

Air Force Plane Crashes with 35 Aboard in Japan

TOKYO, Saturday, April 22 (AP)—A big four-engined U.S. air force plane carrying 35 persons crashed in the mountains southwest of Tokyo last night and, today, the fate of those aboard still was unknown.

Frank Pickelle, head of General MacArthur's foreign trade division, and three other occupation officials were among the passengers, it was learned. They were returning to Tokyo after concluding a Japan-Philippines trade conference in Manila.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Four of the largest railroad systems of the country, after having suffered heavily from loss of business during the recent prolonged coal strike now face strikes of their own. The strike call is out for next Wednesday. The government has exhausted its powers of requiring a postponement of a strike. So unless one side or the other "gives" or unless mediators effect further delays, these essential workers will leave their jobs on such important roads as the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, Pennsylvania west of Harrisburg, Southern and Santa Fe, all great systems serving large and important areas.

The demand of the brotherhood is of long standing; put another man to work on diesel-electric locomotives. The railroads claim this would just be feather-bedding, that they have no need for an extra man on the diesels. The firemen persist in their demand however, saying that another man is needed. The controversy has been heard by two fact-finding boards appointed by the government and both boards decided against the brotherhood. In spite of these decisions the brotherhood has set a date for a strike.

The general public cannot know the labor requirements of locomotives but it will accept the finding of two government.

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House Group Votes Excise Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—A further \$250,000,000 slash in excise taxes was approved today by the house ways and means committee. Among other things, the committee voted to repeal all levies on baseballs, footballs and handbags, and halve the 20 per cent tax on furs and jewelry.

Added to \$85,000,000 in cuts approved yesterday, the total is now \$335,000,000. This reduction is almost twice as deep as President Truman recommended, on that part of the excise list the committee has covered.

U. of C. Oath Dispute Settled

DAVIS, Calif., April 21 (AP)—The long controversy over a special non-communist oath for employees of the University of California was settled by the university board of regents today.

No oath, but instead contract letters disavowing communism. Faculty leaders expressed general satisfaction with the regents' decision.

Animal Crackers

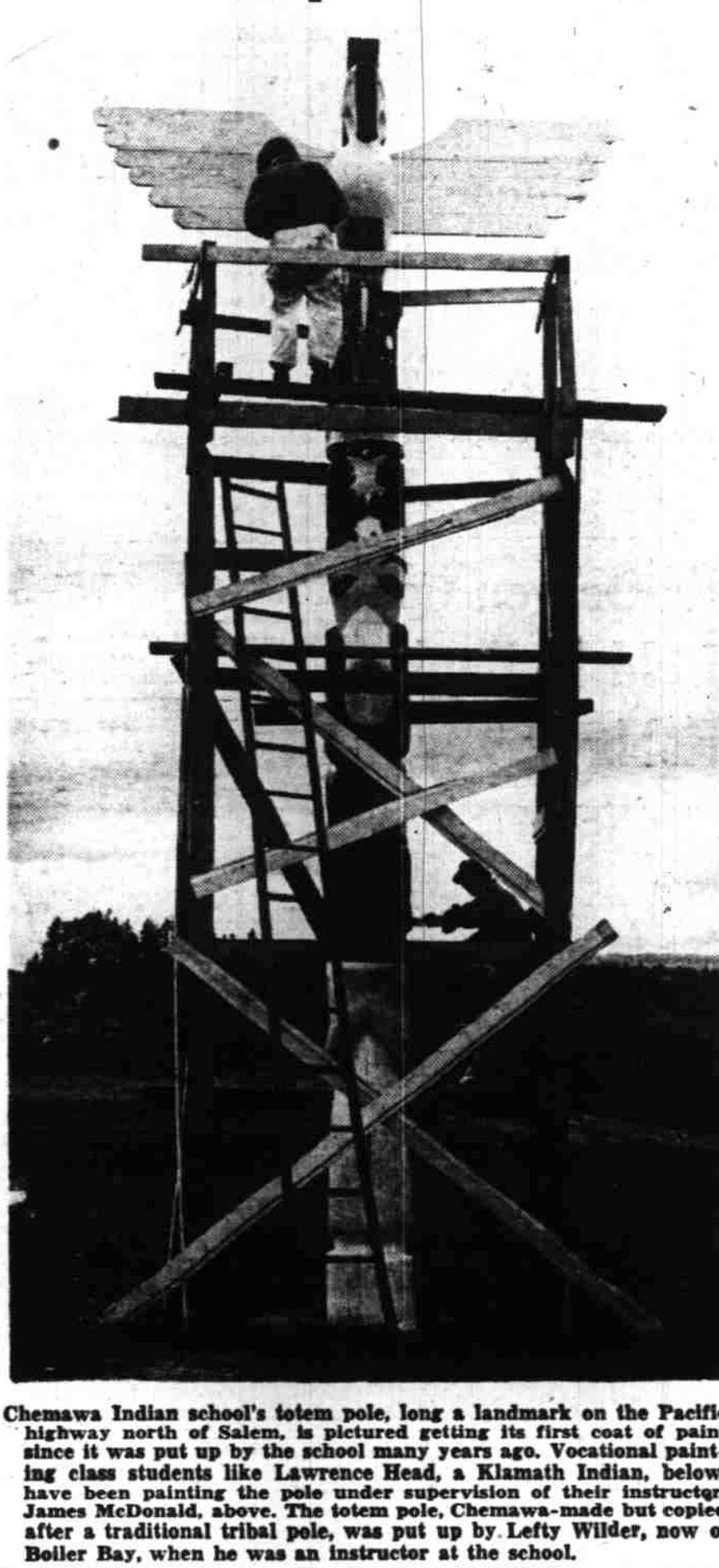
By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh, oh—He's been playing four-handed Canasta again!"

Walkouts Flare Along U.S. Phone Network

Fresh Makeup for Totem Pole



Chemawa Indian school's totem pole, long a landmark on the Pacific highway north of Salem, is pictured getting its first coat of paint since it was put up by the school many years ago. Vocational painting class students like Lawrence Head, a Klamath Indian, below, have been painting the pole under supervision of their instructor, James McDonald, above. The totem pole, Chemawa-made but copied after a traditional tribal pole, was put up by Lefty Wilder, now of Boiler Bay, when he was an instructor at the school.

U. S. Closes Czech Office

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—The United States hit back today at an anti-American campaign in communist Czechoslovakia with an order closing down the Czech consulate general in Chicago.

The newest development in the American tit-for-tat policy toward the Soviet bloc was in retaliation for Czechoslovakia's shutdown of the U.S. Information Service (U.S.I.S.) and its demand for the recall of Embassy Press Attache Joseph C. Kolarek.

Rain Returns To Forecast

A rainy, cloudy week end is predicted for the Willamette valley. The weatherman forecasts light rain this morning, occasional showers this afternoon and the possibility that Sunday will bring more of the same.

Long Range Planning Commission to End Activities June 1, Chamber Rules

The Salem Chamber of Commerce board of directors Friday night voted to terminate activities of the Salem long range planning commission as of June 1 when present finances appropriated for the project will be exhausted.

All-Out Strike Forecast

NEW YORK, April 21 (AP)—Scattered walkouts flared along America's vast grid of telephone wires today, threatening to blaze into an all-out national phone strike next week.

A CIO official here said the minor walkouts could be the beginning of the national phone strike set for next Wednesday.

In Washington, CIO President Philip Murray told a news conference the multi-million member

Picketing of the Portland telephone exchange would have no effect on Salem service except for possible delays in long distance calls. There are no members of the striking installation workers permanently stationed in Salem. Union officials, when questioned Friday night, did not disclose any plans to picket the Salem exchange.

CIO was solidly behind the angry telephone workers in their wage dispute.

He parried questions about a purported scheme by CIO members to jam struck dial phone equipment with calls until the overworked machinery broke down.

The CIO Communications Workers union here said walkouts started today in Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., Tonawanda, N. Y., Fargo, N. D., and other cities. There was no estimate of how many men took part.

"When I say destroy, I mean destroy, to stop service," the San Diego union officials quoted "instructions" received there from Beirne as saying.

The union said a dispute over working conditions of 104 Western Electric Co. employees in South Bend, Ind., touched off the walkouts.

Western Electric is the manufacturing arm of Bell Telephone Co. Some 10,000 Western Electric employees are members of division 6, CWA-CIO.

Said Ernest Weaver, president of division 6:

"By all indications the whole 10,000 will be out by Monday. This could be the beginning of a nationwide telephone strike and it will be unless some suitable arrangement is made by the company concerning the South Bend workers."

Portland, April 21 (AP)—Telephone installers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho walked out today, in a move that threatened a possible disruption of telephone service.

Some 230 men, members of the CIO Communications Workers, left their jobs at noon. Dan Harris, president of the local union, called it a "lockout" of CWA men in South Bend, Ind.

The union threatened to set up picket lines Monday, an action which might keep regular telephone workers off the job.

Russ Reject Plane Protest Acheson Doubts War Near

Capitol Hears Angry Words On Russ Issue

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today Soviet Russia is trying to stir up trouble in several critical areas of the world and the situation is serious. But he added that he does not see east and west moving into war.

Even as he spoke out against Russia at a news conference, the capitol resounded with hot and angry words on the same subject.

House Democratic Leader John McCormack (Mass) issued a statement calling the Russian attitude on the Baltic incident "insulting." He declared this country should either recall Ambassador Alan G. Kirk for a "long period of consultation" or completely break off diplomatic relations with the Kremlin.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the house armed services committee demanded in a speech from the floor that this country "maintain sufficient armed forces to insure Russian respect—otherwise we will race pell mell into another war, a war fomented by our own military weakness."

Vinson spoke just before the house passed, 330 to 0, a resolution calling for decorations for 10 American naval aviators lost in the Baltic area April 8 when Soviet fighters allegedly shot down their unarmed "privater" plane. The senate had previously passed the resolution 66 to 0.

Rep. Vinson accused Russia of "a murderous, dastardly, despicable act which has been officially condoned by the Russian government."

At the outset of his news conference Acheson issued formal statements on three of the latest issues raised by the Soviets.

Regarding the new Russian note on the airline incident, he said he could not make a full statement yet "with regard to this government's future course of action."

"A brief perusal of the note indicates, however, that the Soviet government continues to defend its fictitious allegations that a B-29 violated Soviet territory and fired at Soviet fighter aircraft."

"It seems obvious that the Soviet government has made no attempt to institute a real investigation of the matter in accordance with our request."

Irvin Goodman to Defend Wilsons

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 21 (AP)—Irvin Goodman, Portland attorney, was granted the right today to defend Utah and Turman Wilson in their trial on a charge of slaying Jo Ann Dewey.

Superior Judge Eugene Cushing ruled that the out-of-state attorney could participate fully in the trial. He will be associated with Sanford Clement, Vancouver.

Dying Woman Granted Wish to Finish Serial Story

MULLINS, S. C., April 21 (AP)—Mrs. D. S. Brooks, jr., got her dying wish—to read the last installment of a serial story in a national magazine.

She told her physician, Dr. J. P. Cain, jr., of her wish. Within hours, the doctor related today, the Curtis Publishing company sent an advance copy of the issue.

Mrs. Brooks, a civic leader and president of the Mullins Parent-Teachers association, read the final chapter of the story before she lapsed into a coma. She died soon afterward.

Nationalists Claim Victory On Hainan Isle

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 21 (AP)—Shattering defeat of the 5-day-old communist invasion of Hainan island was claimed late tonight by the Chinese nationalists.

The nationalist accounts said more than 6,000 reds surrendered and 2,000 to 4,000 were killed in all-night battles that ended at dawn today.

The Hainan capital city of Hoihow reechoed to the popping of firecrackers as the nationalists celebrated the news in traditional Chinese fashion.

(Stanley Rich, Associated Press staff man who flew to Hoihow Friday from Hong Kong, quoted the same optimistic official and semi-official reports, but said there were also indications that the nationalists might not be doing as well as they asserted.)

Portland Tug Rescued after Week Drifting

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21 (AP)—"It was worse than Bastogne." — And five weary and grimy crewmates agreed with deck-hand Bill Lewis as the battered 22-ton tug from Portland, the Omar, guided into the Oakland estuary today after a nightmare 2,500-mile voyage from Honolulu.

Drifting helplessly for a week, her men starving while mountainous waves swamped the little vessel's engine-room and food supplies — that was the story the Omar's crew told today as the tug was towed through the Golden Gate.

They were rescued Tuesday after a painstaking coast guard search covered 450,000 miles of open ocean. The craft was finally spotted by a B-17.

3 ON A HONEYMOON SEATTLE, April 21 (AP)—Mrs. Madelyn Lyon won a divorce from Allen A. Lyon here today when she testified her mother-in-law accompanied them on their honeymoon and occupied an adjoining room at their hotel.

Soviet Orders All 'Resisting' Planes Downed

MOSCOW, April 21 (AP)—Russia brusquely rejected every demand of the United States today over its missing Baltic plane and repeated orders to airmen to shoot down any resisting aircraft caught over Soviet territory.

The Moscow government in a note declared it was "clearly absurd" that the United States demanded compensation for a four-engined U.S. navy "privater" and its crew of 10 which disappeared April 8. The U.S. has insisted the navy plane was unarmed.

Moscow declared the American plane involved that day in an exchange of fire was a "B-29 Flying Fortress" which penetrated 13 miles into Soviet territory south of Lepaya, Latvia, while trying to "photograph" Soviet defense installations.

It repeated the assertions of the Soviet protest of April 11 that a B-29 ignored signals to land, fired on Soviet fighters and disappeared toward the Baltic sea when the Soviet fighters fired back.

Therefore, the note declared, the Soviet government cannot accept even "for examination" the American demands made three days ago.

U.S. Demands Made These demands included compensation, severe punishment of the responsible Soviet aviators, a thorough Soviet investigation of the incident and categorical guarantees against a recurrence.

The Soviet note concluded by declaring the United States was trying to "cover up the illegal actions of certain of its subordinates who disgraced themselves by grossly violating the generally recognized rules of international law."

The Russian note said all the facts stated in its version had been "established by proper verification" and that the American story was "refuted by the exactly established facts."

Pen Escapee Captured after 33-Year Lapse

A convict who walked away from the Oregon state penitentiary in 1917 has been apprehended in Somerville, N. J.

Warren George Alexander said Friday that a prison guard would leave today for the east to pick up Louis Strof, 63, who had served two-and-one-half years of a six to ten year term for shooting a special police officer when he escaped 33 years ago.

The guard also will pick up Kenneth Clark, Jackson county clerk forger who escaped from prison here in August of 1946 and was nabbed recently in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Alexander said Clark, who had served five months of a three-year term, had refused to waive extradition without a hearing. His capture was reported to the warden by the federal bureau of investigation.

Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper.)

Today's subject: Arthur L. Davis (d) Candidate for State senator (Marion)

As this year, 1950, marks the turning point of the half century, it could and should be a turning point in the progress and economy of the State of Oregon.

This year is also near the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the trek of settlers to the Willamette valley and Oregon. One hundred years ago, Arthur Davis is a short span in the history of people. Yet in this time our soils have been gutted, our rivers polluted and other available resources greatly exhausted and abused.

Be that as it may, there is no need for a defeatist's attitude. There is no case of remaining "as is" — the trend is either forward or backward. I believe this great state is on the verge of one of the greatest developments in history. My belief is backed by the doings of intelligent and progressive leaders of labor, industry, finance and education.

The basis of this development is our locked up resources. Use of water power, irrigation, manpower and the progressive state leadership as proposed by the democratic party is the key to nature's bounty.

We can and must take advantage of the Federal Administration's programs. One such is the C.V.A. With it we can build factories and open up areas for habitation. This means employment and homes to the vast migration which is here and still coming. Thus we heal the mistakes of the past and make Oregon the place of security, progress and contentment.

(Tomorrow—Frank Porter)

THE WEATHER

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	31	.00
Portland	55	31	.00
San Francisco	64	50	.00
Chicago	54	32	.00
New York	56	42	trace

Willamette river 4.5 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with light rain this morning, becoming mostly cloudy with occasional showers this afternoon and tonight. High today near 57 and low tonight near 33. Agricultural outlook: Conditions generally poor for most farm work today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year 23.25 Last Year 27.26 Normal 23.18

BASEBALL

Western International
At Salem 2, Vancouver 1
At Venatche 4, Victoria 8
At Tri-City 11, Tacoma 8
At Spokane 5, Yakima 13

Coast League
At Oakland 6, Portland 4
At Sacramento 6, San Francisco 8
At Hollywood 7, Seattle 6
At San Diego 6, Los Angeles 10

American League
At New York 14, Washington 7
At Detroit 4, Chicago 1
At Philadelphia 1, Boston 2
Only games scheduled

National League
At Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 9
At Chicago 2, St. Louis 6
At Boston 2, Philadelphia 2 (called, 8th, wet grounds)
At Brooklyn 4, New York 1