

20 Warships Leave for Orient Seas

PEARL HARBOR, May 11—(AP)—A U. S. task force of 20 warships leaves Pearl Harbor today and tomorrow to carry the American flag to the troubled Orient.

Headed by the carrier Valley Forge, the task force will take along the first U. S. navy jet planes to make an appearance over communist threatened Southeast Asia.

Vice Adm. Calvin T. Durgin, commander of the Pacific first fleet and temporary chief of the task force, told reporters: "You know what the show of our flag did to jack up democratic hopes in the Mediterranean. That's what we plan to do in the Western Pacific."

The jet fighters are 33 Panther jets. There are 47 other planes. The task force will carry 6,000 men. Included among the warships are two other new weapons, snorkel-type submarines, the Romora and Catfish, which can breathe under water.

Durgin said all major strengthening of the Pacific fleet "for the immediate future" had been completed.

"Our biggest need," he added, "is still more submarines for anti-sub training purposes."

Durgin will hand over command of the task force in Hawaiian waters tomorrow to Rear Adm. John M. Hoskins.

Most of the ships will relieve those of Rear Adm. Walter F. Boone's seventh fleet in Far East waters. Boone, his carrier boxer and a number of other ships will return to the west coast in June.

Durgin will return to San Diego aboard the seaplane tender Curtis.

Tenants Flee Colfax Blaze

COLFAX, Wash., May 11—(AP)—A raging fire destroyed a two-story, 18-unit apartment house in little more than an hour today, and the tenants, including two invalid women, were safely evacuated.

Firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading. The brick Whitman hotel on one side and a house on the other were only slightly damaged.

Two fire trucks from Pullman, 15 miles south of here, came to help fight the blaze.

Fire Chief Joe Derynroth said it took the flames slightly more than 60 minutes to destroy the Buase apartment house. Fifteen families were made homeless by the fire. They lost most of their belongings.

Margaret Could Change Car Tire

GRAND COULEE DAM, Wash., May 11—(AP)—Margaret Truman, the president's daughter, disclosed today that she can change an automobile tire.

Interviewed by girl reporters as she looked over the complicated machinery of the Coulee power house, she confessed she didn't understand machinery.

"But you can drive a car," one of the girls suggested. Oh, yes, she drives a car.

"What would you do if you had a flat tire," was the next question.

"I'd change it if there weren't a nice young man around to do it for me," she replied.

SET CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 11—(AP)—Philip Murray said today the CIO will kick off its 1950 political campaign on June 16 at Washington D. C.

Ohio was separated from Northwest Territory in 1800.

Future of Hero's Son Protected By U. S. Bonds



Tulsa, Oklahoma—Six-year-old Bennie Ray Wagner, Jr., is a hero's son.

He was presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action awarded posthumously to his father, Pfc. Bennie Ray Wagner, who was killed in action on Luzon, March 13, 1945.

Every month a government allotment check arrives at his home in Tulsa.

That is Bennie's check. And each month he and his grandmother go downtown to buy a U. S. Savings Bond in order that Bennie's financial future be as secure as possible. Little Bennie believes in the Treasury's Independence Bond Drive slogan, "Save for your independence."

The boy's guardian, Herbert M. Gibson, a Tulsa insurance man, says that his blond young ward is well on the way to security and now owns \$700 in U. S. Series E Savings Bonds.

First Past Chef de Gare Organization Formed



The Marion county 40 et 8 voiture recently formed what is believed to be the first past chefs de gare association on record, electing Ira O. Pilcher, '44, as president, and George W. Averett, '41, as secretary. The group pictured above includes, left to right (front row): Charles Johnson ('26), Brazier Small ('49), Carl Gabrielson ('46), Luther Jensen ('30), R. D. Woodrow ('43), Charles Higgins ('47); (back row): Chester Zumwalt ('41), Pilcher, Averett, E. E. Owens ('40), A. J. Feilen ('48), Waldo Mills ('39).

Blonde Dives From Seventh Floor Window

PITTSBURGH, May 11—(AP)—A 25-year-old honey blonde calmly ignored the pleas of hundreds of people today and jumped to her death from the seventh floor of the Grant building in midtown Pittsburgh.

Jeanne Ann Williams, a hotel elevator operator, leaped just as the screaming siren of a police car broke the tense silence of the spectators.

For nearly 10 minutes the girl sat or stood on a window sill overlooking a parking lot.

"Don't jump, don't jump," shouted many of the people in the street below.

Then they grew silent as 20 or more people inside the building pleaded with the girl not to jump.

In windows immediately below, men tried to brace themselves to catch her as she leaped.

Scores of firemen and police rushed to the scene. Someone called a police ambulance.

Jeanne jumped at the first mournful wail of the siren—almost as if it were a signal calling her to her doom.

Her body appeared to float in the air.

Just below her at the sixth floor, it caromed off the top of an open window. And there an unidentified man reached out, grabbed an ankle, suspended her in midair for a fraction of a second.

Then the flight continued and the body did a complete somersault.

Many of the spectators screamed as she landed head first on the hood of an automobile.

Most everyone turned their heads away. Women grasped the arms of their companions for support.

The ambulance crew picked up her broken body from the crushed auto and took her to a hospital. She died within a few minutes without regaining consciousness.

Purple Heart Convention Set for City

The state convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be held June 4 in Salem.

This announcement came Thursday night at a meeting of Salem's Alfred O. Quesseth chapter 368. Details of the convention are still being arranged. Department Commander Lester Hawkins and Adjutant E. G. Johnson, both of Portland, attended the Thursday meeting in the Salem Woman's club.

Tentative plans for a woman's auxiliary to the local Purple Heart chapter also were announced at the meeting. Mrs. E. G. Johnson sketched a brief outline of the proposal and concrete action is expected in the near future.

'Look' Bacall Suspended

HOLLYWOOD, May 11—(AP)—Warner Brothers studio announced the suspension today of Lauren Bacall, saying she has refused the role opposite Errol Flynn in a picture titled "Rocky Mountain."

It was the sixth suspension for the wife of movie tough guy Humphrey Bogart. She has been at the studio since 1944 and has made seven pictures.

Miss Bacall was suspended not so long ago for refusing to accept a role in "Storm Warning." Ginger Rogers took the part. The picture is yet to be released.

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Regains Sight



Mrs. Mary Franz, 44, of Uniontown, Pa., blind since the birth of her youngest son 14 years ago, beams at a picture of another son, Christopher, 17, after regaining her sight a few days ago. Her oldest boy, Joe, 24, holds up the picture. Doctors say a cataract must have dislocated, suddenly restoring the woman's sight. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Honeymooning Dog-Loving Wife Leaves With Owner



Screen Actress Elizabeth Taylor and her groom of five days, Conrad (Nick) Hilton, Jr., relax at Del Monte lodge, Pebble Beach, Calif., following a round of golf. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

4-H Woodworking Club Exhibits at Richmond

The Beavers 4-H Woodworking club staged an exhibit made by boys from 9 to 12 at the Richmond PTA's meeting this week.

James Bishop, Salem 4-H club agent, introduced the leader, Mrs. Ralph Bonnes, and club members. Members presenting exhibits were Jerry Rab, DeVonne Pughman, Keith Bonnes, Douglas Tamcke, Bruce Hall, Frederick Bonnes, Donny Pughman, Larry Wright and Leon Hickman.

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Manager Nabs Rifle-Toting Bank Robber

SEATTLE, May 11—(AP)—Rifle-toting robber who walked out of the Washington state bank of Carnation with approximately \$1,000 today gave it up a few minutes later to a fast-talking bank manager.

The whole thing, with its slightly opera bouffe touches, all happened in a few minutes after 11 a.m.

The nervous, 20-year-old Monroe youth who forced Mrs. Myrtle Magnochi, a teller, to stuff the money into a paper bag chugged away from the bank in a dilapidated, ancient green coupe.

The couple gave up on a slight grade six miles south of Carnation, which is a few miles due east of Seattle.

Up drove Bank Manager William J. Brown and Farmer Cor Sinnema, who had given chase in Brown's car. Out came the rifle. Up went the arms of Messrs. Brown and Sinnema. Forth came Brown's most eloquent argument.

Down went the rifle and back came the money. Up drove the town's fire wagon and back to town went robber, rifle, loot and entourage.

The youth soppingly admitted later to King County Sheriff Harlan Callahan's deputies that he had staged the robbery on the spur of the moment. Callahan identified him as Elroy Oster.

Body of Man Found in Sand

ASTORIA, Ore., May 11—(AP)—The body of a man found nearly buried in rocks and sand near Desdemona light Monday was identified today as John Buhakka, 56, long-missing Rosburg, Wash., commercial fisherman.

Relatives contended that Buhakka had been slain, but officials said the death might have been an accident.

The victim was buried up to his neck, and the top of his skull had been knocked off.

Coroner Raymond Luce said it appeared probable that the battering of tide and rocks had caused that. The man's skull, partly buried in sand, was found 200 yards from the body. Buhakka had been missing in his boat since January 24.

Gunshot Kills Eugene Man

TUCUMCARI, N.M., May 11—(AP)—Harry T. Neidel, 52, of (310 Jefferson) Eugene, Ore., died today of a gunshot wound eleven miles east of Tucumcari on U. S. 66.

A coroner's jury ruled he came to death by gunshot after hearing testimony of Arlene Self of Maryville, Mo., who was riding with Neidel from his parents' home in Maryville.

She said Neidel became sleepy, parked the car and rested. This morning, she said, he left the car and opened the trunk at the rear of the car. She heard a noise and saw Neidel fall to the ground.

Officers said a .30-30 caliber rifle was in the car trunk.

Lewis Escapes 'Signal' Probe

WASHINGTON, May 11—(AP)—John L. Lewis escaped a congressional investigation of his alleged "secret strike signals" today when Rep. Lesinski (D-Mich.) blocked it.

Lesinski, chairman of the house labor committee, simply cut off subpoena powers of an inquisitive subcommittee, leaving it helpless.

This group, headed by Rep. Jacobs (D-Ind.), wanted to dig into the story of a miner who said Lewis had secretly encouraged his United Mine Workers to defy a federal court anti-strike injunction last February.

Exports from Japan in 1949 were valued at \$510,969,139 as compared with \$258,271,481 in 1948 while the value of imports totaled \$901,677,130 in 1949 as against \$682,612,645 in 1948.

HOLLYWOOD

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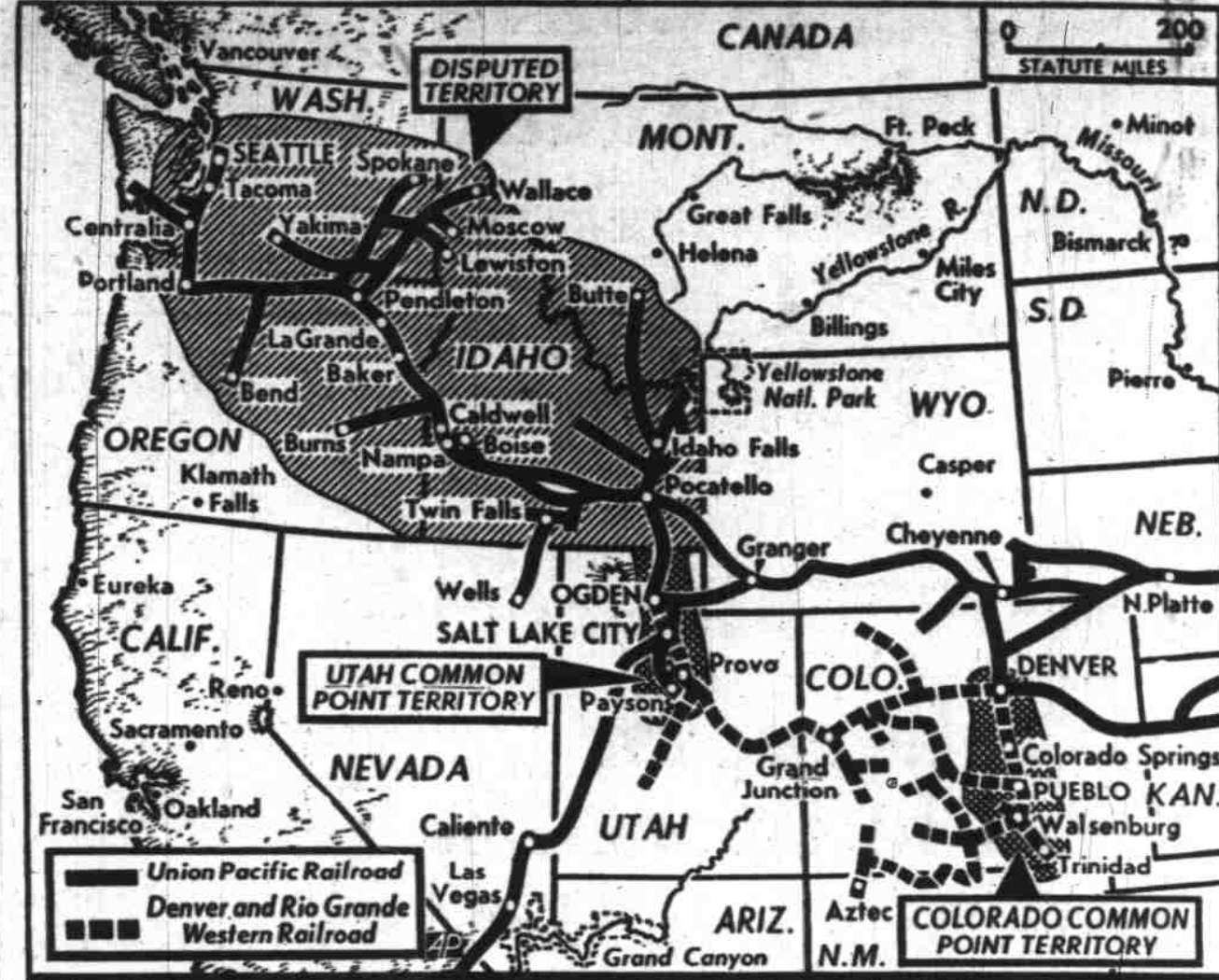
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Rail Rate Battleground



Seeking easier access to a rich northwestern territory, the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad has asked the Interstate Commerce commission to grant it through freight rates between territories it shares with the Union Pacific (checked areas), and the portions of Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon indicated by the diagonal shading. The D&RGW seeks rates on a par with those given by UP on shipments, for example, from Pueblo, Colo., to Tacoma, Wash.

Olympia Forest Fire Stopped

OLYMPIA, May 11—(AP)—State Forester Bernard Orell reported today a 15-acre forest blaze which flared up 10 miles west of Chehalis last night has been extinguished.

A one-acre fire which started on the Tilton river east of Chehalis in today's warm weather was brought under control, he added.

Orell said the larger blaze which started from railroad brush burning was probably the most serious of the present season.

The forester called for caution in fern burning, saying it is an annual headache. Fern fires run easily, rapidly build up heat, and get into timber and cutover lands. He added that a fern fire destroys thousands of Douglas fir seedlings.

Order of Hold-Up Man Well-Filled

PHILADELPHIA, May 11—(AP)—Edward Vershay, a 36-year-old restaurant counterman, gave a customer what he asked for today.

The customer shoved one hand deep into his pocket and ordered sternly: "Okay, give it to me."

At the moment Vershay was draining hot coffee from an urn into a three-gallon container.

He told police he decided to do what he was told, and let the customer have it—right in the face.

The holdup man ran from the restaurant screaming with coffee streaming down the front of his clothes.

BASIL MANLY DIES

WASHINGTON, May 11—(AP)—Basil Manly, 65, former chairman of the federal power commission and nationally known economist, died here tonight of internal bleeding.

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Peaky, Red Sox (did not play in 2nd game)					
Doerr, Red Sox (1st game)	4	0	0	6	1
Doerr, Red Sox (2nd game)	3	1	1	3	0
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Whitman, Phillies, did not play.					

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