

2 Survivors Tell Story of C-47 Crash

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24 (AP)—The last of eight plane crash victims were brought here today from the icy mountain peak where they had crouched during an agonizing day and night in the vain hope of rescue.

The two bodies carried down Davis Peak today were found beyond a ridge, to which the men had apparently stumbled in an effort to summon help. Waist-deep snow surrounded them.

The only two survivors of the Sunday C-47 plane crash—Maj. John B. Harding, Portland, the pilot, and Pfc. John M. Belmonte, East Boston, Mass.—told the heart-breaking story of how they and their companions saw search planes circle overhead but could not signal them.

In Barnes Hospital. Harding and Belmonte, who stumbled down the mountain and contacted help Tuesday—too late to save the others—are in Barnes hospital here with feet frozen so badly some of the toes may have to be amputated.

Air force officials said the plane, which crashed Sunday en route from Fairfield-Suisun, Calif., air base to Portland, was apparently sucked down by a violent downdraft.

The horror-filled night and day after the crash, with one hope after another fading, was recounted by 1st Lt. Patrick Toomey, casualty officer of Fairfield-Suisun, from the stories told him by the two men still alive.

Harding, Belmonte, and an officer who later succumbed—1st Lt. David H. Greiss, Vallejo, Calif.—pulled their companions from the burning plane. Most of them were still living.

Huddled Under Wing. Huddled under the right wing of the plane, warming each other with their body heat," recounted Toomey. "There was heavy rain and snow; the plane was rapidly being covered by snow."

All night they huddled there. Early Monday morning Maj. Harding—who had a broken bone in one leg—started for help. He couldn't go far, due to snow drifts up to his waist.

Throughout the day Harding and Belmonte tried to reach help. At intervals search planes flew overhead. The group tried, vainly, to signal; snow and rain quenched their fires. They had no food; no first aid equipment.

Late Monday, Harding and Belmonte struck out once more, and this time struggled down to a shack. They were found near there the next day (Tuesday).

Eisler Given 1-3 Year Term

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Gerhard Eisler was sentenced today to one to three years in prison for making a false statement about his communistic associations.

Justice James W. Morris of district court allowed the defendant to remain free on \$20,000 bond pending appeal. The house un-American activities committee labeled the German-born Eisler as No. 1 communist in the United States. He was convicted of concealing his connection when he asked the state department for a permit to leave the country.

Eisler also has been sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$1,000 for contempt of congress. Meanwhile Eisler faces deportation action by the government. This case can move forward while the court considers the applications for new trials.

Tots Try Walking 16 Miles Home, in Wrong Direction

McPHERSON, Kas., March 24 (AP)—If a lad can't find his mama, the best thing to do is go home—that's the way Larry Emmert, 4, and his brother Gary, 5, figured their personal problem.

They came 16 miles from Marquette to McPherson with their mother this morning to shop. Once there, they got separated from her.

Mrs. Ruby Emmert, the mother, appealed to police. By afternoon planes were searching for the boys, and police and Boy Scouts were scouring the city.

Then the sheriff got a call from a farmer's wife east of town. Larry and Gary, she reported, were trudging along the road "going home."

They had walked five and one-half miles in the wrong direction. Marquette is northwest of McPherson.

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Top Italian Opponents



ROME, March 24—Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy (top) addresses an estimated 70,000 people in the public square at Bologna, Italy, telling them that Russia and four other Cominform countries had founded a "special secret committee" to "synchronize the conduct of communism in Italy and France." Below Luigi Longo, secretary of the Italian communist party and Italy's No. 2 communist after leader Palmiro Togliatti, addresses an election rally in Piazza Santo Apostoli, Rome, attacking the government of de Gasperi in stamping for the popular front communist-socialist bloc. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman).

Giving Country Back to Indians Not so Funny—They Want It

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24 (AP)—The old gag about giving the country back to the Indians may not be quite so funny after all.

E. Morgan Pryce, regional director for the bureau of Indian affairs, listed a few claims today, topped — in acreage at least — by what the Paiutes of Nevada, Idaho and Oregon want.

Under a treaty of 1863 the government gave the Indians a few reservations in Nevada and scattered small tracts. That's not what the treaty provided, the Indians say — and they want the monetary value of millions of acres of land in northern Nevada, southern Idaho, southeastern Oregon and, possibly, a corner of Utah.

Boundaries Uncertain. The boundaries were not definite, Pryce pointed out, and attorneys engaged by the Indians following a recent meeting at Elko, Nev., probably will spend a year poring over old documents and maps before they try to pinpoint the lands over which the roaming Paiutes once hunted and fished. Because they say the government didn't live up to its treaty obligations, they should have the 1863 value — plus interest — for all of it, they declare.

When their case finally gets to the Indian claims commission, it will join a host of others. In Oregon alone there is the claim of coastal tribes for \$12,000,000 for 2,770,000 acres plus \$66,500,000 in interest for 93 years; the claim of Warm Springs and Wasco Indians for the value of part of Mount Hood national forest; and the claim of Paiute Indians for the value of large parts of Malheur and Harney counties.

Seek Redress. Indians in Washington, California and other western states also are seeking redress for what they say are treaty violations. Pryce said, and the same thing is going on in other parts of the country. It started when congress set up the Indian claims commission and gave descendants of the original inhabitants five years to make a showing of what the government does, or does not, owe for the land it took.

ATTACKS KILL 37 JEWS. JERUSALEM, March 24 (AP)—Arab attacks on convoys and a Jewish hilltop fortress north of Jerusalem killed 37 Jews today.

CAPITOL TOMORROW! LAST DAY! 'The Unfinished Dance' 'Big Town After Dark' Bob HOPE SIGNE HASSO WM. BENDIX "WHERE THERE'S LIFE" Tyrene POWER "Nightmare Alley" with JOAN BLONDELL, COLEEN GRAY, HELEN WALKER

Jurisdiction Of Constable Undecided

Problems regarding legal eligibility and jurisdiction of the Salem district constable can be settled only by a law suit, Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd said Wednesday.

On the advice of District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, Judd is operating the constable election under the assumption that the office of constable shall be voted upon by Salem residents and those voters living in the area outside of Salem included in the former Salem justice of the peace district.

When a Marion county district court was set up by the 1947 legislature, the old Salem justice district was abolished, but no mention was made of the Salem district constable. In the county's other districts, constable positions were made appointive instead of elective.

An opinion of Attorney General George Neuner last month advised Hayden that the office of Salem district constable was elective. Neuner also added that the office could be voted upon only by residents within the city of Salem.

Hayden, however, informed Judd that the attorney general had not been told that Marion county court had not attached the old Salem justice district territory to any of the other surrounding districts. Hayden instructed Judd to consider the constable office as embracing the territory of the old district.

The old Salem justice district embraced roughly that area bounded by Chemawa, Central Howell, Turner and Roseadale. It also includes the cities of Salem, Aumsville, Brooks, Macleay, Quincy and Claggett.

Judd said that if the Salem constable office were confined to the city of Salem alone it might affect the resident eligibility of candidates for the position. He added, however, that no existing statute covered this contingency.

Three men are in the race for Salem constable—incumbent Earl Adams, James Garvin and Ervin Ward.

3 Men Die in Furnace Blast

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 24 (AP)—Three men were killed and 14 injured tonight when they were trapped by a slippage of hot coke from a furnace at the Bethlehem Steel corporation works.

The company declined to give the names of the men killed or injured. Three of the injured however, were listed by St. Luke's hospital suffering from third degree burns.

A company spokesman said the accident happened while one of the furnaces was being blown out preparatory to being shut down. He explained the hot coke slipped out of the tuyere (pipe) and spread around the furnace, trapping the men.

Witnesses said the flash from the hot coke could be seen 20 miles. Two other gas furnaces in the immediate vicinity were shut down and there was an extended damage, the company spokesman said.

Army Supports Nome Seawall Plan

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Nome, Alaska, is strategically important to national defense and should be protected from storms that threaten its existence, army and air force officers testified today.

Congressmen and Alaskans also testified before a house public works subcommittee considering to authorize building a \$1,837,000 seawall to protect the town.

TODAY! "ONCE I TRUSTED A DAME... NOW I WALK ALONE!" BURT LANCASTER and LIZABETH SCOTT in HAL WALLIS' production "I WALK ALONE" with WENDELL COREY, KIRK DOUGLAS, KRISTINE MILLER and Companion Hit! Your "Sierra Madre" Favorite! TIM HOLT in "WESTERN HERITAGE" Also—MGM Color Cartoon "THE MILKY WAY" Warner News

Papanek Assails Russia Before UN



LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 24 (AP)—Jan Papanek (seated right) addresses the United Nations Security Council at Lake Success, N. Y., declaring that Russia engineered the communist grab in his native Czechoslovakia. "God help me, I shall prove this to you," asserted the man unseated by the Czech government from the security council. Seated left is Andrei A. Gromyko, soviet delegate. Papanek was voted a seat at the table by a 9 to 2 vote despite bitter objections from Russia and the soviet Ukraine. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman).

Ike to Squelch Demo Hopes

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, retired army chief of staff, will not be available for a presidential nomination on any ticket, his friends said today.

This was in reply to demands from a number of democrats that the five-star general be given the democratic presidential nomination instead of President Truman. Friends said the general is aware of recent moves to revive his name for the presidency in both democratic and republican quarters.

But they said his position was made known irrevocably last January 23 when he wrote a New Hampshire republican supporter that he "could not accept" a nomination and "my decision to remove myself completely from the political scene is definite and positive."

They said he may be forced to reaffirm that stand if reports continue that he has not "closed the door" entirely to a nomination.

Klamath Storm Aid to Crops

KLAMATH FALLS, March 24 (AP)—Klamath county recovered today from a heavy snowfall which halted classes, disrupted power—but aided crops.

The snow, which piled up to levels ranging from nine to 18 inches yesterday, was melting rapidly today. All schools except Merrill and Bly resumed; power returned to normal; and roads were open. Some summer homes in the Lake of the Woods region were damaged, however.

Grain growers hailed the unseasonable snow as a "million-dollar storm," bringing needed moisture to the Klamath basin.

EUGENE DISPUTE SETTLED

EUGENE, Ore., March 24 (AP)—A two-month old wage dispute between AFL carpenters and general carpenters here has been settled by union acceptance of a \$1.95 an hour offer by the employers.

ARRESTS FOUL CHINA PLOT

SHANGHAI, Thursday, March 25 (AP)—Mayor K. C. Wu said today an ambitious Chinese communist plot to stir up trouble here has been foiled by 40 arrests.

Negro Shot in Food Strike at Texas Prison

SUGAR LAND, Tex., March 24 (AP)—A negro prisoner was shot to death by a guard at Central Prison farm No. 1 near here tonight after 200 negroes went on a "food strike."

"He should not have been shot," declared O. B. Ellis, general manager of the Texas prison system. Ellis called the county sheriff into the case to investigate.

The prisoner, Ernest Williams, 22, of Baxter county, was shot when he tried to escape gas which had been sprayed into the dining room in which the 200 negro prisoners were locked.

The general manager said a guard told him that Williams was trying to raise a window and get out of the dining room, and he fired. There were two empty shells in his gun, Ellis said.

"There was no chance whatever for Williams to have escaped," Ellis said. "The window had bars on it. Even if he had raised the window, he could not have gotten out."

Ellis said two cans of sickening gas and two cans of tear gas were sprayed into the dining room as a disciplinary measure. The prisoners had been told in advance that this would be done because their conduct was uncalled for, Ellis said.

The trouble started about 8:30 p. m. when the prisoners refused to eat and threw their plates and food on the floor. Ellis was called. He said he sampled the food and considered it all right.

Salem Elks Lodge to Honor Harry Wiedmer

Harry Wiedmer, recently elected Salem Elks lodge secretary to serve his 32nd consecutive year, will be honored by lodge members Thursday night. He has been a member of the lodge since 1910. A crab feed is one of the highlights.

GRAND Mat. Daily from 1 p.m. NOW! WINNER OF ACADEMY AWARDS! MOST ACCLAIMED PICTURE IN SCREEN HISTORY! PECK - MCGUIRE - GARFIELD Gentleman's Agreement STATE Opens 6:45 P.M. NOW! 3 BIG RETURN THRILLS! Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Scott, Fred Astaire, Paulette Goddard, "Second Chorus" Louis Jordan "BEWARE" LIBERTY ENDS TONIGHT! MYSTERY AND ACTION THRILLER! GREEN FORD FRAMED with JANE CAPIRA, BERRY SULLIVAN and Charles Starrett in "South of Chisholm Trail" HOLLYWOOD Opens 6:45 P.M. Desert Fury Hal Wallis' Film with SCOTT HODIAK, LANCASTER - 2nd Feature - "Plainsman and the Lady" with Wm. Elliott - Vera Ralst - Andy Clyde

Control, Ration Held Price of Rearmament

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—A high treasury official said today an extra two to three billion dollars cast by a military preparedness program without a major impact on the U. S. economy—provided taxes are not cut.

But he added that if expenditures three or four times that size should be necessary, it would force return of controls on a scale even broader than during the last war, along with more taxes, to block inflation.

Principally that would mean a compulsory draft of labor to direct workers to essential jobs, in addition to the rationing, price ceilings and other controls of World War II, he said.

The official discussed possibilities on condition that he not be named. He said the administration has not yet settled on the size and composition of the preparedness program it wants to launch as a stop-Russia move.

Other government analysts said rearmament plans under discussion might well boost government spending \$3,000,000,000 above the \$39,700,000,000 budget estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and they might even shoot it up \$5,000,000,000.

Marine Reserve Unit Inspected

Col. Roland Davis, Portland, commander of Oregon's marine reserve force, inspected Salem's marine reserve unit at their regular weekly drill session at the Salem airport Wednesday night.

Col. Davis, currently on a tour of inspection of units throughout the state, said he was well pleased with the progress made by Salem's "B" battery, and complimented the men on their appearance.

Two new members signed at the session are William Weston Ames and Irwin Colquette Smith, both of Salem.

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