

22 Persons Die in Plane Crash Amid California Peaks

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 7.—Twenty-two persons died when a Southwest Airways plane crashed in the rugged Santa Ynez mountains near here last night.

Ground rescue parties which reached the scene today said there were no survivors.

Air Force Capt. John Aldem, in charge of rescue operations, said the bodies were scattered over a wide area of Rubio Canyon, just west of a 4,000-foot mountain peak. The plane, DC-3, was demolished.

Bulldozers started hacking a road through the dense growth to bring the bodies here for identification.

Most of the passengers were servicemen, four of them colonels. The twin-engine plane took off last night from Santa Maria airport at 8:16 p.m. Two minutes later it made routine radio contact. That was the last word. The plane was scheduled to land at Santa Barbara at 8:39 p.m.

The wreck was located high up in Refugio Pass, about halfway between Santa Maria and Santa Barbara near a 4,292 foot high Santa Ynez peak. Fresh skid marks were visible near the plane and it was still smoking when searchers spotted it.

A San Diego coast guard captain, D. B. Madriam, reported that the ship apparently "pulled up into a stall and pancaked flat down on the slope." He took part in the aerial search.

The crash was three miles from a highway and approximately 23 miles northwest of Santa Barbara. The site is about 105 miles north of Los Angeles.

Norton Clapp, a Seattle shipping executive, was the first of the relatives to arrive at search headquarters here. He told reporters how his wife and her daughter by a previous marriage boarded the plane because of an orchid.

She had been notified only yesterday that her orchid had won the sweepstakes prize in the annual Santa Barbara orchid show. She was en route to the show.

Also aboard was John Burgan, 38, California newspaperman and novelist. He was assistant editor of the Ventura Star-Free Press and had written several books and magazine fiction.

The four victims from the Pacific northwest were Mrs. Norton Clapp, her 13-year-old daughter, Sale Gardner, and Alan W. Webb, 36, of Seattle, and Pvt. Kenneth Rody, of Tacoma.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

The medieval scholastics used to debate on how many angels could dance on the point of a needle. (Just what the decision was I never learned). Now a study is going forward under the U. N. economic and social council on how many people the earth can support. Apparently the disagreement is as wide as on the angels-on-a-needle question. Some experts put the total at 2,800,000,000 which is only 400,000,000 more than present population estimates. Other experts put the total up to 16 billion persons. At that time presumably they would hang out the Standing Room Only sign.

To determine how many people can live on the earth the experts start figuring on the area of tillable land for supply of food. Even there the range is wide, running from 2.8 billion acres to 15.5, with the majority view hitting at four billion acres. That computation doesn't provide a firm basis for computing population possibilities because the "have" nations aren't going to open their borders to an overflow from the "have not" nations.

Even if there were agreement on land area and full mobility of populations it still wouldn't be possible to figure out very accurately what the maximum would be. Limiting factors are soil depletion, water supply, climate changes. Counter forces, which would augment the food supply are use of fertilizers, discoveries of genetics (seed strains), greater investment in machinery, further reclamation of lands.

Suffice it to say that the Malthusian doctrine that food supply could not keep up with population increase has not improved out. Populations have increased tremendously since 1798 when he published his essay on population, and the living standard has been raised almost.

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Chinese Add to Resistance in Central Korea

TOKYO, Sunday, April 8.—Ten Allied divisions today pushed spearheads deeper inside red Korea despite a flareup of resistance by retreating reds.

The Chinese reds suddenly turned and fought advancing Americans north of the 38th parallel on the central front after two days of retreat.

AP Correspondent William C. Barnard reported from that front that the reds used artillery, mortars and machine guns to hurl back an attacking American platoon from a ridge overlooking the Pukhan river north of Chunchon.

It was the first major opposition the Allies had met since Wednesday when they drove across Korea.

The flareup of resistance slowed an Allied push toward Hwachon, a major Chinese red base in central Korea seven miles north of 38. Tank task forces paced the U. N. drive.

The overall progress of 10 Allied divisions was so good that AP Correspondent Lef Erickson reported from U. S. Eighth army headquarters:

"If the Eighth army's steady artillery-supported advance rate continues today (Sunday), the entire Allied front should be north of the 38th parallel all across the country from the Imjin river east to the Japan sea by tomorrow (Monday)."

State Treasurer Breaks Left Arm

PORTLAND, April 7.—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson entered the Physicians and Surgeons hospital here today.

Attendants said he had suffered a fracture of the left arm. They said they did not know how the injury occurred.

Steel May Be Easier, Not Harder to Obtain

By William G. Smoek
PITTSBURGH, April 7.—Steel for new autos and safety pins may be easier—not harder—to get in coming months, steel men predicted today.

Despite mounting defense orders and frantic efforts on manufacturers to get all the steel they want, your family has not been hurt by any lack of steel. Now, many sources believe, you probably won't feel the pinch you felt in World War II days.

Of course, there are ifs. An all-out war would change the picture. So could strikes in steel or railroads, for example.

But the prophets, who don't want to be quoted by name, are looking on the bright side. The picture is this:

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	65	37	0.00
Portland	61	42	0.00
San Francisco	58	48	trace
Chicago	55	39	.15
New York	72	49	.00

Willamette river 2.5 feet
Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy this morning, clearing by midday and becoming fair this afternoon and tonight. Little temperature change with high today 70-80, low tonight 35-35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year	Last Year	Normal
42.2	31.6	31.4

Confession Dulls Goodbye Party

NEWARK, N.J., April 7.—(AP)—In the midst of a farewell party for him today, the chief accountant of St. Barnabas hospital suddenly confessed to embezzling \$19,299 from hospital funds to play the horses, police health officer Cookley said.

Hospital employees had just given John Zabady, 40, a traveling bag as a gift since he was leaving the staff.

Zabady, suddenly turned to the director and said, "Listen, there's something I've got to tell you."

Leaving the puzzled employees at the party, Zabady accompanied Director George C. Schicks to his office and told him he had taken the money over the past two years to bet on horse races.

Zabady was held at Police headquarters for questioning.

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Salem High Debaters Win State Trophy

CORVALLIS, April 7.—(AP)—Salem high school's debate team tonight won the state class-A championship and permanent possession of the high school debate trophy.

Jean Hartwell, Salem, won first in discussion, one of seven individual events in the state high school speech contest. Robert Riggs and Marion Putman placed second and third, in that order, for Salem in radio speaking.

Members of the Salem debate team who swept through six debaters defeated are Marion Putman, Robert Riggs and Paul Ward. Salem won the trophy for keeps by virtue of previous victories in 1946 and 1950.

Ashland and Springfield tied for second in class-A debate, while Molalla, Hillsboro and Washington of Portland tied for third.

Students from 21 Oregon high schools won honors in the two-day contest, sponsored by the state system of higher education and the state speech league.

Austrian Police Claim GIs Pull Down Red Flag

VIENNA, Austria, April 7.—(AP)—Police announced that two American soldiers yanked down a Soviet flag today from the Austrian Finance building in Linz, west of here, after knocking down the Austrian porter.

Linz is in the American occupied zone and Linz police who witnessed the incident said they summoned U. S. military police, who arrested the two soldiers. American authorities were mum. A police official said the flag was put back up and that the porter was not hurt.

45th Infantry Division Clears Panama Canal

PANAMA, Panama, April 7.—(AP)—The 45th infantry division has cleared the Panama Canal on its way to Japan.

A U. S. army Caribbean headquarters announcement today did not give the date when the transit was completed. While in the Canal zone limited shore leave was granted the "Thunderbirds" from Oklahoma and Texas.

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Smelt Run Takes Temporary Lull

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—Hundreds of net fishermen dipped away at the Sandy river east of here today, but few brought up smelt.

The annual run of the small fish into the river dropped to a trickle.

So many turned out to try for smelt that traffic was slowed on the highway to Troutdale, but no traffic jams developed.

Observers said large schools of smelt were hovering about the mouth of the Sandy. They predicted the run would resume shortly.

Princess to Visit Italy

ROME, April 7.—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth and the duke of Edinburgh will fly here from Malta next Wednesday for a visit until April 24.

3-Cent Cigaret Tax Wins Committee Sanction

Legislators Set Up Machinery for Vet Bonus

Solons Complete 90th Day

By John H. White
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Legislative action was completed Saturday on the bill which sets up machinery to pay the state veterans bonus approved by the voters last November.

The senate unanimously approved the measure and sent it to the governor to climax a brief session.

Both houses quickly adjourned so that the joint ways and means committee could begin all-day consideration of major appropriations bills which are expected to be ready for final debate late this week.

Approval of these bills would be a major step toward ending the 1951 session, now only eight days short of the all-time record of 97 days set in 1949. Saturday was the 90th day of the legislature.

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Weather Helps Prospects for Blossom Day

The past week of warm weather apparently has assured one of the best displays of blossoms in years, Cherrian King Bing Dong Doerfler said yesterday in confirming the tentative date of next Sunday, April 15, as "Blossom Day."

Uniformed Cherrians are to be stationed at all strategic intersections along the blossom route to aid motorists. Doerfler said, and signs will be placed to clarify the route.

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Ridgway Says No Military End to War in Sight

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY FORWARD HEADQUARTERS, Sunday, April 8.—(AP)—There is no end in sight to the Korean war under present military conditions unless there is a political settlement, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, the U. S. Eighth army commander, said today.

"There is nothing transitory, nothing temporary about the communists' determination to destroy us completely," he said.

"This, for the communist leaders, is an all-out life or death struggle," he continued. "They have not varied their objectives. They may vary their tactics, timing strategy—but their objectives never."

Ridgway declared that the 8th army still held the initiative in the Korean fighting. He added he intended to keep the pressure on the reds.

Gen. MacArthur Stirs Growing Controversy in National Capital

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, straining at the United Nations leash in Korea, stirred up a growing controversy in the nation's capital today.

MacArthur himself indicated he favored this course in a letter read to the house by Republican Floor Leader Martin of Massachusetts last Friday.

On the other side of the fence, Senator Kerr (D-Okl.) lit into "MacArthur the Magnificent," as he called the general, and charged in a blistering statement that "his one-man act is wearing the patience of the rest of the team mighty thin."

"The time may be nearer than we think," Kerr said, "when the overall cost of keeping MacArthur as the theater commander will be greater than the value of his position with the Asiatics."

"Sometimes I fear that parts of what MacArthur is doing could get us deeper into war instead of successfully ending the one we are already in."

Security Said Hint Of Atomic Tests

HONOLULU, April 7.—(AP)—The army today classified as top secret the movements of Frank Pace, Jr., secretary of the army, who was due here today.

The sudden increase in military secrecy led to speculation that the new tests of atomic weapons at Eniwetok Island might be imminent.

Peace's departure for a two-week tour of the Pacific was announced in Washington earlier in the week. His itinerary was announced as including Hawaii, Wake Island, Guam, Tokyo, Korea and Manila.

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Plan Adds To Liquor Price-Tag

A three-cent cigarette tax and higher liquor prices, which would balance the state budget for two years, were slated Saturday on bills approved by the joint ways and means committee.

The proposals call for a \$3,000,000 increase in liquor price boosts—in the revenue budget of the state liquor control commission.

The cigarette tax would raise an estimated \$10,000,000 during the 1951-53 biennium.

Legislative approval of the bill apparently would erase the current budget deficit, which Sen. Dean Walker warned last week would result in a \$12,000,000 property tax during the next two years if no new taxes were approved.

But the legislature would still have to use \$32,000,000 of surplus income tax funds now on hand.

The cigarette tax would be subject to referendum attack. The state supreme court threw out a previous one, but their decision was based on a technicality.

Necessary liquor price increases would be left to the liquor control commission. William Hammond, commission administrator, said the liquor commission would not object to a price boost provided prices remain in line with adjustment states.

Hammond doubted that such an increase would reduce liquor sales as present. He presented figures which showed that Washington liquor prices are considerably higher than Oregon's while California and Idaho prices are about the same. Utah's are the highest in the west, Hammond said.

Bootlegging probably would not increase due to the proposed price boost and liquor law enforcement would not be hampered, Hammond also stated.

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Dates Set for Flax Festival at Mt. Angel

STATER NEWS SERVICE
MT. ANGEL, April 7.—The 1951 Oregon Flax festival will be held at Mt. Angel Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 10, 11 and 12, the festival committee decided Friday night.

Meeting with the committee was Peter F. Gores, president of the Business Men's club, which is official sponsor of the annual festival.

William Meissner is chairman of the committee and the other members are Otto Wellman, Harold Brenden, S. C. Schmitt and Al Dieker. Dieker was appointed one of the committee, refused to serve.

The proposed festival will be discussed more fully at the Business Men's meeting Monday night, April 9. As it is ladies night, the meeting will be held in St. Mary's dining hall instead of in Mt. Angel hotel.

Cylinder Rockets Through Cafe in Noon Hour Rush

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—A carbon dioxide cylinder exploded in a restaurant here today in the noon hour rush.

None of the 20 customers was injured, but the cylinder rocketed from the basement into the first floor and ripped a 4x10 hole in the flooring.

Damage to the restaurant, the Silk Hat, was estimated at \$2000.

The proprietor, Frank Cox, said police the tank was installed only a half hour earlier.

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