

Aerial Search Broadened For Trio in Missing Plane

Aerial search for three persons missing on a Salem-Los Angeles flight, including a 34-year-old woman lumber broker of Portland, will be broadened over a wide area of inland mountains today.

The plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, left Salem Saturday and was destined for its first stop either at Sacramento or Red Bluff. It has not been reported at either place.

Reported aboard were Ruth Meyers of the Parulus Lumber company, Portland; Paul D. Starr, 32, pilot and former B-17 pilot in the 8th air force, and president of the P. D. Starr Lumber company, Southgate, Calif., and Robert Starr, 34, former West Point athletic director, a brother of Eugene and associated in business with him.

It was feared mountain storms had caught them over the Siskiyou.

At Eugene last night, the Associated Press quoted Lt. Theodore B. White of the air rescue service, McChord field, as saying the

search would be centered at Medford, but the CAP pilots from Eugene would continue the hunt in that area.

At the Siskiyou mountain town of Yreka, Calif., a mine operator said he heard a plane circle Mt. Etna for a half-hour late Saturday, then head away in the clouds.

Army search planes from McChord field, Wash., went over the southern Oregon-northern California area Monday without a sign of the single-engine red-and-silver plane.

Lieutenant White said Paul Starr flew from California last Friday to buy lumber, heading for Eugene, but that he became lost in the overcast and landed at Salem with only 2.6 gallons of gas remaining in the tank, or about 14 minutes flying time. He went to Eugene Friday night, leaving his plane in Salem.

Leaves Saturday Noon

Saturday noon he returned here and explained with his brother and Miss Meyers. He was reported missing by his wife who called McChord field Sunday.

Lt. White said he had five L-5's waiting at Eugene to go to Medford. Oregon state police will do ground interrogating in the mountains, he reported. The state police search plan is under the direction of C. W. Nelson, safety supervisor of the state aeronautics board, who is having civilian search pilots route-search the airways to California and also the light line (valleys leading to California).

Aiding in the search centered at Medford will be six L-5's, two PBY amphibious crafts, a C-47, and radio trucks and weasels.

Miss Meyer came to Portland to work after visiting the northwest in 1939 as secretary to Harold J. Lasky, British economist on a lecture tour. She was an assistant Portland area director for the war manpower commission during the war years and established her own lumber brokerage firm in 1947.

The Starr brothers were among her clients. She was planning a visit in the Los Angeles area with relatives. Her father, a retired physician, has been ill.

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Carrier Rescues 33 from Ditched C-54

Four Still Missing In Pacific

HONOLULU, Dec. 6 (AP)—The aircraft carrier Rendova radioed tonight it has picked up 33 survivors of a ditched C-54 transport plane which went down in the Pacific yesterday with 37 men aboard.

(Word received at Johnston island, 715 miles southwest of Honolulu and search headquarters, gave the position of the survivors, 820 miles southwest of Johnston.)

(This is approximately the same position in which an empty air-dropped rescue boat was reported sighted earlier today.)

The Rendova was ordered to proceed to Kwajalein island after a check on whether it would be necessary to search for four men still missing. The aircraft carrier was about 900 miles from Kwajalein, a 2 1/2 day run to Oahu.

First word on the dramatic pickup of the 33 survivors gave no information on their condition after a day and a half on rafts. The navy arranged for a voice interview with survivors at 11 p.m. Hawaii time.

The Rendova messaged that all 33 survivors were "well and happy" after spending a day and a half on rafts 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu. The ditched C-54 carried 30 airforce personnel and seven crewmen.

The aircraft carrier said there appeared to be little hope of recovering the four missing men. The Hawaiian sea frontier still was studying whether a further search will be made.

The plane went down Sunday, after radiating that two engines had failed. The C-54 is a four-engine land plane, the military counterpart of the civilian DC-4.

It was one of five carrying ground personnel of the 98th bomb group home to their Spokane, Wash., base after three months of training in Okinawa. The other four landed safely and then participated in the hunt.

The lost plane's automatic radio signal was heard for eight minutes after it was ditched at sea. This led to hopes that the 30 passengers and seven crew members had a good chance to escape in the adequate life rafts the plane carried.

Victims



GRANTS PASS, Dec. 6—Sterling Heater, 16 (top), star end, and Al Newman, 18 (lower), reserve halfback, were killed in the tragic crash of a bus loaded with home-bound football players Sunday night, five miles north of here. The boys had played for Grants Pass Saturday when they beat Jefferson high school in football title. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Japs Shocked by Court's Decision To Hear Appeal

Chinese Reds Claim More Gains in War

By Seymour Topping

NANKING, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Chinese communists announced tonight they had trapped and were rapidly destroying three government army groups which abandoned Suchow to try to aid another encircled group 60 miles southwest.

This was the force which had been the government's main reliance to stave the communists off from Nanking less than 200 miles to the southeast.

Comprising the second, 13th and 16th army groups, it was estimated to total 250,000 men, of whom 110,000 were combat troops.

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There was no confirmation from government circles of such a staggering blow, but generalized reports from the front set a strong color to the communist claims.

The Red broadcast said the trap was in an area bounded by Hsiachun, Tangshan, Yungshan and Yungcheng. These towns, 15 to 50 miles southwest and west of Suchow, define an equilateral triangle 35 miles on each side. They are 190 to 225 miles northwest of Nanking.

Previous government dispatches have depicted the army groups fighting due south from Suchow. Just before the communist announcement, however, authoritative government sources said the groups actually had veered westward when a Red holding force blocked them on the south.

It also was conceded that, having destroyed the huge Suchow supply depots, the groups had only very limited food and munitions.

Foreign military observers said these groups were the principal government strength remaining in all east China. They agreed that a desperate break-through was the only alternative to defeat.

Woman Sues for Injuries Incurred By Falling Bicycle

When a bicycle fell on her last March it caused a total of \$3,880 worth of damages, according to a complaint filed in Marion county circuit court Monday by a Woodburn woman.

Ellen Swofford stated in her complaint that the bicycle fell on her from a shelf while she was working in the Woodburn store of C. H. Ahrens. She is suing Ahrens for \$380 special damages and \$3,500 general damages.

Executions Delayed by Surprise Move

By Russell Brines

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 7 (AP)—Tokyo was startled today by a surprise twist to its death watch on condemned Japanese warlords.

A second extension of life for Hideki Tojo and his six associates appeared inevitable as a result of the United States supreme court decision to hear appeals in Japanese war crimes cases.

The average Japanese was amazed by this decision. Allied legal officers showed frank surprise. Many had thought the court would refuse to consider the appeals, as it did in the cases of German war criminals.

General MacArthur could not be reached for comment. He has said, however, that executions of all seven condemned warlords would be delayed until the supreme court acted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The supreme court decided today to go into a question of international import: whether it has power to interfere with an allied tribunal which sentenced seven Japanese leaders to hang as war criminals.

The vote to entertain arguments in the case was 5 to 4. Justice Jackson, who was the chief prosecutor at the first war crimes trial in Germany, cast the deciding vote.

He did so although he said the decision is "bound to embarrass the United States." This is because President Truman, as commander-in-chief, invited this country's Pacific allies to take part in the Japanese war crimes tribunal.

Hearings were set for Dec. 16. The parties involved in the case are Gen. Kenji Doihara, 64, and former Premier Koku Hirota, 70, who were sentenced to die and five others given prison sentences. Their American attorneys attacked legality of the Tokyo trials.

Washington Premier Hideki Tojo and four others doomed to death filed no appeals. But they have, of course, a vital indirect interest in the case. For example, if the supreme court should declare the allied tribunal invalid, it is considered highly questionable whether the sentence would be carried out by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The state budget will create a problem for the legislature to solve: too much expense, not enough income as laws now are written. The national budget is giving the administration some tough days before congress meets, and will provide plenty of staff for the 81st congress to work over.

President Truman wants to hold the budget down to \$40 billion, which is nearly \$3 billion from the current budget. To do this he has instructed Secretary Forrestal to hold the military budget to \$15 billion, up about \$4 billion from the present appropriation. Heads of the several branches of the service contend this sum up is quite inadequate. The air force calls for more money to set up its 70-group air power; the army wants more money to get its new selective service enrollment into training; the navy wants money to build huge carriers (floating air bases).

Add to the demands of the military establishment the claims of foreign relief and rearmament. ERP will ask for another \$5 billion, more or less, for grants and loans. Western Europe is turning to the United States for military supplies, guns, tanks, planes, munitions. To be able to rearm these nations need to be rearm— and look to Uncle Sam to do the rearming.

Then if the administration makes good on its promises for federal aid to education, federal housing, more money for reclamation and power plants the requirements for domestic uses will be greatly increased.

All of this adds up to more taxes. But with business now showing signs of doubt about the future, tax increases hardly look like the right prescription.

The great danger is that a revival of the big scale government (Continued on Editorial Page.)

PGE Given More Time To Move West Salem Poles

By Winston H. Taylor

Staff Writer, The Statesman

WEST SALEM, Dec. 6—A reprieve for Portland General Electric company, ordered in August to remove a line of power poles along Second street, was voted Monday night by West Salem city council. The long session reviewed the history of a dispute over the line and resulted in an exchange of arguments between the councilmen and four representatives of PGE.

On motion of Councilman Roy Stevens, the firm was given time to make a survey of relocation possibilities.

Fred Starrett, PGE division manager here, said the company's checks had found radio interference scattered throughout the city and no noticeable increase along Second street.

Mountain States Power company recently sold the line to PGE. Feeding from the Bonneville substation at Eola, it was on October 5 cut down from 66,000 to 57,000 volts to tie in with the firm's valley grid. It services the West Salem substation and provides PGE a second line from Eola across the river to Salem.

Starrett's presentation was aided by Larry Flagg, Salem, Willamette valley superintendent; H. S. Johnson, Portland, general division manager, and O. O. James, Portland, chief load dispatcher.

The council also:

Tabled for three months action on sale of city-owned property at Seventh and Patterson streets, for which a bid of \$1,000 was received. Sentiment was expressed that the lot should not be sold without open bids.

Approved Albert F. Lamb's audit for the July to September quarter, which showed nearly one-third of the city's annual budget already spent—\$21,098 out of \$63,570.

Directed a letter to Southern Pacific railroad to improve the Bassett street crossing.

Ordered ditching along Murlark avenue and across Ninth street to allow drainage.

Selected Dr. O. A. Olson as Red Cross disaster chairman for the West Salem area, succeeding Dr. A. F. Goffrier.

Lovers' Lane Deaths Mount; Two Men Die

VERNONIA, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—The boy friends of two 16-year-old girls found dead in a gas filled coupe parked in a lovers' lane near here died tonight.

Robert J. Phillips, 21, Mayger, and Allen Jurvakainen, 22, Clatskanie, succumbed in a Portland hospital. They had remained unconscious since the tragedy was discovered yesterday morning by a funeral parlor employe. They died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The girls, Bernadine King and Mary Lou Wolf, both of Vernonia, were found dead in the arms of the young men.

State police said today a piece of inertible had fallen through a rear compartment floor hole and covered the exhaust pipe, forcing the fumes into the automobile.

Teamster Union Expels Members For Line Passing

Seventeen Pacific Fruit & Produce Co. employes in Salem, Albany and Corvallis have been expelled from the striking Salem local 324 of the teamster union for crossing picket lines. It was reported Monday by Ward Graham, secretary-treasurer of the union.

He said the union's executive board confirmed the expulsion as approved earlier by vote of the local members. The union is seeking to retain a five-day work week contract clause which the company has indicated is impractical because of the perishable nature of goods handled.

The men who went back to work, about half the membership involved in the strike, last week had asked the union to sign the ordered contract with the company and had denied the union's charge that the company violated fair labor practice by dealing individually with some employes.

This Family Tree Adds Generation

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Forrest Woods of Woodburn are parents of a new daughter, born Sunday at Salem General hospital.

Neighbors are awaiting anxiously to learn the name of the latest branch of the Woods family.

Incriminating Evidence



WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Richard Nixon (R-Cal.) (right), who made a dramatic flight to Washington from a Panama-bound steamer today, views microfilm of state department papers with Robert Stripling, chief investigator for the house un-American activities committee. The films were found on the Maryland farm of Whitaker Chambers, admitted former Soviet agent. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Highway Crash Kills Two Prep Grid Titlists

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Five miles from a victory celebration, the state champion Grants Pass high school football team crashed into the flames of a highway accident last night. Two were killed, 26 injured.

Their special bus, bearing the end of a long trip from the title game at Portland, skidded off the Pacific highway north of here and burst into fire.

End Sterling Heater, a star of the championship game—won by Grants Pass over Jefferson of Portland, 6-0—and Reserve Halfback Al Newman were killed. Five of the injured required hospitalization, but none was in serious condition.

Celebrants Wait

About 1,000 parents and fans were awaiting the team's arrival here, when word of the crash came. Many rushed to the scene. There they found the wreckage, still flaming on a sharp slope this side of the Sexton mountain summit. The rear end of the bus had broken off and tumbled into a gully, 75 feet below the road.

The body of one boy was found in the wreckage, the other at the bottom of the gully.

Jesse Loffer, athletic director who was aboard, said the driver, Arthur Coale of Portland, began "fighting the wheel" on the slippery road after passing the summit.

Helped Others

Loffer said the bus veered off the road, and just as Coale seemed about to get the vehicle back on the highway, the bus skidded, spun around and overturned.

Flames broke out at once, and Loffer shouted for the boys to remain calm and break panes and crawl out the windows.

They did so—all except Newman and Heater.

Ray Alpeter, one of the players, said Heater lost his life helping others. The uninjured Heater refused to crawl out, and stayed to help Alpeter escape. The flames apparently trapped him.

Joint funeral services for the two boys will be held at the high school auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday. Business firms will close during the hours of the funeral.

Attempts Rescue

Loffer said he was the last out of the bus. He said he looked around, could see no one else remaining and then crawled. He ran to the rear and found Keith Bertrand, one of the players, attempting to crawl back in through the flames to remove Newman. Loffer said he had to pull Bertrand away to save his life.

(Bus pictured on page 12)

Silverton City Manager Quits; Council Accepts

SILVERTON, Dec. 6—Resignation of R. E. Borland, city manager of Silverton for the past four years, was accepted at the city council meeting Monday night. Borland had resigned earlier in November but upon urging of the council members had withdrawn the resignation at a special meeting on November 26.

TURKEY PRICES UP

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—Turkey prices bounced up 4-5 cents a pound above Thanksgiving levels. Willamette valley producers were offered 64-65 cents a pound on grade A hens. New York style dressed. Grade A toms were 49-50 cents.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
SALEM	44	37	.19
Portland	44	39	.43
San Francisco	58	40	.21
Chicago	55	31	.18
New York	42	48	.00
Willamette river	82	feet.	

Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with occasional light rains this morning, becoming partly cloudy with showers tonight. High today 45, low tonight 37.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From 1896 to Dec. 7)

This Year	Last Year	Average
15.19	15.94	11.82

Santa and the Snow Man...

This delightful Christmas serial is about a little lame boy, Danny, who with the aid of his Snow Man comes to Santa in search of a new leg.

The first chapter appears on page 7 of The Oregon Statesman today.

The story is by Lucretia Hudgins, one of the most popular authors of children's stories. Its 17 installments, one each day, will appear in YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Lloyd Sletto Elected President Of County's Livestock Group

By Lillie L. Madsen

Farm Editor, The Statesman

Lloyd Sletto of Lyons was elected president of the Marion County Livestock association at its annual meeting held Monday night at the Golden Pheasant with more than 50 present. Mr. Sletto replaces Claude Steusloff, Salem, who has served for the past two years.

Other officers named were Louie Hennies, Turner, vice president; Ben Newell, Salem, secretary; and Robert Sears, also of Salem, director. Adam Hersh is the hold-over director.

C. A. Sprague, editor of The Oregon Statesman, presided at the evening, talked on "Stock Raising—A Speculation or a Business?" as he urged his listeners not to be "in-and-outers."

"Yours," said Mr. Sprague, "is an essential industry which has survived through centuries and has been in the Willamette valley since its very beginning. Don't think of it as a speculation in which today you will make a killing and tomorrow you will be out of. Treat it as a continuing business. Yours is such an important one that you can look at it as a safe business in which to stay. You can go over the country from coast to coast and see the wrecks of farm speculation—the in-and-outers in agriculture."

Mr. Sprague stated he believed the livestock business was a "better one than specialty crops where the markets are limited and production often uncertain." He sighted the rapid increase in strawberry acreage in the valley, and expressed the fear that this might soon be overdone. He added that while the prices have been high in specialty crops "we reach the saturation point earlier than in such as livestock."

He expressed hope that milk control would not be withdrawn from the producer, and belief that the livestock men could look forward to expanding production with expanding population. The speaker pointed out the "extra dividend" which the livestock producer receives through building up of soil. He admitted that expert management would be called for in the next few years and that livestockmen would have to be ready themselves for competition again.

Marjorie Jordan appeared in whistling solos, accompanied by Murial Steusloff who also gave a group of piano numbers in a brief entertainment during the dinner.

Introduced were W. P. Emery, Silverton, and Ed Taylor, Mehan, two of Marion county's early livestockmen; Robert Sears, president of the Polled Hereford association; A. H. Hanson, district agent of wild life; Elton Watts, Silverton, president of Marion County Dairy Breeders association; Charles Evans, president of the Western Oregon Livestock association and Victor Howard, Marion county tapper.

Berlin Election Ups Tension Of East, West

BERLIN, Dec. 6 (AP)—The smashing municipal election triumph of the bitterly anti-Russian Social Democratic party intensified today the East-West struggle over Berlin.

Completed now was the political division of this German metropolis 100 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

Blockaded Berlin wondered what the Russians might do next to counter the rebuff they received at the polls yesterday. In defiance of communist threats the Germans of western Berlin turned out a near record vote of 86.2 percent of the electorate. The act of voting itself was a protest against Soviet occupation policies.

From the Russian point of view, the voters added insult to injury by giving a majority to the Social Democrats, a militantly anti-communist organization. The other two parties which participated, the Christian Democrats and the Liberal Democrats, also are anti-communist.

Although the communists boycotted the election, persons who analyzed the returns said the size of the turnout gave direct evidence that communist strength in western Berlin had been cut in half in two years.

16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

