed into South Williamsport Mountain while making a landing approach today, killing all but one of the 25 persons aboard.

The sole survivor was thrown clear of the wreckage and into a tree. He was identified as Louis Matarazzo, Springfield, Pa. He was in serious condition in Divine Providence Hospital here. He was brought out by helicopter.

Two other persons were removed alive from the flaming wreckage but died later while being taken to a Williamsport hospital. The plane was still burning several hours after the crash.

A driving snow fell intermittently during the day but had stopped when the plane circled away from the Williamsport-Mountourville Airport to make a second landing approach. Airport officials said heavy fog covered the area.

Train Aids Removal

The plane, a twin-engine Martin 202, apparently circled to the south and crashed halfway up the 2,500-foot mountain. Normal procedure is to circle north away from the mountain which lies just across the Susquehanna River from the airport.

Two of the survivors were lowered down a 500-foot embankment to a railroad line running along the base of the mountain. A Pennsylvania Railroad yard engine with a baggage car attached, then took them to a railroad crossing where they were transferred to ambulances.

The helicopter, from the Olmsted Air Force Base at Middletown, Pa., was the only vehicle able to reach the scene until several hours after the crash.

David L. Miller, vice president of Allegheny, said in Washington that a weather observer at the airport saw the plane pull up as it approached the runway.

"That's all we know," he said. Allegheny had not had a fatal crash in the 22 years it has been operating. It serves more than 25 cities between New York and Detroit, mainly in Pennsylvania.

The pilot of the crashed plane was Capt. Tom Goldsmith. The copilot was George Bowers and the flight steward William Conger. One of the passengers was the airline's sales director, Jack K. Svitzer of Washington.

GIRLS' POOL FOR MEN ONLY

Washington UPI — The Washington Post said today the following notice recently appeared on the bulletin board of a government office here:

"Executives who have no secretary of their own may take advantage of the girls in the stenographic pool."



FIERY SKELETON — Only the flaming skeleton remains of this small Piper Tri-Champ after it crashed and exploded atop the house of Harry Gaffney in Compton, Calif. The plane, attempting to land at the Compton Airport, struck a high tension wire, dove into the house and exploded, killing pilot Norman W. Thomas of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney and their four children, who were asleep below, escaped injury.

Form Of Life On Venus?

WASHINGTON (UPI)—New evidence of water vapor in the atmosphere of Venus has raised the possibility that some form of life may exist on that planet.

Scientists reported Monday the evidence was uncovered by instruments carried 15 miles into the stratosphere last week end by Navy balloonist Malcolm Ross and meteorologist Charles B. Moore of Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. John Strong of Johns Hopkins University, who designed the instruments, told newsmen: "The experiment in our opinion indicated there is water vapor on Venus. How much there is will take some time to discover."

The discovery, a scientific first, could upset previous belief that Venus was a dead world.

Strong refused to give a personal estimate as to whether the findings indicated the possibility of life on Venus. But asked if he felt the possibility was ruled out, he said emphatically, "no."

Union Junior Class Play Set Tonight

UNION (Special) — The Junior Class of Union High School will present "The Case of the Missing Heirs" tonight and Wednesday. The production will take place both nights at 8 p.m. in the S.E. Miller School auditorium.

This mystery comedy is designed to keep one in stitches. Suspense is an important factor too, while the phantom terrorizes the heirs of a rich old man's estate.

Big Student Cast

Mystery novel writer Perriot Preston solves "The Case of the Missing Heirs" with the assistance of his body-guard, "Bruiser" Barnes, and secretary, Gwen Talbot.

Perriot, played by Jim Bateman, "Bruiser" Dale Tyler, and Gwen, Claudia Herman, are ably assisted by Eileen Edvalson, Connie Ballard, Sue Harris, Lesse Taylor, Dewey Straight, Earl Sanders and Pat Edvalson in supporting roles.

Union, Baker School Reorganization Meet

A joint meeting between the Union and Baker County School Reorganization groups is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night at the North Powder Valley High School.

Discussion at this meeting will center about what action is to be taken concerning the reorganization of Muddy Creek District 17, according to Thomas Lampkin, Union County chairman.



LOOK, MOM! NO AIRPLANE

Dennis Boatman, La Grande manager for West Coast Airlines, points in both directions at empty field when "last flight" by West Coast flew by at 4:10 p.m. yesterday. West Coast is abandoning its local air service and yesterday afternoon's scheduled last flight didn't land. There was not even a going-away ceremony at the field for Boatman who is being reassigned to Boise. West Coast asked for and received Civil Aeronautics Board approval to eliminate La Grande from its schedule. There are no more commercial flights touching down here. (Observer Photo)

McElroy Resigns As Defense Chief; Gates His Successor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today announced the resignation of Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy and named Undersecretary Thomas S. Gates Jr., to succeed him.

The announcement came after a National Security Council meeting this morning where the President presented the Medal of Freedom to McElroy "in recognition of his outstanding service to his country and his dedication to his task."

McElroy's resignation was effective today.

In an exchange of letters between McElroy and Eisenhower made public by the White House, McElroy said that "personal reasons of an urgent nature" necessitated his resignation after two years in the top defense job. He said he would leave the department with "feelings of deep regret."

McElroy, 54, plans to return to Procter & Gamble, the soap manufacturing firm he headed before joining the Eisenhower Cabinet in 1957.

In his letter accepting the resignation, the President expressed "deep appreciation" for McElroy's "distinguished service." He said he was "indeed sorry that personal considerations compel your departure from the government at this time."

Postmaster Urges Early Mailing Here

Christmas cards and packages should be in the mail as soon as possible to assure delivery by Christmas, according to La Grande Postmaster Vic Eckley.

The local post office official said that residents should plan their mailing list this week.

He also pointed out the importance of wrapping packages carefully to assure safe arrival. Eckley said that persons having articles of unusual size or bulk should check with the post office before attempting to mail them. He said the limits of size and weight of packages vary, depending on where they are mailed from.

Return Address Christmas stickers or seals should be put on the back of the envelopes if they are used and he stressed the importance of a return address.

The postmaster also advised sending Christmas cards by first class mail for prompt delivery.

All mail going long distances should be sent well before Dec. 10. Christmas packages for local delivery should be mailed by Dec. 15.

Battle Over Proposed Deschutes River Dam Gets Special Hearing

PORTLAND (UPI)—The battle over the proposed Round Butte dam on the Deschutes river continued before a Federal Power Commission hearing today.

The FPC hearing, which follows by only a short time a lengthy state hearing on the 71-million-dollar project, is being held as a sister project to its Pelton dam on the Deschutes. The State Water Resources Board last week gave its approval provided safeguards for fish and recreation were made.

In the case of Pelton dam, the State Hydroelectric Commission turned down the project but the FPC licensed it and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld federal jurisdiction. The Water Resources Board has referred its decision to the Hydroelectric Commission.

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this time." Gates, a former Philadelphia investment banker, was undersecretary of the Navy from 1953 to 1957 and secretary of the Navy from 1957 until earlier this year when he was named to succeed the late Donald A. Quarles as No. 2 defense man.

Gates will fall heir to a number of difficult problems, including the task of fitting defense needs into budget cuts recently decided upon by the administration.

McElroy was nominated by Eisenhower on August 7, 1957, to succeed Charles E. Wilson as defense secretary. The President called McElroy one of the "most capable men in the country."

Fire Special Photo Rocket

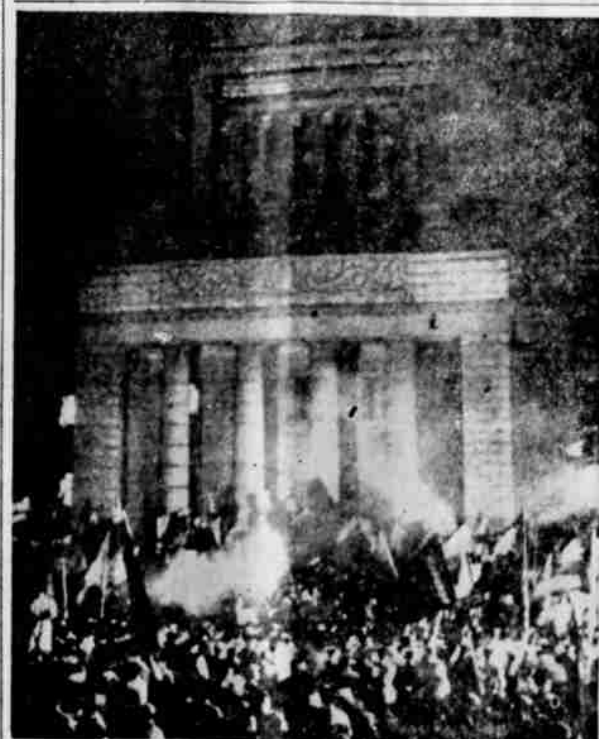
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — An Air Force Thor IRBM carrying a movie camera climbed into the sky today to try for the first full-color pictures of earth from the fringes of space.

The 16-millimeter instrument was tucked away in a heat-resistant nose cone atop the sleek white missile.

Ships were stationed about 1,700 statute miles down the Atlantic missile range near Antigua Island to drag the nose cone from the ocean. The camera and film were to be rushed by air to a processing laboratory.

This marked America's first attempt to take color pictures of earth with a camera-carrying ballistic missile, although a similar shot by a Thor missile last May 12 pulled the trick with black and white film.

The shot tested feasibility of a photo-reconnaissance system to operate at the edges of space. Announcement of the result was expected to come from the Air Force in Washington.



ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION — Swinging red banners and placards, Japanese demonstrators mass in the Diet (Parliament) Plaza, Tokyo, Japan as they shout slogans opposing the revision of the U.S. Japan Security Pact. Thousands demonstrated, protesting the treaty that will keep U.S. troops in Japan. Unofficial estimates report at least 415 persons injured in the melee.

NIKITA'S SMILES MORE DEADLY THAN REAL; CD HAS SOLUTION

(Editor's note—The Observer newspaper is presenting a series of articles on U.S. Civil Defense—national, state and local level—in the interest of the public. Today's article deals on how an attack might develop against this country.)

By GRADY PANNELL Observer Staff Writer

Don't let Nikita Khrushchev's jovial smiles and friendly national trips to far and distant lands fool you. There even could have been "another side" to the Khrushchev trip of recent time to this country.

He could be softening us up for the kill.

Should a global nuclear onslaught come, and U.S. Civil Defense is geared for just that, the North American continent would be target No. 1 on the Soviet score-card.

History would not prove otherwise.

Hitler Knew

The demented Hitler ranted during his last hours that Germany made one grave mistake. That was not attacking the U.S. direct instead of waiting until Uncle Sam flexed his mighty muscles and began producing big guns, tanks and Liberty Ships, by the hundreds, every month of the war.

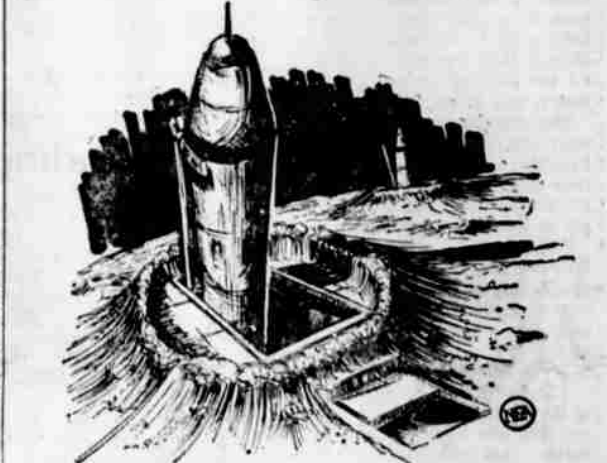
The Soviets have shown how they profit by the other's mistakes. They are where they are by begging, borrowing, stealing and working for an overall goal of world domination — by force if other means fail.

War with the United States must certainly be one of their alternatives. Khrushchev's first-hand survey of America could be part of their "master plan."

Pearl Harbor Date

Civil Defense, something talked about for several years but very little done about it nationwide, will remind all citizens of America on Dec. 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, what remains to be done and what individuals should do.

Every life in this country



SOVIET MISSILE BASE? — This is artist's conception of what remote Ural Mountain Soviet missile bases look like. It is known fact that the Russian military leaders have been busy developing such sites back of the Urals.

could be at stake at that first dreaded moment of surprise attack.

The war could come out of space, and it wouldn't be the Marvins directing the ICBM rockets and follow-up stratospheric jet bombers.

Major cities, important ports, known strategic installations of defense and counter-attack rocket sites would be slow to receive the first blow.

The enemy would hope that fallout, that strange wisps of slow death, could do the rest.

Fifth Column

While this country would be struggling for means of fighting back immediately, other problems would tax our hopes of survival.

There could be fifth column activity, a strategy used by man since he first began killing his fellow beings.

Huge, spreading fires, downed power lines, darkened cities, contaminated water and a scattering populace berserk with fear and uncertainty—these are major events U.S. Civil Defense predicts.

Highway Panic

Don't crowd into the open as you would for a Fourth of July aerial display. Stay off the roads with your auto if your helter-skelter trip out of town is not necessary.

Panic on the highways is a terrible thing. It indirectly led to the hastening downfall of France when Germany first invaded the Lowland countries.

Private vehicles, push carts, bicycles and other modes of transportation so choked the French roads that military vehicles could not get through in time to try and stem the Wehrmacht advance.

This country is quite vulnerable to attack, they claim. There is one burning question. Will we be ready?

(Next—Jackass Fiats on a cold desert morning.)

WEST COAST 'NUCLEAR ATTACK'

Air Crews Score Hit On LA; Supersonic Jet Output Delay

YUMA, Ariz. (UPI)—A3D Sky Warrior bombers manned by Navy and Marine crews took off from here today to make a simulated nuclear attack on Los Angeles.

The bombers and their crews were part of Operation Top Gun, the code name for the fourth annual naval air weapons meet which started Monday.

The bombers, flying at great heights, zeroed in on specific targets in Los Angeles and let go with imaginary destructive nuclear weapons. Scoring for the "bombing" was by radar.

The competition, which pits Atlantic Fleet against Pacific Fleet squadrons, includes firing of missiles, air to air firing against drone targets and bombing and weapons demonstrations.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Air Force announced today that the supersonic B70 heavy bomber's first flight will be delayed by one year and that major subcontracts for the plane's development will be cancelled.

The action was described as an economy move.

The first flight of the 2,000-mile an hour bomber is now expected in 1963 instead of 1962, the Air Force said. The economy program, according to the statement, looks to the production of only prototype or test models of the bomber.

The move is expected to save \$5 million dollars in the budget to be presented to Congress in January.

The new budget will ask for about 75 million dollars for the B70, instead of 160 million as the Air Force had planned. By the time the first B70 flies, nearly a billion dollars will have been spent on its development. Designed to cruise at three times the speed of sound, the plane is to be the first supersonic heavy bomber.

Today's announcement, however, raised some doubt whether a war fleet of B70s will ever be built. The announcement said "the B70 supersonic heavy bomber program is being reoriented to a prototype aircraft program."

21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT HELP FIGHT TB CHRISTMAS SEALS 1959 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1959