

# Four Cremated as Runaway Gas Truck Rams 11 Autos

WURTSBORO, N. Y., July 8 (AP)—A giant trailer truck, its brakes gone, careened down a steep Catskill mountain road today and crashed into 11 automobiles.

One of the injured, Ted Levy of Brooklyn, suffered severe burns helping rescue the victims.

The mass collision took place on busy state highway 17, the main route between New York City and the Monticello-Liberty resort area. Wurtsboro is about 85 miles northwest of New York City in Sullivan county.

The tractor-trailer type truck

was loaded with cylinders of propane gas, but they did not explode.

Instead, police said, the big vehicle's fuel supply caught fire as it careened against the first of a long line of passenger cars, caught in its path like sitting ducks.

Fire quickly enveloped the truck and at least four of the cars.

Many of the deaths and injuries were due to the flames.

One of the cars was a taxi cab from New York City owned, state police said, by the Ceader's Parkway Mountain lines of Brooklyn.

Three of the dead, burned be-

young recognition, were in the taxi, although its driver, Ben Levine of Brooklyn, escaped injury. The victims were also from Brooklyn.

The big truck, owned by Anita Oshinski of Maplewood, N. J., was starting down a mile-long grade when it went out of control.

State police said the truck lost its air pressure so that it had no brakes. Some eyewitnesses said the brakes seemed to be smoking.

The truck rushed down the mountain road, gathering speed.

Many of the cars it ripped into were, like the truck, bound in the direction of New York City.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

A great shift in sources of revenue for local units of government has been taking place. For years governing bodies of cities and school districts complained that they were limited to property taxes as a source of revenue. And property owners protested vigorously against the imposts levied upon them. The steady agitation has borne fruit. Although the property owner still struggles under tax loads that continue to increase, the taxing districts are finding more than one tax-leg to stand on. Some have become almost centipedal, in fact.

For example in the budget for the City of Salem, with a total estimated receipts for this fiscal year of about \$2,500,000, exclusive of bond revenue income, only \$636,700 is counted on from general and special property tax levies. Other sources of income are fines, license fees, sewer service charges, city share of highway and liquor revenues. Some departments are self-supporting like the water bureau.

The Portland city budget shows a grand total of \$27,000,000 in anticipated revenues of which only \$9,000,000 will be derived from property tax levies. There business and professions pay license taxes.

School districts expect to get about half their revenues from the state, none of which for this year at least will come from property taxes, though the county school fund will.

Counties get a substantial sum from the funds collected for highway purposes and a small amount from liquor receipts. They also share in receipts from national forests and O & C lands. But counties still depend chiefly on property taxes for their income.

Legislators in state and city have been digging up new means of raising revenues. Still the general complaint arises that not enough money is provided. The one who can invent some new way of plucking the tax goose without evoking squawks will be welcome in every legislative hall in the land.

## Many Hundred Hear Concert

A warm evening crowd of several hundred persons greeted Salem municipal band's first concert of the summer Sunday night in Wilson park.

A second program will be played Thursday at 8 p.m. in the park. Provided by the Recording and Transcription Trust fund of New York, the two concerts will be all this summer unless the city council includes an appropriation in the annual budget at tonight's meeting. The fund was left out, but is expected to be reconsidered.

Maurice W. Brennen led in a varied program last night.

## Bright Spot Near Moon

Just Star, Not Saucer

The clear air Sunday gave the Salem area a good view of a bright spot near the moon which later, gratifyingly, turned into the evening star rather than a flying disc.

The phenomenon is reportedly common at this time of year, with the planet Venus as the evening star, but calls to newspapers and weather bureau are numerous as to its cause.

### THE WEATHER

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	84	49	.00
Portland	82	48	.00
San Francisco	71	48	.00
Chicago	78	64	8.61
New York	88	75	.00

Willamette River — 3.8 feet

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today and tonight with little change in temperature. High today near 88; low tonight near 50.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal  
43.94 63.69 37.14

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



My dear, your biscuits are delicious!

## Hurricane Winds Lash at Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE, July 8 (AP)—Winds of hurricane force, combined with heavy rain and hail, ripped into Wisconsin Saturday night and early today, leveling hundreds of buildings, uprooting trees and tearing down communication and power lines.

The storm left in its wake one dead and at least four injured. Many sections of the state, lashed by winds as high as 88 miles an hour, were without light and power all of today. Unofficial estimates of damage run as high as a million dollars.

The only fatality reported was Otto Gutknecht, 83, Rockfield, who died of a heart attack at the height of the storm as wind blew over a barn on the farm where he lived.

The Wisconsin Telephone Co. reported 4,500 telephones were put out of service in the state and 300 long distance circuits developed trouble.

### Church Destroyed

Trees and branches falling against buildings, autos and wires caused the most damage, but lightning, especially in the Madison area, was blamed for much destruction.

Our Lady of the Woods Catholic church, across Lake Mendota from Madison, was completely destroyed by fire during the storm. Firemen said the 70-year-old structure was hit by lightning.

Worst damage reported so far was in Rusk county, in northwestern Wisconsin, and in the Madison area.

Residents of Rusk county said at least 30 farm barns had been demolished. Many buildings were uprooted, including two school buildings, a large locker plant and a garage in Ladysmith.

### Hangers Carried Away

Two hangers were destroyed at the Rusk County airport, and four airplanes smashed. One hanger was ripped from its foundations and carried to a nearby highway. A plane remained inside through the trip.

In Lafayette county, in the southwestern part of the state, heavy rains deluged farm lands for more than 14 hours. The down-pour forced the Pecatonica river over its banks at Darlington, putting practically the entire town of about 2,000 under some water. The Pecatonica, which has a flood stage of 10 feet, stood at 15.8 feet this afternoon.

Wind gusts as high as 88 miles an hour blew out windows in the control tower at the airport at the state's capital city at Madison. A city's power supply was knocked out.

## Control Voting In House Today

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The house starts voting on economic controls extension tomorrow with the administration fighting uphill on nearly every front in its effort to keep strong curbs.

The big battles promise to come over these two issues:

1. An amendment sponsored by the agriculture committee to prohibit all price rollbacks on farm products, rescinding even the live beef cut of 10 per cent already in effect.
2. A proposal by the labor committee to revise the makeup of the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB), so as to give public members control, and to take away the WSB's authority to handle labor disputes.

In addition there is strong sentiment among some of the lawmakers to kill the whole program of direct controls on the economy, or at least to loosen the reins drastically.

## Gov. Dewey at Pusan

PUSAN, Korea, July 8 (AP)—New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey arrived from Tokyo today for a tour of the war fronts.

## Wiesbaden, Germany, July 8

(AP)—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, U. S. air force chief of staff, arrived today on a visit to American air headquarters in Europe.

## They Carried Envoys to Kaesong . . .

SEUL, July 8—Crewmen pose before one of the helicopters which carried the three United Nations envoys for preliminary truce conference with reds. The helicopter, an H-19, transported the three officers. A smaller plane carried mechanics and communications equipment. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo to The Statesman).

## Jet Show Watched By Stalin

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The air show, postponed from last Sunday because of bad weather, took place at Tushino airport, a Moscow's outskirts, with Prime Minister Stalin watching from a balcony of the Chkalov Air club.

At his side were W. M. Molotov, Georgi M. Malenkov and Lavrenti P. Beria, vice chairmen of the council of ministers, several other politburo members and leaders of the Soviet armed forces.

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## Four Injured In 2-Car Crash At Intersection

Four persons were injured, none seriously, in a two-car collision Sunday evening at Fifth and Market streets, city police reported.

Mrs. Ethel Sundvall, Salem route 8 box 794, most seriously injured, was listed in "good" condition at Salem General hospital where she was resting last night with chest bruises, attendants said.

Others injured were her two small sons, Leonard Sundvall, 7, with head cuts and Lynn Sundvall, bruises on the right leg, and Floyd LeRoy Nulkey, 4310 N. River rd., driver of the other car, puncture wounds on the left forearm, police reported.

Mrs. Sundvall's husband, LeRoy Julius Sundvall, driver of that car, was not injured.

Both autos suffered fairly heavy damage, according to the police report. Sundvall's car was damaged on the left side and rear while the car driven by Nulkey was damaged in the front end. Neither driver was cited.

All injured were taken to Salem General hospital by City Ambulance service and the city first aid car for treatment. Only Mrs. Sundvall was kept for rest and observation.

## Sheridan Man Dies in River

McMINNVILLE, July 8 (AP)—Glen Wahus, 19, an air force corporal who was married less than a week ago, drowned today in the Yamhill river near here.

He was on emergency leave from Forbes air base, Kansas, to visit his father, a patient in the Portland Veterans' hospital.

He was swimming with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Aurora, and his wife, Donna Lou, at the time of the accident.

His home was in Sheridan.

## Woman Hurt in Fall From Moving Auto

Mrs. Wade (Violet) Tucker, formerly of Independence, was slightly injured Saturday night when she fell out of a car on the Monmouth — Independence highway. State Patrolman Leonard Crisler reported.

She was taken to Dallas hospital for treatment and released Sunday morning. The car was driven by her husband, Crisler said. They were said to be living now at Elk City, near Toledo.

## LOS ALAMOS FIRE CHECKED

LOS ALAMOS, July 8 (AP)—A fire which endangered buildings housing top-secret atomic work and destroyed 75 acres on the fenced Los Alamos project is under control. The fire broke out Saturday and for a time was licking its way towards laboratories, cradle of the atom bomb.

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## Allies Claim Victory in Big Battle of Jets

By Stan Carter

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Monday, July 9 (AP)—Swarms of communist vehicles jammed North Korean roads last night, only a few hours after completion of arrangements for cease-fire talks aimed at ending the year-old war.

Aerial observers counted nearly 3,000 vehicles moving in all directions on all main roads.

In the war's southernmost major jet battle, just north of the reds' capital of Pyongyang, allied pilots chalked up another victory Sunday morning. They downed three Russian-type MIG jets and damaged two with no loss to themselves, the U. S. fifth air force said.

### Planes Escape Trap

A thirty-two U. S. Sabre jets and a photo plane escaped unharmed Sunday afternoon from a trap set by more than 60 MIGs over northeast Korea.

The Pyongyang radio asserted three U. S. planes were downed Sunday.

On the ground, United Nations forces launched two limited objective attacks against red resistance that ranged from light to heavy.

South of Kumsong, on the central front, the allies advanced 3,000 yards against stiff resistance.

Another allied force, northeast of Yangu on the east central front, advanced 3,000 yards to within half a mile of its hill objective, but withdrew before a fierce red counterattack at dusk.

### Allies Probe Front

Elsewhere, allied soldiers kept Chinese and North Korean forces off balance with aggressive patrols that probed deep into no man's land.

The air battle was fought little more than 100 air miles from Kaesong, where the cease-fire preparatory talks were held.

The fight shaped up when 15 to 20 MIGs jumped 32 propeller-driven F-51 Mustangs returning from a mass low-level strike on the Kangdong airfield, about 20 miles northeast of Pyongyang.

The Mustangs radiated a large flight of Sabre jets in the vicinity. As the American jets streaked in, the red planes tried to break off and head north for the safety of their Manchurian bases. The Sabre jets followed as fast as they could before low fuel forced them to swing south.

In the red "trap" late Sunday afternoon, thirty-two Sabre jets and an RF-80 photo jet in the Sinju area were attacked by about twelve MIGs.

As the Sabres prepared to attack the twelve red jets, pilots observed 30 more MIGs circling above them, ready for a diving attack. The Americans headed southward immediately.

## America Hopeful For Korean Truce, Fears New Threats

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—State department officials appeared reasonably hopeful today that this week's armistice talks at Kaesong will lead eventually to a cease-fire in Korea. They remain deeply concerned about how and where the Kremlin will strike next in the east-west conflict.

In the grand strategy of this world-wide struggle, Russia seems at the moment to have been forced on the defensive all along the line. It is therefore expected that the reds shortly will try to find some new place for aggressive action by either military or diplomatic means.

The official willingness of the communist high command to go along with the armistice talks is regarded here as a touch-minded adjustment of the reds to reality, not an indication of any basic change in their overall aims or character. The reality as American policy makers see it is that the communists found, because of United Nations military power, they would have to pay a higher price than they were willing to pay to spread communism throughout Korea by force; hence they are willing to negotiate for an end to the fighting.

### Next Move May Be on Diplomatic Level

Some authorities here think it likely that Moscow will decide on a diplomatic move as the next major play in the struggle. If so, it is believed that Russia may in the near future accept the pending invitation of the United States, Britain and France for a meeting of the big four foreign ministers in Washington this summer.

Such a development would give Moscow a new opportunity to attack western power unity, try to delay western rearmament and promote its own peace propaganda line. The peace angle would fit nicely with Russia's role, built up in the past two weeks, as a peacemaker in Korea.

Should the Kremlin's choice go to the use of force, which officials here consider unlikely but possible at the moment, or should the truce talks turn out to be merely a cover for a Chinese military buildup in Korea, then the question before officials is what are the danger points where military action might flare up.

Iran heads the list of these because of its strategic position, oil resources and internal weakness, now accentuated by the oil nationalization dispute with Britain.

### Many Danger Areas Reds May Exploit

There are other danger areas which the reds could seek to exploit, depending on their priority of projects and what they think they might get by with at any particular time. Among these are Germany, Yugoslavia, and southeast Asia, where the Indochina war goes on and could be rapidly expanded if the Soviets and Chinese wished.

The point is that while attention is currently fixed on obtaining peace in Korea, this project is regarded at the White house and in the state and defense departments as merely one part, however important it may be, of the overall pattern of conflict with Russia. It is this point of view which has caused top administration officials to stress repeatedly in recent days that the greatest danger to the western world and the greatest gain for Soviet communism which could come out of Korean peace-making would be a letdown in the rearmament program and the general drive for greater strength and unity throughout the free world.

## Ridgway Flies To Seoul for Parley Check

SEUL, Korea, Monday, July 9 (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway took off from Tokyo today for Seoul to be close by for consultations when his five-man negotiating team meets with the reds at Kaesong tomorrow to discuss a Korean cease-fire.

The supreme allied commander left Tokyo by plane in company of the chief negotiator, Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, who planned to confer each day with Ridgway after the Kaesong sessions.

This was the first disclosure that General Ridgway planned to make himself more available for the conferences aimed at trying to end the year-old war.

### Armed Reds on Guard

Cool and at times argumentative liaison officers of the reds and allies met Sunday in Kaesong, a city the allies had called a no-man's land but which had armed red soldiers in its streets.

The officers agreed to open high-level armistice talks at Kaesong tomorrow.

Circumstances of the Sunday meeting resulted in a bitter protest at Seoul today by the allied corps of correspondents. They argued that barring them from Sunday's meeting while red news representatives were present gave the communists a propaganda victory. The allied correspondents also charged the military had misled them on Kaesong's status.

The upshot was a plan, yet to be approved, for allied correspondents to be present at Kaesong Tuesday.

The chief allied liaison officer said the mission Sunday was a "100 per cent success" in arranging for the high level conference.

But one allied representative said several disagreements had to be ironed out at this first meeting and indicated there were times when he thought the talks would fall through.

The conference, meeting in a house on Kaesong's north side, did not shake hands. Nor did they salute. The allies declined red offers of vodka and beer.

The allied delegation flew to Kaesong, three miles south of parallel 38 in western Korea, in two helicopters, landing at a red-marked area which was under armed communist guard.

### Plans Unannounced

Tuesday's armistice talks — of a duration not yet determined — will open in the same one-rich Korean home where liaison groups met Sunday.

Travel plans for the envoy have not been announced. Nor has any time been announced for the meeting to begin.

Kinney refused to go into detail regarding the Sunday talks, but said the tone of the parley was one of military courtesy.

"That's a cold way of not being exactly hostile," he explained to a press conference.

"There was plenty of disagreement at times. There were many points that were not understood. A meeting of the minds had to be reached, and was reached," he said. He refused to be more specific.

### Reds Offer Food

He identified the top red negotiator as a Colonel Chang of the North Korean army. Chang did most of the red talking. A Lieutenant Colonel Chai, who represented the Chinese, had a small voice in the proceedings. A Lieutenant Colonel Kim of the North Korean army kept entirely silent.

Kinney's fellow members were Col. J. G. Murray, U. S. marine corps, and Col. Soo Young Lee, of the Republic of Korea army.

The pilots, who stayed with their planes, said the reds made no menacing gestures however. Four of them even approached the pilots and offered candy, cookies, North Korean beer and sake.

## Burglar Gets Good Supply Of Swim Suits

Someone should be well supplied with bathing suits, city police opine.

Three dozen assorted men's, women's and children's swim suits were reported stolen from the Chin-Up Club Rummage store at 427 Ferry st., among \$45 worth of clothing missed in a weekend checkup.

The inventory followed a police report that the door was found unlocked after hours during routine door-check by patrolmen.

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Western International  
At Salem 8-2, Spokane 1-1  
At Tacoma 2-4, Vancouver 2-3  
At Tri-City 5, Wenatchee 2  
At Yakima 3-7, Victoria 6-3

Coast League  
At Hollywood 3-1, Portland 5-0  
At San Francisco 6-3, Seattle 11-3  
At San Diego 6-4, Oakland 5-3  
At Sacramento 2-4, Los Angeles 1-0

American League  
At Boston 4, New York 3  
At St. Louis 4, Chicago 3  
At Detroit 3-2, Cleveland 8-9  
At Washington 2-4, Philadelphia 1-0

National League  
At Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 6  
At New York 3, Boston 2  
At Pittsburgh 6-4, St. Louis 2-0  
Cincinnati at Chicago, postponed, rain.