

Girl Stowaways Travel to Guam On B-29, Find No Grass Shacks

GUAM (AP) — Two girl stowaways who traveled the 6,000 miles from California to Guam in an Air Force B-29 finally gave themselves up because they couldn't find even a grass shack to live in on this far Pacific island.

But they don't want to go home.

"It's wonderful," exclaimed Marie McDaniel, 26, Walnut Grove, Calif.

Good Posture



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Madeleine Castle, 19, (above) has been chosen by a committee of the International Chiropractors Association as "Miss Good Posture of 1952" in connection with Good Posture Week, May 1-7. Madeleine, a native of St. Petersburg, Fla., measures up to the strict requirements of plumb line posture, says the association. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Situation at Michigan Pen Said 'Better'

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams reported Sunday the situation "is improving gradually" at riot-damaged Southern Michigan Prison.

The governor made a quick trip here to check on efforts to restore order in the big prison. He said he agreed with prison guards they still needed state troopers as armed escorts as they continued "shaking down" the inmates for hidden weapons.

Many prison guards on the afternoon shift Saturday refused to enter cellblocks "until we get adequate armed protection."

A five-day mutiny at the prison ended late Thursday.

Dr. Vernon Fox, prison psychologist who helped negotiate peace terms, was removed Saturday night as assistant deputy warden inside the prison and assigned to other duties. Fox had been officially reprimanded for making a speech to the mutineers congratulating them on winning their reform demands.

"We would like to stay and work if they would let us," said her companion, Maxine Allen, 23, Tacoma, Wash.

Both are in custody of immigration officials.

How do two girls travel to the far reaches of the Pacific in a sleek Superfortress as unpaid guests of the Air Force? Well, it takes a bit of doing and it doesn't hurt if you know a couple of guys.

The Air Force was holding two airmen, Dewey H. Meeks, Greenwood, Miss., and Robert L. Quick, Rifle, Colo., for investigation.

This is the story the girls told: They donned flying togs, tucked their hair under baseball style caps and hid last week in the rear of the plane at McClellan Field, Sacramento. Their gear, stuffed into pillow cases, was stowed away in the plane's bomb bay.

At Hickam Air Base, Hawaii, they remained hidden overnight aboard the plane.

At tiny Kwajalein, busy air crossroads in the Marshall Islands, they slipped down to the beach and washed in the warm tropical waters.

Enroute to Guam, they shared box lunches with their two airmen friends.

They slipped off the plane at Guam—with their friends.

But Guam didn't pan out as an idyllic Pacific island. It is too civilized and crowded for grass shacks. And empty houses or Quonset huts weren't to be had. Authorities were dumbfounded when the four surrendered Saturday by telephone, and then showed up to prove it wasn't just a gag.

NATO Favors Gruenther as Ike Successor

PARIS (AP)—European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization want an American to succeed Gen. Eisenhower — and they prefer Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther but will accept Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

The process of choosing a new supreme commander gets under way here Monday and the choice may be known Tuesday.

The Associated Press has checked the countries involved, either through their representatives in Paris or through home officials. Except for Britain, all those polled and willing to express a preference named Gruenther as first choice. The London report said "American sources feel Ridgway has an edge among British officials."

Most of them said that even though they preferred Gruenther, who is Eisenhower's chief of staff, they would not hesitate to accept Ridgway, the U. C. commander in Japan.

None of them expect or want other than an American in the job when Eisenhower goes home about June 1 to the United States, where he is being boomed for the Republican presidential nomination.

ITALIAN DRIVER WINS MARSEILLES (AP)—Albert Ascarl of Italy, driving a two-liter Ferrari, won the second Grand Prix de France Sunday. Ascarl, who also won the first Grand Prix at Pau two weeks ago, covered approximately 223 miles during the race for an average speed of about 74 miles per hour.

Correspondent Weds General



NOVATO, Calif. — War Correspondent Marguerite Higgins and Maj. Gen. William Hall are all smiles as they honeymoon at Novato, Calif. They were married in Reno, Nevada, April 24. Miss Higgins, who spent many months in Korea as a war correspondent, is 39 and now an author, lecturer and television commentator. General Hall, 46, is the 4th Air Force commander at Hamilton Field, Calif. The couple met in Berlin during the Soviet blockade of the German city and the Allied airlift. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Faint Signs of 'Draft Truman' Move Seen in Democrat Ranks

WASHINGTON (AP)—First faint signs of a "draft Truman" movement have turned up within the Democratic Party.

They are growing like a spring radish, out of the difficulty the "Fair Deal" wing of the party has encountered in nurturing any candidate for the nomination who stacks up as a strong contender against Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee.

The Truman draft movement could flower somewhat at a meeting here next month of Americans for Democratic Action. Truman will address the group at a May 17 banquet.

Despite Handicaps Even with the handicap of a threatened Southern Democratic revolt and the fire that is directed on scandals within his administration, the President is still regarded by many Democrats as the strongest candidate they could put up.

Some of the Democrats who are talking in whispers about a draft movement are saying that if the President could be convinced it is his duty to the party to run again, he might change his mind. Only Truman knows what he would do if the Chicago convention should nominate him again despite what he has said.

Convention Move No such pure draft is likely to take place. But unless some candidate arises to challenge Kefauver, who keeps winning primaries and collecting delegates, a strong movement could get under way at the convention, particularly if Truman addresses the delegates. He has said he does not plan to attend.

The assertion by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois that he "could not accept a presidential nomination hasn't been taken at its face value by all Democrats. But those who know him best are convinced Stevenson means what he says."

If he wins re-election as Illinois governor next November and the Democratic presidential candidate loses, Stevenson becomes about the biggest man in the party. He is young and can afford to wait.

Outside of Stevenson, the wing of Northern Democrats who call themselves liberals hasn't been able to find an outstanding candidate.

ANOTHER NOTCH ALBUQUERQUE (INS)—An hour after the city safety chairman told his committee that municipal employe accidents should be reduced, motorcycle Patrolman John Moore spilled his two-wheeler trying to avoid a car and raised the total another notch.

Girl Receives Transfusions; Family Held

ODESSA, Tex. (AP)—Blood flowed into the veins of critically-injured Grace Marie Olliff Sunday—but only after her protesting father and brothers were arrested and dragged from her hospital room.

She received the first pint of "multiple transfusions" ordered by doctors at the Medical Center Hospital here. They said the 20-year-old girl from near-by Midland was "near death" from her week-old injuries received in a car accident.

A doctor who talked to her said that she agreed to the transfusions. He said she was rational when she regained consciousness Sunday.

The girl's father and two brothers have protested the blood transfusion on religious grounds. They are members of the sect, Jehovah's Witnesses. They claim the injured girl is also a member.

However, hospital doctors said she answered "no" when they asked her Sunday if she was a Jehovah's Witness.

William Olliff, 51, of Midland, and the two brothers, John, 27, and Ben, 23, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., were arrested by sheriff's deputies before the blood transfusion equipment could be set up in the girl's room.

The three men have alternated guarding the door to her room since last Monday. They said they wouldn't allow a transfusion "until officers come and arrest us."

The girl was injured in a head-on automobile accident last Sunday in which four other persons were killed. Her father said the objection to the transfusion was principally because "it would be a violation of the Scriptures of the Bible to tamper with the blood."

Reds Retreat In Indochina

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — The French high command said Sunday a new operation against Vietminh forces in Cochinchina is making favorable progress.

A communique said French and Viet Nam forces were progressing through an immense forest, crosscut with marshes, in an area north of Tay Ninh, 55 miles northwest of Saigon. Just to the south are big rice plantations recently threatened by raids from Communist-led Vietminh groups.

Vietminh terrorists blew up two gasoline tanks of the Shell Oil Corporation Saturday night at Beinh Hoa, 20 miles northeast of Saigon. Nearly 132,000 gallons of gasoline were destroyed.

9 Korea Reds Surrender

TOKYO (AP) — The Navy announced Sunday nine Korean Reds stole a small fishing boat Saturday and surrendered to U. S. warships off the northeast Korean Coast.

The incident was reported by the heavy cruiser St. Paul. The cruiser and the destroyer John W. Thomason were shelling Communist shore installations when crewmen noticed the small boat approaching, a white flag waving in the breeze.

The report did not indicate whether the Koreans were soldiers or civilians.

Valley Births

Statesman News Service SHERIDAN — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kropp of Harrisburg are the parents of a daughter, Judith Marlene, born April 17. Mrs. Kropp is the former Iris Evers of Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Sackett of Portland are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Martin, born April 20 at the Portland sanitarium.

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Toastmistress Conclave Ends

The Northwest Regional Toastmistress Club convention ended at Salem after the installation of Mrs. Jean Cochran of Seattle as new regional supervisor.

Mrs. Cochran, who was installed at a breakfast Sunday morning, succeeds Mrs. H. S. Stevenson of Bozeman, Mont.

During the Saturday evening banquet the 218 delegates and guests listened to the speech contest which was won by Mrs. J. B. Mast of Bozeman, Mont., victor over nine other competitors. She will compete in the national contest this summer in Chicago.

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