

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

While our congress hesitates over a labor bill which retains limited use of the injunctive power in crisis-strikes the labor government in Britain has invoked a royal proclamation to break the dockworkers' strike in London. The king's decree recognizes a state of national emergency and vests the government with 19 drastic powers to use in dealing with the strike. The labor (socialist) government is the first to call for such a proclamation since the general strike in 1926 which led to anti-union legislation by parliament.

The government has power under the proclamation to draft civilians but not the strikers to unload and load the ships. It can use soldiers, and already 2,000 soldiers, sailors and marines have been moved into the dock area. Last week some were used to unload perishables.

As with injunctions in the United States, strikers are not permitted to interfere with workers, and police are given broad authority to arrest persons suspected of trying to block work at the docks.

The dock strike had gone on for two weeks, and Britain, which lives by shipping, was getting desperate. Food was badly needed, and empty ships were needed to carry away exports. The strike was a wildcat strike, which began over a jurisdictional dispute between two Canadian sailors' unions. Prime Minister Attlee declared it was communist inspired, part of the

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School Merger Vote Okeh for Hayesville

An election to consolidate Hayesville with the Salem school district was authorized Tuesday night by the local school board.

Possibility that Hayesville might come into the Salem school system this September, was seen in the board's decision to set an election date as early as possible after the necessary Hayesville petitions clear the county school office.

The proposed consolidation was advanced by Hayesville school directors and recently was endorsed by a public meeting of Hayesville residents, the Salem board was told last night by Superintendent Frank H. Bennett.

In other Salem school business, the resignation of William Kidwell, director of special education, was accepted and assurances were received from Contractor Henry G. Carl that work will be rushed on new schools at Capitola and Four Corners as soon as the gravel strike, a few materials tie-ups and sewage plant approval by the state are cleared.

Superintendent Bennett in discussing the Hayesville request noted that local junior high schools would be able to absorb 7th and 8th graders from Hayesville without adding teachers or overcrowding. This in turn would alleviate overcrowding in the four-room Hayesville school.

Bennett said consolidation by Hayesville would have no effect on the Salem school budget for the coming year. The Hayesville district is debt-free and much of the property it serves is already suburban in character, board members pointed out.

The board agreed the ballot should stipulate that the \$4,000 reserve fund which Hayesville district now has would be used only for Hayesville improvements in the event of consolidation.

Kidwell informed the board in a letter he would become assistant psychology professor and director of appointments at San Diego state college, where he is now doing summer work to complete a doctorate.

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Log Mishap Kills Grand Ronde Man

WILLAMINA, July 12 (Special)—Jack Kenworthy, 27, Grand Ronde, was killed in the woods near here Monday when a log rolled over him.

He was working for his father, A. J. Kenworthy, when the accident occurred. He had been discharged from the army only three weeks ago. Survivors are his parents.

The Sheridan mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Eloise, you're out of this world!"

Weather	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	86	51	.00
Portland	86	55	.00
San Francisco	72	48	.00
Chicago	82	68	.17
New York	83	71	.01

99th YEAR

Steelmen Refuse Truman

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—President Truman tried to avert a steel strike without using the Taft-Hartley act today but the U. S. Steel and Republic Steel corporations flatly rejected the plan.

The president asked both sides to continue operations for 60 days beyond the Saturday strike deadline — or until September 14 — while a special board studied the dispute and made recommendations.

Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Steel president, wired the president that the Taft-Hartley act is applicable to the present situation that it does not permit boards to make recommendations, and that "we are unwilling to go outside of that statute."

Republic sent a similar telegram, adding "We can not agree to be a party to any procedure which is outside the scope of such law."

The Bethlehem Steel company followed suit, giving much the same reasons.

It was not known immediately whether the union now would continue its strike plan or whether it would decide to postpone the strike.

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New Revenues To Be Sought In Tax Study

A new study of Oregon's taxation system will be made by six state officials and reported to the legislature, the board of control decided Tuesday.

An equitable tax system with possible new sources of revenue was the general purpose of the study as approved by the board. Appointed to carry out the study were the three state tax commissioners and Budget Director Harry Dorman, Chief Auditor Sephus Starr and Deputy Treasurer Fred Paulus.

The committee may work independently or with a legislative interim committee. The study was proposed by State Treasurer Walter Pearson and approved by Gov. Douglas McKay and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

They agreed the tax study should include comparison of present Oregon taxation with that of other states, new revenue sources, correlation of rates of various Oregon taxes, devising of an equitable and understandable system, placing of as many revenues as possible in the general fund.

The board also directed that this independent report be free from influence of pressure groups and outside interests.

In other action, the board of control called for an immediate survey of state institutions and departments regarding budget conditions. Secretary of State Newberry said current price reductions in many lines may enable state activities to operate at less than their legislative appropriations.

Reuther Again UAW President

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 12 (AP)—Walter Reuther was elected today to his third term as (CIO) United Auto Workers president.

The union's other three top officers were swept back in at the same time at the UAW convention.

Opposing the veteran red-haired chief was W. G. Grant, former head of the big Ford local 600 at Detroit. Grant was the nominee of the left-wing Progressive Unity caucus.

Other incumbents reelected were Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey and Vice Presidents John W. Livingston and Richard T. Gosser.

BLAZE HITS TOWN

ADAMS, Ore., July 12 (AP)—A welder's torch started a fire that ate through a garage, part of the postoffice, the roofs of two houses, and a quarter-mile of grassland last night.

SALEM PRECIPITATION	This Year	Last Year	Normal
(Sept. 1 to July 13)	41.61	46.83	37.19

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Crash Kills 13 Newsmen, 32 Others

35 Die in Plane Plunge at Los Angeles

Earlier Scuffle Mystery

By Franklin Arthur and Bill Becker

LOS ANGELES, July 12 (AP)—Minutes after the pilot radioed word of a terrific fight aboard, a non-scheduled C-46 airliner crashed and exploded in flames today in the rugged Santa Susana mountains, killing 35 persons.

Fourteen others miraculously were still alive nine hours after the big twin-engine plane plowed into a hill at about the 1,800-foot level.

Passengers gave varying accounts of the fight between two men which started about an hour and a half before the plane was due to land at Long Beach. What happened during 25 hectic minutes between the pilot's call for police aid and the crash was a mystery that civil aeronautics investigators were probing tonight.

One Account Discredited

"Everybody was jumpy, because we had a very rough trip, very bumpy," said a survivor, Mrs. Judy Frost. She said the fight did not last long and was stopped by a stewardess who reseated the men, away from each other.

An unidentified woman who died shortly after the crash was quoted by Det. Douglas C. Ingram of the Los Angeles police as saying one of the passengers knocked the co-pilot into the controls and jammed them, causing the crash. Ingram said she was "obviously delirious," however, and his questioning of other survivors discredited the story.

Shortly before the crash the plane headed into a fog bank, passengers reported.

Line Ordered to Quit

Standard Airlines of Long Beach, operator of the plane, recently had been ordered by the civil aeronautics board to get out of business next week for regulation violations.

Bits of bodies, baggage and aircraft were strewn over a 400-foot area on the boulder and mesquite-roughened slope. Another 175 feet and the plane would have cleared the top.

Standard officials rechecked their passenger list to show 49 aboard.

Few Victims Identified

Among the victims, (although still not positively identified) were a Long Beach mother, Mrs. Shirley Freese, and her two children, Roberta, 12, and infant Billy. A navy man, Linton M. Bartschek, his wife and their 3-year-old son also perished.

Nine-year-old Harold Schwartz of Brooklyn, N.Y., coming out for a west coast vacation, was another victim.

The crash occurred at 7:40 a.m. (PST), about 25 minutes after Pilot Roy G. White, former American and Royal Canadian air forces flier, reported the fight to the control tower at Lockheed airport, Burbank, and asked permission to land at Burbank, 15 miles closer to his position than Long Beach.

Hysterical Man Blamed

The fight started, some survivors reported, after one passenger, becoming hysterical during a violent lightning storm, finally was quieted. Although stories varied in some particulars, the consensus was that the hysterical passenger, smoking cigarettes in an endless chain, was rebuked by a fellow passenger for blowing smoke in his face.

Survivors said the men traded punches and vowed they would settle their differences when they landed. Both were among the dead.

The Lockheed control tower, at Burbank, said the ill-fated plane circled that field once. The pilot was told that other planes were coming in and he was not to land then. When the airline failed to return at the specified time, the tower operators asked the pilot of a California airliner to make observations. The pilot did, and spotted the burning plane.

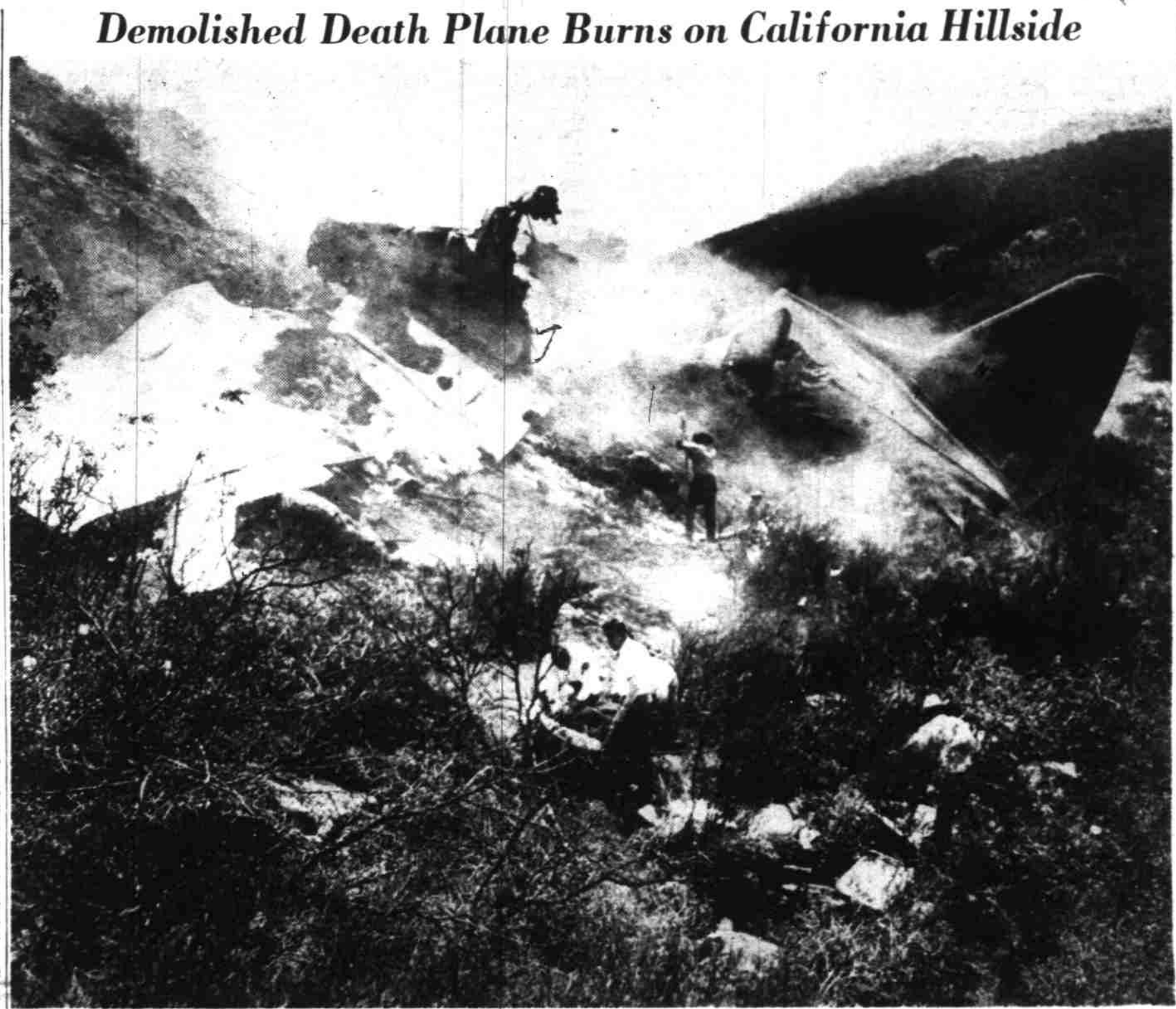
Five persons, one a girl with her foot torn off, had stumbled 300 yards down the rocky slope to a fire road.

Fire crews aided by patchy early morning fog, succeeded in extinguishing the blaze quickly. Even so, most of the fuselage was destroyed.

The right wing had been torn off when it clipped a rock on the edge of a small ridge. Bodies were thrown 50 feet.

LARSON ON HEALTH BOARD

Reappointment of Harold Larson, as a member of the advisory council to the state board of health on hospital licensing, was announced Tuesday by Gov. Douglas McKay. His term covers four years.



LOS ANGELES, July 12—While rescuers in foreground remove injured from an unscheduled commercial airliner which crashed with 49 persons aboard today, a fire fighter tries to bring a water hose into play. Thirty-five persons died. The crash near the summit of Santa Susana pass came 25 minutes after the pilot radioed that a violent fight had broken out among passengers. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Portland Newsman Victim of Asia Tragedy



BOMBAY, July 12—Four of the American newspapermen reported dead today in crash of Dutch airliner near here are shown as they interviewed the Sultan of Johjakarata during their tour of Indonesia, sponsored by the Dutch government. Left to right are: Charles Gratke, Christian Science Monitor; the Sultan; John Werkey, Time magazine; George Moorad, the Portland Oregonian, and Nat Barrows, the Chicago Daily News. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.) (Stories and pictures also on page 14.)

Docks Seized; Walkout Grows

LONDON, July 12 (AP)—Britain's labor government formally seized the port of London today to force a showdown with striking dock workers, but the wildcat walkout spread.

A five-man emergency committee, armed with extraordinary powers, was appointed to run the docks on behalf of the nation.

As army and navy reinforcements moved in, hundreds of dock workers joined the work stoppage, which the government blames on communist agitation. Strike leaders deny they are communists.

Fire District Petitions In for South of Salem

Petitions asking formation of a Liberty-Salem Heights rural fire protection district south of Salem were filed with the Marion county clerk Tuesday.

The petitions were sent to the county assessor to check whether they are signed by 25 per cent of qualified property owners in the district.

Santiam Hatchery Work Inaugurated

DETROIT, July 12 (Special)

Gasland Construction company, Bellingham, Wash., has started work on the North Santiam river salmon hatchery near Marion Forks and the project will be completed in about seven months.

Also started is the U. S. engineers' office at the Detroit dam site. The work is being done by Rushlite Automatic Sprinkler company, and will be completed about November 1.

Dulles Backs Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—In his first senate speech, Senator Dulles (R-NY) said today that failure to ratify the North Atlantic treaty would immediately "revive the communist offensive against western Europe."

The New Yorker declared the 12-nation treaty is vital to keep Germany from turning toward a Soviet alliance.

There Are Lots of Salems

In fact, more than a score of them. Right now, it appears Salem, Ore., is the largest — although Salem, Mass., may still contest that honor in the next federal census.

Anyway, The Statesman has felt that we'd like to know more about our other Salems. With that in mind, Eric Bergman, former full-time Statesman editorial staff member, is on a nation-wide tour. He'll stop in at least 10 of the Salems and report in writing and pictorially what he sees.

His first story, on Salem, Utah, will appear in The Statesman's feature section next Sunday.

Truman Speech Tonight Set On Economy

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—President Truman talked business with Budget Director Frank Pace today as he polished up the radio message he scheduled tomorrow night to explain the new economic course he has charted for the nation.

Pace kept mum on the subject of their conference.

The lawmakers indicated that they may give the slow signal to other phases of the economic program the president outlined yesterday in a major reversal of the direction of administration financial policies. While they generally cheered his retreat on the income tax front, key leaders predicted there would be no early action to lift excise levies on transportation as he requested.

Although the White House did not indicate exactly what Mr. Truman will say in tomorrow night's radio speech (7:30 p. m., PDT), his nationwide broadcast is expected to hammer hard on the theme that the country's economy is basically strong and requires only faith, cooperation and action to boost it over the hump to new peaks of productivity.

The address of President Truman will be broadcast over radio KSLM at 8 o'clock tonight (daylight time).

Pension Ballot Claimed Sure

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—Joe E. Dunne said today that enough signatures have been certified to assure that the legislature's old age pension bill will be submitted to referendum.

Dunne, sponsor of the old age group, said that 16,981 signatures have been certified with the deadline three days away. Only 15,926 are needed.

The daylight saving referendum was still 5,000 names short, but sponsors said they thought they had enough more signatures ready for checking to meet requirements.

HISS PROBE DENIED

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The house un-American activities committee rejected today a republican bid for immediate reopening of the Hiss-Chambers case. Actually, the committee left the door open for reconsideration by saying it wasn't going to call any witnesses "at this time."

3 Oregon Men Dead On Tour

BOMBAY, India, July 12—Thirteen American news correspondents flying home from a six-week tour of Indonesia perished today in a plane crash.

One of them was a woman. The crash killed a total of 45 persons. (Three Oregon men were killed. Details on page 14.)

A 14th American, the New York public relations man who sponsored the Indonesian tour in cooperation with the Dutch government, was among the dead.

Their big KLM (Royal Dutch airlines) Constellation was circling in a blinding monsoon rain in an attempt to land at Santa Cruz airfield, 15 miles north of Bombay, when it crashed and burned on 800-foot high Ghatakopar hill, about four miles to the east.

Prize Winners Aboard

The bylines and broadcasts of the correspondents were familiar to thousands of readers and listeners. Among them were two Pulitzer prize winners. The American consulate listed them:

H. R. Knickerbocker, 51, radio commentator for WOR, New York, formerly with International News Service, Philadelphia Public Ledger, Chicago Sun and Newark Morning Ledger, a war correspondent in Ethiopia, Spain, China, Europe and North Africa, a Pulitzer prize winner in 1930.

S. Burton Heath, 50, Newspaper Enterprise association, formerly of the Associated Press, New York World-Telegram and Hurlington, Vt. Free Press, a winner of the 1939 Pulitzer prize for domestic reporting.

Charles Gratke, 48, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor.

Miss Elsie Dick, director of women's religious and educational programs for Mutual Broadcasting System, formerly with New Yorker Magazine and House Beautiful.

Nat Barrows, 49, Chicago Daily News, formerly with the Boston Globe, a veteran reporter of South America, European and United Nations Affairs whose reporting was cited last May by Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, as the outstanding work of the year.

Bertram Dyer Hulen, 60, Washington staff of the New York Times, formerly of the Associated Press and Springfield, Mass., republican.

William H. Newton, Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, a correspondent in Europe and China.

John Werkey, 36, Time magazine, formerly of the New York Herald Tribune, Associated Press, Patterson, N. J., Evening News and Daily Oklahoman.

George L. Moorad, 41, radio commentator for KGW, Portland, Oregon.

Thomas A. Falco, 39, Washington staff of Business Week magazine.

Fred Colvig, 36, Denver Post.

James Brannan, 31, Houston Post, formerly of the Atlanta Georgian, Beaumont, Tex. Journal and International News Service.

Vincent Mahoney, 47, San Francisco Chronicle. Formerly with the Associated Press, United Press, New York News.

The tour conductor was Lynn C. Mahan, 40, vice president of the public relations firm of Theodor Swanson and Co., New York, who had worked on several newspapers.

20 Other Passengers

The other dead, according to the best information here, included 20 passengers and 11 KLM employees. The passengers were 17 Dutch, two Chinese and one British.

Two other members of the correspondents' group, William R. Mathews, publisher of the Arizona Star at Tucson, and Mrs. Dorothy Brandon of the New York Herald Tribune, were not on the plane because they had decided to return by other routes.

KLM officials at The Hague, said their first impression from reports at the scene was that the crash was caused by bad weather conditions.

PULP EXECUTIVE DIES

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Thursday for Theodore Osmond, 69, vice president of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company and the Columbia River paper mill. He died here yesterday.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

At Salem 2, Wenatchee 1
At Vancouver 6, Victoria 5
At Tacoma 3, Bremerton 1
At Yakima 10, Spokane 7
ALL STAR GAME
American League 11, National League 7

BASEBALL