

B-25 BOMBER CRASHES INTO SKYSCRAPER

Smoke Billows From Skyscraper



Smoke billows out from upper floors of the Empire State building Saturday morning after a plane crashed into the 78th floor of the structure. Fires were burning in 11 of the upper floors of the building. (AP Wirephoto). (Additional picture on page 2)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Warren Goodrich

One picture which is sure to hold attention is that of the post-war kitchen. Wherever it appears, in "House Beautiful" or in ads, it seems to have come off the same mold. It glitters in white enamel on range, refrigerator, sink and cupboard, with delicious color contrast of blue or green or yellow with dots of red for the trim. It is the dream kitchen which every wartime bride is confident she will have and every veteran housewife wants. Its sleekness suggests efficiency; its whiteness suggests cleanliness. Even the mere male can't help but be intrigued by the picture.

But there is another picture of a kitchen, which appears, in all places, in the scholarly Yale Review. It is sketched by Betty Fible Martin thus:

"In our Virginia country, we like the way our farm kitchens are furnished; the linoleum mat on the floor, mamma's begonias blooming on the window sills, the ring-two, ring-four telephone on the wall, the 'busted-out' black leather sofa by the front windows where the 'ol' man naps after noon dinner; the pine corner cupboard for company china and glass; the refrigerator, washing machine and radio we bought on the installment plan when we were 'rural electrified'; the bucket of spring water and dipper—a fixture unchanged for too many decades to count, as are the wooden washstand with shaving mirror above it, the row of cootstools for variegated attire—shapeless, yet serviceable; and the split-bottom rocker close to the cookstove, within spitting distance of the woodbox."

Efficiency here gives way to felicity; cleanliness yields a bit to (Continued on editorial page)

Animal Crackers

By Warren Goodrich



"Lemme go, Gert—I got an itch—or is that you?"

NEW YORK, July 28—(AP)—A fog-blinded army bomber crashed into the Empire State building at the 78th story today and exploded inside with an earth-shaking roar, killing three fliers and at least 10 office workers and turning the world's tallest building into a smoking, flaming torch in the sky.

The bizarre disaster injured 24 persons, six seriously, and while rescue workers searched the twisted, blackened wreckage of 78th and 79th floor offices tonight, police said the death toll may exceed 15.

Army and fire department investigations were under way.

The eight-ton, twin-engine B-25 "Billy Mitchell" plane, groping through a thick fog toward the Newark airport, rammed the 102-story skyscraper at 9:49 a.m., sending blazing gasoline cascading through offices and down elevator shafts, jarring the area like an earthquake, and showering broken glass and debris into crowded business streets for five blocks around. Police said

no pedestrians were injured. Panic spread among some of the 1500 persons in the building, but police said virtually all were evacuated in orderly fashion within 20 minutes. The area was blocked off from a quickly gathering crowd of many thousands.

The bomber, with three servicemen aboard, took off from Bedford, Mass., this morning, bound for Newark, N.J. Shortly before the crash it communicated with LaGuardia field, New York, by radio and was told:

"Maintain contact flying regulations with three mile forward visibility. If this is not possible, return to LaGuardia. At present I cannot see the top of the Empire State building."

The plane then was over Manhattan. It flew southward, roughly following the route of Fifth avenue. The fog was so dense that some New Yorkers in the area heard it but could not see it.

Then, with many Empire State

building workers alarmed by the crescendo of its roar, it hurled its eight-ton weight against the tower-spiked structure, slashed a gaping hole in the wall, plunged in, and disintegrated in a series of three blasts.

Instantly, flames enveloped the office suites in its path. Parts of the plane were caught in the wall. Others were scattered through the two floors. Still others—including one motor, part of the fuselage, a landing gear and a stray wheel—hurtled entirely across 33rd street to the roof of another building.

The crash snapped the cables of three elevator cars parked at the 80th floor. All three plunged to the basement. Police still were trying to get at their wreckage late tonight to determine whether the falling vehicles carried others to their deaths.

Another elevator was parked at the 75th floor. Its cable snapped, too, and James W. Irwin, management consultant with offices on the floor, said he had seen two women enter the car

immediately before it dropped. It was sudden death for most of the victims.

Firemen entering the national Catholic welfare conference suite—on the 79th floor—found nine charred bodies, most of them believed to be those of girls, grouped around a single table.

Another body was found further back on the same floor.

Still another was found on the parapet of the 72nd floor. It was that of Paul Dearing, publicity man for the Catholic organization and a former Buffalo, N. Y. reporter. Police said the crash apparently hurled him from his office and out of the building to the wing roof six stories below.

Fifty persons were on the sightseers' tower of the skyscraper, standing where queens and princes, presidents and paupers have stood entranced by the horizon spreading out from that highest man-made vantage point. All were evacuated safely.

The fire that resulted was a "fire above the clouds." It was the highest fire ever fought in the city—913 feet aloft—but although witnesses said the heat was "like an oven," Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh said it was "a fairly easy job." At no time did firemen fear a holocaust, although four alarms were sounded.

It was the first fatal airplane accident since 1929 among New York's skyscrapers. On Nov. 20, 1929, Charles L. Reid, a wealthy concert manager and amateur pilot, perished when his biplane crashed on the roof of a four-floor extension of the YMCA building.

The crash brought demands in Washington for new laws regulating flying over cities.

Scores of ambulances, physicians and fire trucks swarmed to the building within minutes after the disaster and excitement spread through Manhattan.

While thousands assembled in streets, there were epics of heroism inside the burning sky-

scraper. One hero, 17-year-old Coast Guard Trainee Don McHenry of Detroit, a hospital apprentice, was standing at 34th street when the plane struck. He grabbed first aid supplies at a drug store, hurried into the building to treat two injured persons in the basement—then ran up 79 flights of steps to administer to at least 10 others. The coast guard said he had been recommended for a decoration.

Within a few hours army officials identified two of the dead fliers. They were Lt. Col. William F. Smith, 27, Watertown, Mass., the pilot, and S/Sgt. Christopher S. Domitrovich, 31, of Granite City, Ill. The name of the third occupant, said to be a navy enlisted man, was not announced immediately.

Chapin L. Brown, vice president of Empire State, Inc., said the crash caused approximately \$500,000 damage to the \$30,000,000 building and that "six months or more" would be required to make repairs.

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Wilson Fire Still Spreads

Scores of Spot Blazes Add to Fighters' Woes

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28—(AP)—State foresters tonight described the work of fire patrols on the south rim of the Tillamook forest fire as a "battle of the bulges" and reported scores of spot fires on both south and northwest fronts.

Rising humidity today gave fighters hope of some respite from the wearying two week task of jumping from east to west, to south and then back to the north edges of the 100,000 acre fire zone.

Forester Ted Rainwater reported at state headquarters tonight the newest trouble spot is breaking out near Cedar Butte two miles ahead of the main fire on the west branch of the Wilson river.

The region is completely isolated, he said, with no roads or trails.

He reported about 300 fighters, including some servicemen, are still holding a center sector of the 15-mile wide southern front where two fires have pushed further south on either side of the men.

The men are pocketed in a five-mile wide gap between burning mountains.

Most of the 2800 servicemen and loggers are on the south front but are being withdrawn to new lines, foresters reported.

State Forester N. S. Rogers said today flames have advanced east into the watershed of Forest Grove and Hillsboro but city firemen turned fire hoses from creeks onto wooden water pipes and prevented serious damage.

Rogers said the 11,000 acre Polk county fire is under control and there seems to be little danger of it breaking out again soon.

Baby Has Dental Woes At Age of One Week

HAMILTON, Mont., July 28—(AP)—Linda Ann Davis had dental trouble at the age of one week.

Born with two normal lower teeth last Saturday, Linda Ann lost them today, the dentist explaining they had loosened and interfered with the baby's eating.

Gen. Chennault Predicts Victory Over Japs Soon

KUNMING, China, July 28—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, retiring commander of the U. S. 14th air force, predicts victory over Japan "in a reasonably short time."

At a farewell dinner given him last night by representatives of the Yunnan provisional government Chennault said:

"My departure does not mean goodbye. No matter where I go part of my heart will always remain in China. Most of all, I belong to the American boys—officers and men—who have fought for a common cause and for the freedom of China. It will always be my hope that the sacrifices these boys made will cement Chinese and American relations."

Suzuki Speech On Surrender Fails to Show

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28—(AP)—A promised address by Premier Suzuki to the Japanese nation on the coming "battle of the streets" had failed to materialize late tonight despite advance billing by the Domei agency over the Tokyo radio.

American radio monitors combed the airwaves in vain for the speech itself or for any further word concerning it. They did pick up a statement by the president of Japan's powerful totalitarian political party declaring that his country never would accept the Allied ultimatum to surrender.

While the Japanese government officially remained silent on the edict from Potsdam, and Tokyo's newspapers reached a common refrain of rejection, Gen. Jiro Minami, president of the Political Association of Great Japan, gave the first reaction to the ultimatum by an acknowledged public figure.

Radio Tokyo quoted Minami as saying Japan would never quit and the "entire Japanese nation will remain absolutely unaffected in their resolute determination to save their country from national extermination."

Capt. Richard Carberry Dies in Prison Camp

SILVERTON, July 28—(AP)—Richard E. Carberry, U. S. army chaplain's corps and former pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church here, died while a Japanese prisoner of war. This information was received today by his cousin, Father John Walsh, now pastor of St. Paul's parish. The word was received from the war department at the arch diocese office in Portland. (Additional details on page 6).

ADAIER CONTRACT AWARDED

ASTORIA, July 28—(AP)—John Helstrom, local contractor, today was awarded a contract to build five officers' quarters at the Camp Adair naval hospital on a \$52,210 bid.

Senate Ratifies Charter

89-2 Vote Starts Machinery for World Security

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—The senate thundered 89 to 2 approval today of the United Nations charter, setting in motion the machinery for a world organization armed with force to keep future peace.

In a history making roll call before jam-packed galleries, 89 senators voted loudly and clearly for American participation in a 50-nation league founded primarily on the principle of united action by the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and China.

Only two, Senators Langer (R-ND) and Shipstead (R-Minn) said "no" to a ratification action reversing the policy the senate established 25 years ago when it rejected Woodrow Wilson's league of nations.

Senator Hiram Johnson (R-Cal), aged and ailing member who opposed the league then and voted against this charter in committee, was absent. He is ill in a naval hospital.

Four others, Senators Bailey (D-NC), Glass (D-Va.), Reed (R-Kans.) and Thomas (R-Ide.) were absent when the vote was taken after six days of discussion. Johnson was paired against the ratification resolution with Thomas and Reed, who favored it.

So complete was the senate's approval of the charter that not a reservation or amendment was offered to the document drafted at the San Francisco conference of 50 nations.

When Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), the presiding officer, announced the vote, the galleries were unexpectedly silent. Spectators peered two deep around the walls, included many men and women in uniform.

Shortage of Help Threat To Aluminum

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—A present critical manpower shortage threatens the future of the aluminum industry in the Pacific northwest, Oregon senators said today.

In telegrams to Oregon labor union officials and the Portland chamber of commerce, Senators Cordon (R-Ore) and Morse (R-Ore) urged that efforts be made to supply 540 workers for the aluminum plants at Troutdale, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

War manpower officials have estimated that deficiency in aluminum production at the Vancouver and Troutdale plants and at Spokane, Wash., for the last half of this year will be around 90,000,000 pounds, due solely to lack of manpower, the senators stated.

2 Killed, One Hurt in Blast Near Marion

Two persons were killed and one seriously injured in a premature dynamite blast on the "old Whitlock farm" four miles east of Marion at 5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Joe Williams, 25, route one, Aumsville, who was driving a well, died 15 minutes after a half stick of the explosive blew up above ground in the pipe he was attempting to sink and ignited a pocketfull of caps he carried.

Mrs. Clara L. McKenzie, 55, Waldport, who was sitting in a truck 50 feet from the well site, was killed instantly when a piece of the pipe struck her between the eyes.

Luther Lea, 39, of 290 Silverton road, Salem, is at Salem Deaconess hospital, where early diagnosis indicated his principal injury to be a severely-shattered ankle. He was standing beside Williams and was struck by a piece of the pipe.

William A. McKenzie, whose wife was killed, told state police that Williams had inserted six or seven sticks of dynamite in the pipe and was sending another half stick after them. The half stick went upside down and the cap dropped onto those already in the hole, McKenzie said.

He described to the investigating officer how Lea lighted a cigarette for Williams a moment before the explosion of the half stick. Whether the flame or something else caused the detonation, he could not say.

Williams' body is at the Wednesday mortuary in Stayton. Mrs. McKenzie's body was brought to the Clough-Barrick establishment in Salem.

Japs Report New Landings

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28—(AP)—Japan's Domei agency claimed today that fresh Allied landings were made Thursday on Fuket island, off Malaya's western coast, and that "fierce fighting is now going on."

The enemy radio earlier reported landings were attempted on Wednesday but said they had been "frustrated." There has been no Allied confirmation of the reported invasion.

Naval task force units are supporting the Thursday landings, the broadcast continued, and the bombardment shore positions. The broadcast claimed Japanese suicide planes Thursday night sank one cruiser and heavily damaged another.

Man Killed, Another Injured In Wreck Near Independence

One person was killed and another seriously injured when an automobile apparently driven by G. J. Hildebrand of Independence turned over 3 1/2 miles southeast of Independence, late Saturday night.

Details of the accident were lacking early today but state police who were at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred, said that the dead man, found lying under the car, was

Carrier Planes All But Finish Japanese Navy

By Murlin Spencer

GUAM, Sunday, July 29—(AP)—Superfortresses lashed six of Japan's 11 forewarned cities with "conflagrations" and "large fires" today without loss of a single plane and against opposition described as only "normal," despite a full day's advance notice of the strike.

Admiral Halsey's vast carrier plane forces meanwhile reported two Japanese battleships and three cruisers disabled and in flames from fresh blows at the shattered Kure naval base Saturday.

Returning B-29 crewmen, who reported more than half their targets enveloped in conflagrations and large fires breaking out amid the others, said each of the six cities had headed the 20th air force's blunt warning to flee before their bombs were destroyed.

Halsey's British and American pilots left the Haruna and Ise, battleships of nearly 30,000 tons each, burning and disabled, along with the light cruisers Tone and Oyodo. Already on the bottom was the wreckage of the Ise's sister ship, the battleship Hyuga.

Admiral Nimitz also reported an escort carrier was heavily damaged, three submarines sunk, and 12 other ships damaged. He listed 94 enemy planes destroyed and 56 damaged. The reports, he explained, are "preliminary" and incomplete.

A single Japanese plane was shot down near the fleet, and 18 stuck down over the flaming Kure target area.

Eyewitness reports said American destroyers could handle easily the few remnants of the once-prowling Imperial fleet.

Okinawa Planes Busy
Gen. MacArthur meanwhile reported Okinawa-based planes had joined in inland-sea raids, and his headquarters disclosed that the new B-32 super-bombers have been in action against enemy targets on Luzon and Formosa for exactly two months.

From 550 to 800 superfortresses from Marianas bases rained 3500 tons of fire bombs on the six cities and a seventh task force attacked an oil refinery as a special target.

They struck a little more than 24 hours after Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay sent word to the enemy from his 20th air force headquarters here by bomber-scattered pamphlets which named the targets.

"And you can't stop us," Lemay taunted in his blunt notice to the Japanese to stop the war immediately or flee for their lives from the doomed cities.

VETERANS WILL GET GAS

PORTLAND, July 28—(AP)—An extra allotment of up to 30 gallons of gasoline will be allowed discharged servicemen beginning Friday, OPA announced today.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	75	50	0.00
Eugene	81	61	0.00
Salem	78	62	0.00
Portland	77	58	0.00
Seattle	77	54	0.00
Willamette River	54	41	0.00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today with temperatures this afternoon near 90 degrees.