

Pilot Credited for Safety of 5 In Crew; Hope Wanes for C-54

By Ray Harrison and Lachlan MacDonald
WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Jan. 31 (AP)—An air force pilot's strength and dogged courage won credit today for saving five companions in the frozen Yukon wilderness.

Veterans of far north flying called their survival incredible. The C-47 with the six aboard crashed yesterday in the large scale search for a C-54 that has been missing since last Thursday on a flight from Alaska with 44 persons aboard.

The epic of the wilderness rescue overshadowed today the continuing search by more than 50 planes for the USAF C-54—the biggest aerial search ever conducted in the far north.

At the same time hope waned of finding alive any of the 44 passengers and crew members of the C-54.

The hero of the C-47 epic was Lt. Charles R. Harden of Graham, N. C.

He struggled eight miles in seven hours through waist deep snow in near zero weather late yesterday to reach a Yukon highway. Luckily, a U. S. military truck came along 20 minutes later. His desperately waving flashlight stopped the truck.

Members of the rescue party that back-tracked along Harden's trail during the night, and brought out the other five today, said it was difficult to comprehend how Harden had made the trek through snow and along cliffs.

The rescue party, with stretchers, brought the five today to Camp McGrath, nine miles south of White Horse.

All of the men escaped without serious injuries.

Mostly, they were cut by flying glass as the plane packed into trees before hitting near the base of a mountain about 21 miles south of White Horse.

Harden said the plane was cruising at 3,500 feet when a downdraft jerked it to disaster. A wing was ripped off. The fuselage was torn open. The plane was demolished as it plunged on to the snow-covered earth.

The five men stayed at the scene, some of them in blankets and sleeping bags, as Harden set out on his heroic trek. He was in the camp tonight along with the others today.

Col. Frank S. Bower jr., and Jol. E. A. Suttles, who are in the area for current far northern army maneuvers (operation sweetbriar) lauded Harden's fortitude in reaching the highway as almost incredible.

Motor convoys and ski patrols of "operation sweetbriar" are being held in readiness to speed to any area in which the C-54 or its wreckage may be found.

Canadian and U.S. paratroop rescue squads also are in readiness to drop to the spot.

Search planes were ordered today to sweep over new areas in their hunt for the C-54.

Lt. Col. Eugene Strauss, U.S. air force search coordinator here, said "no pilot has been assigned to an area he previously has covered."

He said the policy was to have "different eyes and different methods" to insure the closest possible checks of the rugged terrain. He also instructed the search planes to carry two crews of scanners to avoid the danger of the "eyes" of the search planes growing weary.

FUEL FORECAST

KNOXVILLE—(INS)—Modern science has pushed back the day when an entirely new type of fuel will be needed to replace gasoline, according to Dr. Elton A. Smith, University of Tennessee chemistry professor. "Years ago people were predicting that our petroleum reserves would be gone before 1950," said Dr. Smith. "However, advances made in using more of the crude oil, new conservation methods, and new field discoveries have postponed the day of exhaustion indefinitely."

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Fire left The Ranch, popular eating place at 3260 Portland road, a blackened shambles early Tuesday morning. Sub-zero temperatures hampered firemen fighting the blaze which started at 3 a. m. Above is an interior view with co-owner D. H. Williams standing near an oil circulator where fire is believed to have started. Williams' partner is D. H. Eyerley. Damage was said to be nearly 50 per cent complete, according to firemen. (Statesman photos). (Story on page 1).

Plans for YWCA Building Near Completion; Annual Meet Held

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem YWCA members brought their program for a new YW building into focus again Tuesday night as they reviewed association activities at their annual meeting in First Methodist church.

Building Chairman Dorathes Steusloff reported that plans and specifications for the projected building at the State street site of the present YWCA home, will be completed this spring so that bids may be called.

"Then we can really see how close our building fund comes to the probable construction costs," said Miss Steusloff. She added, "I feel sure that the friends of the YWCA will see that we have our new building in the near future."

The building committee report was one of several reports accepted by the membership in a meeting which also included the announcement of seven newly elected directors for the YW board and words of advice and inspiration from Mrs. Wilson Compton of Pullman, Wash., a longtime YWCA leader who is the wife of the president of Washington State college.

In the evening's principal address before nearly 100 YW members and their husbands, Mrs. Compton called on women to help provide the best in community and world leadership.

"The biggest world problem is that of finding enough leaders to head the work to be done," she declared.

Mrs. Compton, who was treasurer of the Washington, D. C., YWCA in a period which saw it rise from the occupant of a single rented building to the owner of \$2,500,000 worth of property, urged the Salem YW leadership not to forget "that the most important building you can do is to broaden the horizons for your boys and girls."

Elected to the YWCA board to fill seven expiring terms among the 21 board posts were Mrs. A. A. Schramm, Mrs. Carlton McLeod and Mrs. John Coughlin, re-elected, and Mrs. Wallace Carson, Mrs. William Crothers, Mrs. Lester Barr and Mrs. Wallace Bonesteel.

The dinner meeting program included brief talks on the meaning of YWCA to representative members of three groups—Beverly Lockard, a Tri-Y girl; Lorene White, a Y-Y girl, and Helen Tibbett, of the Young Adults group.

Betty Starr Anderson sang, accompanied by Alice Cray Brown. The Rev. Brooks Moore led devotions. Mrs. James T. Brand, of the College of Wooster (Ohio) classmate of Mrs. Compton, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Scramm, YW president, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Coughlin gave the treasurer's report showing year-end balance of \$2,553 in the general fund, \$3,309 in reserve and \$2,363 in the building fund in addition to investments.

Executive Director Gertrude Acheson reported the election and Architect Pietro Bellusch of Portland discussed the status of his plans for the new YW building.

The temperature requirement—approximately 20,000,000 degrees—would conceivably be met by the temperatures which can be generated by the explosion of a uranium or plutonium bomb.

And it is conceivable, according to an unofficial view, that use of another form of hydrogen—called "heavy hydrogen," or deuterium—might aid in the speeding-up process.

The unofficial view is that a bomb employing the fusion of deuterium would release eight times as much energy as a uranium or plutonium bomb containing an equivalent weight of potentially explosive material—and having the same efficiency of explosion.

But a hydrogen bomb of the fusion type would not have the "critical mass" limitations of uranium or plutonium bombs, and hence could conceivably be built as large as we could handle. One of the closest-guarded atomic secrets is how much uranium or plutonium goes into a bomb. The theory is that with less nothing would happen—no explosion—and with more the excess, at best would be waste.

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France Warns Russia Over Indochina Deal

PARIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—France sharply warned Russia tonight that Moscow's recognition of the "rebel" Ho Chi-Minh in Indochina gravely impaired Soviet-French relations.

French officials expressed fear the stage is being set rapidly for an east-west war for southeast Asia in the jungles of Indochina. French troops have fought for four years in this area to stamp out the nationalist-communist movement led by the Moscow-trained Ho.

At least the potentialities for another guerrilla conflict like that in Greece seemed to be shaping up in the rich tropical country where the French are backing a rival regime headed by ex-emperor Bao Dai.

A foreign office spokesman summed up the significance of Moscow's action this way: "When the Chinese communists under Mao Tze-Tung swarm southward to join Ho Chi-Minh against the French they will have Moscow back of them. Thus the battlelines will be drawn between the east and west for another war."

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31 (AP)—More normal weather may be expected because sunspots are subsiding. Consulting Meteorologist Dr. Irving P. Krick said today.

Dr. Krick told interviewers that the sunspots, which reached their peak in 1948, are beginning to subside, and the earth should return, meteorologically speaking, to what was considered normal weather in the early '30's.

Weather conditions all over the earth have been affected by the sunspots, which reached a peak higher than at any other time in the last 200 years, Dr. Krick said.

Sunspots act on the stratospheric-atmospheric conditions and then are transmitted to atmospheric conditions on earth, causing weather changes, said Dr. Krick.

He said southern California may expect heavier rainfall and warmer winters for the next several years.

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PE Course for Oregon State Approved by Education Board

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP)—The state board of higher education today granted Oregon State college a major course in physical education.

The decision was announced in a re-statement of policy on fields of study in which the board declared its authority to add or drop fields of study in Oregon's five state supported schools of higher learning. Chancellor Paul C. Packer had opposed the new major course at OSC until the enrollment and study field could be reviewed later this year.

The chancellor warned of the need to tighten study fields because of anticipated drops in enrollment. The board said "the pattern of higher education is not static" and the state was growing. The policy statement recognized, however, the intention to keep Oregon State and the university in their distinctive and traditional professional fields.

A move to add the course in elementary education at the university on a permanent basis was withdrawn. The course had been offered there the past year on an emergency basis.

Oregon State Dean E. B. Lemon reported negotiations for purchase of the Camp Adair site near Corvallis were being completed. The buildings and property are being disposed by the war assets administration.

Chancellor Packer announced the resignation of Dean Clifford F. Weigle, head of the university's school of journalism. He has been at Oregon the past year and plans to return to Stanford university to become associate director of journalism there. No successor was announced.

The board was told that Gill coliseum at Oregon State was completed and ready for official inspection by the building committee on Friday.

President's Decision on Bomb End to Grimest Argument

By John M. Hightower
(Story also on page 1)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Truman's decision to develop a hydrogen super-bomb climaxes one of the grimmest and most shadowy arguments in the peacetime history of this quarrelsome capital.

It also indicates Mr. Truman's own answers to some of the questions thrown up for public debate: Is it actually possible to make such a weapon? Is this America's supposed lead over Russia in the arms race? Is it morally right to develop a bomb that may be up to 1,000 times more destructive than bombs made from uranium?

The chief executive's answers to these questions appear, on the basis of his statement, to be:

1. The bomb is at least theoretically possible and probably scientifically so. It will work, with a terrible devastating force. This is shown by Mr. Truman's order to the atomic energy commission "to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super bomb."

2. Since the bomb is possible, its manufacture is necessary for the defense of the country. The president emphasized he was issuing the order as commander in chief of the armed forces with the responsibility of seeing that "our country is able to defend itself against any possible aggressor."

In terms of today's world, his comment on this point has a wider meaning. The only possible aggressor foreseen by Washington officials at this time is Russia. Also, through the Atlantic treaty the United States is committed to defense actions far beyond its own shores so that this nation's lead in the arms race may be regarded as a protection for western Europe as well as North America.

3. As to the issue of morality, whether it is right to make the super bomb, Mr. Truman declared that the work "will be carried forward on a basis consistent with the overall objectives of our program for peace and security." And he reaffirmed his desire for a "satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy."

Judged in the light of information available from some top advisors, the president's statement suggests he may hold the view that the morality of a weapon lies in questions of its use rather than its manufacture; and that in war the basically immoral act is the act of aggression which touches off the conflict.

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French Budget Gets Approval

PARIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—The national assembly approved a record French budget for 1950 and simultaneously gave Premier Georges Bidault's coalition cabinet a new vote of confidence tonight, 301 to 284.

Thus ended three months of budget huffing and puffing. Expenditures are listed in the budget at 2,238,000,000 francs (about \$630,000,000) against receipts of 2,118,000,000 francs, but the government has promised to make up the deficit by economies.

Weather Making Inroads on Income Of Parking Meters

Among items taking a beating from the zero and near-zero weather in Salem is parking meter revenue.

City Treasurer Paul Hauser shook his head Tuesday as he put a finger on the latest week's receipts figure—a mere \$1,016. Receipts averaged about \$2,000 a week last year.

December receipts, swollen by Christmas shopping crowds, counted only \$10,054 over four weeks. January receipts over four weeks counted only \$6,875. The past week has not been tallied.

This represents a 33 per cent reduction from December.

Unable to Shout, Shots Bring Aid For Ailing Man

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 31 (AP)—Neighbors — and the law — came on the run when Nikos Gerakis, who lives alone, shot five times through his bedroom door at 1 a. m.

They found him acutely ill — too weak, he said, to shout for help, but strong enough to shoot for it. Emergency hospital treatment pulled him through.

Police made an exception and filed no charges.

MAYORS INVITED

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