

Super-Bomber Crash Kills 23 In New Mexico

Death Toll Highest of 5 B-36 Crashes; Sandstorm Blamed

By Bill Rawlins and Steve Lowell
ALBUQUERQUE, May 6—(AP)—Twenty-three airmen died today in the flaming crash of a B-36 bomber on the outskirts of Albuquerque, N. Mex.

It was the fifth and worst crash of a B-36, largest U. S. bomber. The air force put its first B-36 into operation in August, 1946. Only two of the 25 men aboard the plane survive. They are badly injured.

The six-engine bomber crashed and burned at 12:30 p. m. (MST) in a blinding sandstorm on Kirtland air force base. The wreckage was scattered over 1,000 feet, barely two blocks from the municipal air terminal.

Minutes before the big craft had thundered low over the Albuquerque business area. It came in a circle to the right. Flashes burst out in the right outboard engine.

When the plane touched ground again, it exploded.

"I didn't want to look," Lt. William S. Knipple of Albuquerque said. "I turned my back."

Col. P. B. Griffith, commanding officer at Kirtland, said 22 of the men were killed in the crash. The other man died at nearby Sandia base hospital, where the injured were taken.

Like Burning Oil Field
"I looked out the window and it looked like a burning oil field," Col. Griffith said.

Many said they believed the wing of the craft dipped as the plane blew a jet pod just before the crash. The B-36 has four jet auxiliary engines in addition to its six pusher type propeller engines.

It took only five minutes for firemen to reach the scene, but their efforts were hampered by oil fire, which flashed to three other planes parked nearby. An air force C-54, a Beachcraft Bonanza and a Lockheed twin-engine transport were badly damaged.

WASHINGTON, May 6—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Marshall takes on the task tomorrow of defending administration policies which led to the removal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Marshall will be the leadoff man for the Pentagon and the White House in answering for a senate committee some of the questions raised by MacArthur's testimony on his concerted disagreement with the policy of "limited" war in Korea.

One thing nobody had any doubt: Marshall in testimony before the combined senate armed services and foreign relations committees will counter MacArthur's scathing three-day attack with the plea that the MacArthur way may well be the way in general war. That is the stated view of President Truman who fired MacArthur from his Far East command.

The deposed general's opposite view, restated countless times in the marathon stint on the witness stand which he completed late yesterday, is that world war III is more likely to grow out of failure to whip communist China completely in Korea.

MacArthur argued that stalemate there—or the "appeasement" of which he expressed fear—would look to Soviet Russia like a sign of western weakness and a signal to strike.

Against this the secretary of defense, Lt. Gen. MacArthur, veteran military man and five-star general, is expected to contend that the risk of setting off direct Russian intervention and general war would be increased by air operations over Manchuria, blockading China and using the nationalist Chinese troops from Formosa.

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Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

Center Street
Wreck Hurts 4

Four persons were injured and two 1951-model cars extensively damaged in a collision in the 4400 block of Center street Sunday afternoon.

Hospitalized were Beverly Straw, 12, face cuts, and Lois Straw, 15, both of 1035 Birchwood dr. Both were reported in "good" condition later at Salem General hospital.

Police said the girls were riding with Robert F. Darby, 63, 1505 Birchwood dr., who was treated for chest bruises.

Theodore P. Ediger, 18, Fruitland, was listed as the other driver. He also was bruised. Officers said the accident occurred when Darby started to turn off Center street as Ediger approached from the opposite direction.

Allies Widen Foothold in North Korea

Chinese Use New-Type Jet Night Fighter

TOKYO, Monday, May 7—(AP)—The Chinese are using a new type jet night fighter in the Korean air war.

Three of them made an appearance early Sunday when they attacked a lone B-26 returning from a night mission in northwestern Korea.

They followed the American plane approximately 20 minutes, making several ineffectual passes before breaking away.

It was the third appearance of the mysterious night flying communist jet, apparently Russian-made.

The air force is withholding further information about the jets until a more detailed description, based mostly on pilot reports, can be obtained.

One reason for the scarcity of information comes from the fact that in every case the new-type jets—possibly heavier than the familiar Mig 15 fighter—have attacked U. N. planes at night or in hours before dawn.

Nazi-Like Party Gains Strength In Reich Vote

HANNOVER, Germany, Monday, May 7—(AP)—A Nazi-like party led by former supporters of Adolf Hitler showed surprising strength yesterday in a West German state election.

Despite the showing by the militantly nationalistic neo-Nazi socialist reich party (SRP), the regular socialist party held its customary lead position in the balloting for the state parliament in lower Saxony, in the British occupation zone. The fascist group was in fourth place, disconcerting allied observers by winning 11 per cent of the total vote.

Complete official returns for all 10 parties showed:

Socialists, 1,123,068 votes, or 33.7 per cent of the total.
Christian democrats and the German party, campaigning together, 790,923, or 23.8 per cent.

Union of refugees (BME), 496,268.
Socialist reich party, 336,790; 11 per cent.
Free democrats, 278,269; 8.4 per cent.

Zentrum (Catholic center) party, 110,343; 3.3 per cent.
German reich party, 74,108; 2.2 per cent.

Communists, 61,371; 1.8 per cent of the total vote.
German social party, 26,040; 0.8 per cent.
German right party, 3,405; 0.1 per cent.

The socialist reich jumped up from well down among Lower Saxony's parties in previous elections with a campaign pledge to "restore the many good features of Nazism." It was the first time since the war that any party had dared openly to attempt such a campaign. Its success alarmed both allied and German government officials.

Commies Lose Seats
On Geneva City Council

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 6—(AP)—Provisional results of today's municipal elections in the canton of Geneva indicated that the communist (workers) party lost nine of its 24 seats on the Geneva city council. The new council will probably include 15 communists, with 46 seats going to the anti-communist parties.

King Farouk Signs Wedding Vows; Raises
17-Year-Old Commoner to Queen of Egypt

By Fred J. Zasy
CAIRO, Egypt, May 6—(AP)—King Farouk took beautiful Narriman Sadek to be his queen today and all Egypt celebrated with abandon the climax of the royal romance.

From Cairo's ancient citadel 101 salute guns boomed the announcement at 11 a. m. of the signing of the formal marriage contract at spacious Kubbeh Palace—a ceremony which in a twinkling raised the 17-year-old commoner to queen of Egypt.

Six hours later lovely Queen Narriman, wearing a diamond diadem and white Parisian wedding gown with a train 14 feet long and 70 feet around, drove in regal splendor from her mother's modest home to Abdin Palace for her first public appearance.

Tonight all Cairo was ablaze with lights and festivities in honor not only of the royal match but also of the 15th anniversary of the reign of Farouk I.

The 31-year-old king wore a

Wilson Asks States, Cities, Counties Get 'Clearances' Before Borrowing

Mountain Lion Acts Playful



SAN FRANCISCO, May 6—A trained mountain lion lavishes feline affection upon his master, Eddie Yost, after the animal was released by the police. Reports of a big, wild animal in a parked car in San Francisco, brought police to the scene where they found the big cat calmly surveying them through the car window. Car and mountain lion were taken to police station where Yost put in an appearance, stating he used the animal in television and pictures. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman)

Head-On Crash
Near Albany
Injures Four

ALBANY, May 6—Four persons are hospitalized here today as a result of a head-on auto collision last night three miles east of here.

Critically injured with a skull fracture is Clement W. Mullin, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement W. Mullin of Albany. Also hospitalized with face and head cuts are Mrs. Mullin and daughter, Rita May Mullin, 9.

Mullin was driving his car west toward Albany on the Albany-Lebanon highway about 10:30 p. m. Saturday when his car and one driven by Gerald Collier of Brooks route 1, collided, state police said.

Collier is in the Albany general hospital with face, jaw and right arm injuries. A passenger in the Collier car was William Reid, navy seaman, on leave from San Francisco. Both Mullin and Reid were treated for cuts and bruises but were not hospitalized.

Crop-Dusting
Plane Crash Fatal

HEPPNER, May 6—(AP)—A pilot was killed today while demonstrating how to spray crops over the Lexington airport, nine miles east of here.

The victim was Elmer Payne, 35, the father of two children. Witnesses said his plane, while stunting at about 100 feet, went into a roll and the motor stalled. The crash occurred about noon.

Fallen Wallet
Found Quickly
---Not by Owner

A Salem woman dropped her billfold and someone took it before she stooped to pick it up, police reported Sunday.

Mrs. Emily Dunn, 3083 Silverton rd., told officers she felt her billfold slip as she walked across a parking lot carrying a child. She decided to return the child a short distance to her car before retrieving the wallet. When she got back, it was gone.

Police said it was found later, minus \$25 cash.

Postal Unit on
Way to Ft. Lewis

Several members of the Salem's army postal unit, called to active duty recently, left for Fort Lewis, Wash., last night and the rest will leave Salem today.

Capt. S. B. Leslie, unit commander, said he and the other 13 members of the unit are to report at Fort Lewis at 1 p. m. today. About 135 attended a farewell party for the unit at Four Corners community hall Saturday night, sponsored by the postal clerks, carriers and supervisors' auxiliaries.

Thruways jammed the downtown squares to watch television shows of the festivities—the first telecasting done in Egypt.

Mobilization Chief Asks Vet Bonus Payments, Civic Construction Wait

WASHINGTON, May 6—(AP)—Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson took the unprecedented step tonight of calling on states, cities and counties to get "clearances" before undertaking any borrowing in excess of \$1,000,000.

The mobilization chief also asked that soldiers' bonus payments, war memorials, recreational and other "postponable" projects be put off for the duration of the defense emergency—at least where funds must be borrowed to pay for them.

There was a broad hint, too, that many road, school, water system, drainage and sewage construction projects—in fact all public works not urgently needed for health, safety or defense—should be given the same treatment.

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Weather		
	Max.	Min.
Salem	54	30
Portland	52	31
San Francisco	51	40
New York	49	30
Chicago	47	30

Willamette river 1.4 feet
Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with scattered showers this morning, partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Slightly warmer this afternoon with high near 68 and low tonight near 40.

Advance in Central Korea Takes Up Slack

By Don Huth
TOKYO, Monday, May 7—(AP)—Allied forces today broadened their bridgehead north of the 38th parallel on the east-central Korean front against light red resistance.

Fighting flared again on the central and tank-infantry fronts. Elsewhere allied tank-infantry patrols probed a 20-mile-deep no man's land without meeting major red forces.

AP Correspondent Robert E. Eason, at U. S. Eighth army headquarters, reported United Nations patrols crossing into North Korea southwest of Inje. Inje is about 23 miles inland from the east coast.

An Eighth army spokesman said a force of some 500 Korean reds was attacking on the eastern front, where allied positions have remained above the parallel.

On the central front, a series of sharp skirmishes blazed north of Chunchon. Eason reported U. N. forces were gradually rolling their lines forward, taking up slack.

American tanks pushed north of Uijongbu Sunday on the western front without finding any reds. Uijongbu is 11 miles north of Seoul, dubbed old South Korean capital.

Small Casualty Toll
The eighth army estimated red casualties Sunday at 570 killed or wounded with 23 prisoners taken. The small casualty figures underscored the lull in the warfronts Sunday.

Communist buildups of supplies and manpower continued in North Korea. But there was no sign of a resumption of red spring offensive that began April 22 and rolled almost to Seoul before it bogged down.

Eleven B-29 Superfortresses Sunday night struck heavily at a large red supply concentration at the west coast port of Chumungyo. The bomber strike was among about 1,000 sorties flown by allied fighters and bombers Sunday.

Army Retires
The bulk of the Chinese and North Korean red army units more than 300,000 men apparently had retired to cover.

Field dispatches filtering through close U. S. zigzag army censorship said the communists were making a last-minute effort to break the initiative after failure of their big spring offensive which began two weeks ago.

Unusually large truck movements behind enemy lines were noted, however, by U. S. 24th air force and Marine night fighters. The air force reported more than 300 enemy vehicles destroyed or damaged out of 3,465 sighted.

The ability of Chinese to hide was an old story, and the same indications that Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet's Eighth army was not failing for the past.

No General Advance
There were no references in field dispatches to any general allied advance. Patrol activity showed allied determination to hold the initiative, however.

Related accounts of the entrapment of three battalions of the U. S. 24th division two weeks ago were released by censors. The division fell back from positions north of the Chumungyo area after the reds drove a hole through a South Korean division on April 22.

The British 27th Commonwealth brigade plugged the breach long enough to permit the veteran 24th division to retire on the left flank and the U. S. First Marine division to retire on the right flank.

Force Identified
AP Correspondent Stan Carter identified the cutoff force as one artillery and two infantry battalions of the Fifth Regimental combat team. It took them 18 hours to fight their way to friendly lines.

"It seemed impossible," Capt. Fred Colter of Salem, Va., told Carter. "There wasn't a sign of a Chinaman; then all of a sudden there were swarms of them on the hills overlooking the road."

Pfc. Leland P. Michlek of Houston, Tex., who crawled over the bodies of dead Chinese to escape a deadly crossfire, said:

"They must be doped up to the eyeballs. They see our guns but walk straight into them. I held my ground until I could not hold fast enough to put them all down."

Moscow Claims
Video Invention

MOSCOW, May 6—(AP)—The Soviet press today claimed Russian inventors not only made the first radio in the world, but also the world in developing television, radio acoustics, radio navigation and radio location.

The newspaper Izvestia said Moscow has the most powerful television station in the world.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

Our public men are by no means infallible. The comment attributed to President Hoover in the depth of the depression that business would be "around the corner" in 90 days was used later as a taunt. President Roosevelt's 1932 promise to balance the budget became a joke. In recent years the file of famous bum guesses has grown much longer. We really can't take too seriously the prognostications of our leaders in public life. Wasn't it only last June that President Truman said the outlook for peace was the best it had been in five years? And within the month war broke out in Korea.

The U. S. News and World Report does a neat job of compiling wrong prophecies of the famous. I pick out a few of them:

1938. Prime Minister Chamberlain's report on Munich; "I believe it is peace for our time."

1939. Gen. MacArthur, field marshal of the Philippine army. A successful invasion of the Philippines would take "a half million men, ten billion dollars, tremendous casualties and three years' time."

1941. Herbert Hoover: "To invade Hitler's Europe... might take 40 million tons of ships to carry our army over the Atlantic. And they might not be able to land even then. It would take ten years to build those ships."

June 23, 1941. General Marshall: "It is conceivable that the Russians will collapse within a month."

Aug. 1, 1941. Sen. Taft: "My opinion is that the situation today... looks infinitely sater."

Dec. 1-6, 1941. Pres. Roosevelt: "A large Japanese force... proceeding southward by sea from Shanghai... strengthened the conviction of the American (Continued on editorial page, 4.)"

Salem Host to Inch of Rain

The Salem area got its heaviest soaking in 85 days during the week end.

Rain between 8 p. m. Saturday and 8 p. m. Sunday totaled 1.01 inches—the most here in 24 hours since February 10, the weather bureau reported.

Sunday marked the tenth straight day that rain has fallen in Salem. For today, scattered showers this morning and a slightly warmer afternoon are forecast.

Burglars Steal Cash Register, Get No Money

Burglars broke into the Pine inn, 4570 Portland rd., and stole an empty cash register late Sunday night, the sheriff's office reported.

Proprietors, who had taken the day's receipts from the machine on closing at 9:15 p. m., returned shortly before midnight and discovered the break-in.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"I thought I told you to put up the screens!"