

Helicopters Rescue Crew Of Split Ship

By STAN SWINTON
LEGHORN, Italy (U) — Four U. S. Navy helicopters started Tuesday in the final act of a drama of the sea, removing the last of 39 crewmen of a broken, storm-swept U. S. supply ship to safety after 36 tense hours of rescue operations.

The helicopters snatched 13 crewmen from the wave-lashed decks of the Grommet Reefer and flew them to shore. Breeches-buoy and small boat operations earlier had rescued 23 of their fellow sailors, and three others swam ashore.

True to the tradition of the sea, the last to leave the 3,800-ton Navy refrigerated ship was her skipper, Capt. Henry P. Saukant, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A helicopter set him down in safety just 36 hours after the ship, battered by gusts of wind up 100 miles an hour, crashed on the rocks in Leghorn harbor and broke in two.

The 39 crew members, all civilians, were in good health. Fortunately, muttering prayers of thanks, they took hot baths and tumbled into beds in the U. S. Army hospital here to rest. Some were treated for exposure effects.

The four helicopters which arrived for the climactic stage of the rescue came from the U. S. aircraft carriers Midway and Leyte.

The helicopters circled the stern of the wrecked vessel, 200 yards offshore. Each helicopter hovered briefly over the severed stern, lowered a wire and pulled it upward with a man aboard.

The blades whirled and the helicopter flew its prize to a Leghorn soccer field. One by one, each man was carried ashore.

Alfred Withee Succumbs to Short Illness

Alfred E. Withee, 42, of Salem, employe of the State Department of Vocational Guidance, died Monday in Madison Army Hospital at Ft. Lewis, Wash., after a short illness. Withee underwent a serious operation at the hospital about a month ago. He was born at Missoula, Mont., July 17, 1910 and attended the University of Montana. During World War II he was a lieutenant in an intelligence division at the Hawaii Air Depot.

Prior to coming to Salem in 1951 he had been employed by the State Highway Commission at Coquille and Astoria.

He is survived by his widow, Ann, at the family residence, 5135 Will Ave.; mother, Mrs. Jennie Withee of Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Ethel Withee of Portland and Mrs. A. S. Wyman of McNary.

Funeral services will take place Dec. 18 at 2:30 p. m. at the Finley Funeral Chapel in Portland. Interment will follow at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Citizen McKay To Address Basin Meeting

Douglas McKay—private citizen, for a while—is scheduled to attend his first meeting as ex-governor of Oregon less than an hour after he resigns this morning.

For a long time, he's been on the program to head the annual meeting of the Willamette Basin Project committee, on the subject of "Oregon's Interest in the Willamette Basin Project."

His interest in the project began when he was a private citizen, continued as governor and will go on when he becomes head of the conservation-minded U. S. Interior Department.

The committee meeting is from 9:30 to 3 p. m. Featured speakers also will include Brig. C. H. Chorpene, Washington, D. C., assistant chief of Army engineers for civil works.

Actress Drops Divorce, Weds

LOS ANGELES (U) — Movie Actress Helen Gilbert's divorce suit against her sixth husband was dropped from the court calendar Tuesday. She did not appear to prosecute it, and her attorney said she had wed another man.

He is M. O. Bryant, her associate in a Hollywood restaurant. Miss Gilbert, 35, filed the suit last March against James E. Durant, 48, Nevada casino manager. She charged cruelty and asked \$500 monthly alimony.

Durant notified the court he had obtained a divorce in Phoenix, Ariz. For a time the actress contended the Arizona decree was invalid.

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Paralyzed Woman Becomes Mother

JOHNSON CITY, N. Y. (U) — A young mother completely paralyzed by polio since September has given birth to a 3-pound, 12-ounce girl and both are doing well, doctors said Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Webber, 23, was removed from her iron lung for 30 minutes Dec. 3 for the birth by Caesarian section, Wilson Memorial Hospital said. The hospital said it had withheld the news because it had feared for the lives of both.

Soldier Guards Give Details of POW Rioting

By SAM SUMMERLIN
PONGAM ISLAND, Korea (U) — U. S. soldier guards told Tuesday how they quelled an uprising Sunday by 4,500 Red prisoners who roared Communist songs in a glassy-eyed, unceasing heedless of a storm of gunfire.

Before order was restored after 55 furious minutes, 84 prisoners had been killed or mortally wounded in the deadliest riot of all those that have broken out in prison compounds this year.

Another 118 prisoners and two American and three South Korean soldiers were injured.

The riot brought it on themselves, said "Lt. Col. George P. Miller, camp commander. "They tested our strength and lost."

Miller told visiting respondents "the uprising was an attempt at a mass breakout. The plot had been discovered when a man from a prisoner compound intercepted recently, he added.

Scene of Rioting
This small island off the southwest coast of Kije Island—scene of bloody prison riots last February—houses 9,200 pro-Communist North Koreans. But only six compounds housing 4,500 prisoners to k part.

Miller and the guards reported that the trouble began at about 12:30 p. m. Sunday when prisoners in Compound F broke out with Communist songs.

That said Miller, was the starting signal and prisoners in five nearby compounds joined the singing, creating a din which Miller called tremendous.

Arms Locked
Prisoners in Compound F lined up in three rows in front of their barracks with arms locked. The barracks are on a rocky terrace 20 feet above the remainder of the compound and the gate.

Miller ordered a platoon (40 men) of the U. S. Ninth Military Police group to surround the compound and South Korean soldiers into the compound below the terrace.

The prisoners answered orders to stop with a hail of stones that fell among the guards below.

Miller said the eyes of the prisoners were glazed as if hypnotized by the singing, adding that "it is impossible to convey to you the state of frenzy."

Gas Useless
Gas grenades were useless in the wind, and Miller said he ordered a volley of shotgun fire but the wounded kept right on singing and the other "lifted the wounded as they fell."

As the guards continued with rifles and carbines in Compound F, prisoners in nearby Compound B jammed into the compound courtyard and "were about ready to force the gate or fences," Miller said.

Miller said he ordered South Koreans in a tower overlooking the compound to open up with a light machine gun. Many prisoners fell, and the escape attempt collapsed then, Miller said.

The rioting prisoners were originally classified as prisoners of war. Although pro-Communists, they were not regular members of the North Korean Army and later were reclassified as civilian captives. All have said they want to return to Red rule after an armistice.

Black Market Lands Russian Girl in Prison

MOSCOW (U) — The People's Court sentenced cigarette-smoking Rosa Martynova, a member of the Communist Youth League, to five years in prison Tuesday for buying articles at Moscow stores and reselling them at a profit.

Komsomol Pravda, the league newspaper, made a case study of how Rosa fooled her closest friends at the factory where she worked and led a double life.

Rosa used to smoke. Communist Youth League members are supposed to lead a clean personal life, neither smoking, drinking nor gambling. Given a hint by the secretary of the factory youth unit, Rosa agreed she should not smoke, but nevertheless continued to puff away in private.

Rosa was asked by a friend to get some special material for a suit, and Rosa obliged. Gradually, Rosa broadened the circle for whom she did favors and finally went around "offering her wares."

"So began the life of crime," commented Komsomol Pravda.

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SOMEWHERE IN KOREA—(FHTNC)—Accepting her fate as an orphan of war, "Miss Hap," a two-week old Korean kitten, chows down on canned milk piped to her by medicine dropper with the help of Marine Sgt. Frank Praytor of Birmingham, Ala. The Marine adopted the kitten after its mother was killed by a mortar barrage near Bunker Hill. The name, "Miss Hap," Praytor explained, was given the kitten, "because she was born at the wrong place at the wrong time."

(Official U.S. Navy Photograph—FHTNC)



Also misplaced were these youngsters—children of some 70 refugees from a North Korean fishing village—who grin with delight as they face their first real meal in many days. Crew members aboard the destroyer USS Cunningham, such as D. H. Bartley, engineman first class, USN, of Fort Wayne, Ind., were pressed into service to pass out huge portions of steaming rice and scrambled eggs to some very grateful customers.

(Official U.S. Navy Photograph—FHTNC)

Hildebrandt Heads Jaycees At Woodburn

Statesman News Service
WOODBURN — Louis Hildebrandt was elected president of the Woodburn Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, succeeding Philip Bronson.

Other new officers elected at the meeting in the city library include Gilbert Ramage, first vice-president; Robert Sawtelle, second vice-president; Gary Butcher, secretary; Raymond Miller, treasurer; and Marshall Harbour, Robert Miller, Lynn Simon, Harold Livesay and Ben Workman, all to the board of directors.

Bronson was elected to the state board of directors. The group elected to reveal its choice of Woodburn's Junior First Citizen at a banquet Jan. 8. The Jaycees also announced they will act as a clearing house for delivering donated Christmas baskets to families certified to them by the Marion County Welfare Department.

Cargo Ship Escapes Gale

NEW YORK (U) — The Navy cargo ship Vela's engine went dead and left her helpless in a gale off Newfoundland Tuesday, but she later got up enough power to crawl into port.

For a time the 2,600-ton vessel, Navy-owned but manned by a civilian crew of 45 men and 10 officers, was drifting with out power in a 45-knot gale, with gusts up to 75 knots. In her path was a wild, rocky stretch of Newfoundland coast.

But the crew later got the engine going so the Vela could proceed at about three knots, and she arrived Tuesday night and anchored in Cape St. Mary's harbor.

Alger Calls Off Michigan Recount

DETROIT (U) — Republican Fred M. Alger Jr. Tuesday night called off the recount of votes in Michigan's Nov. 4 gubernatorial election and conceded defeat by the Democratic incumbent, G. Mennen Williams.

Alger threw in the towel as Williams' margin had swelled from the official canvass margin of 8,618 votes to 10,586 after 1,654 precincts had been re-tabulated.

Parry Suggested As McKay Aide

WASHINGTON (U) — Sen. Welker (R-Idaho) Tuesday recommended appointment of R. P. (Pat) Parry, a Twin Falls, Idaho, attorney, as undersecretary of Interior.

He said the recommendation has the endorsement of the entire Idaho Republican delegation in Congress.

"Mr. Parry has no peer when it comes to an exacting knowledge of all aspects of interior problems affecting the Western states," Welker said in a statement.

Parry is a member of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Commission and chairman of the Idaho delegation to the Interstate Compact Commission, a member of the National Reclamation Association and attorney for the Idaho Reclamation Association.

Hander says. He has tried many ways of controlling crows and the owl method is the best.

TEXAS OWL LURES CROWS

BELTON, Tex. (AP)—Pop-Pop a horned owl, makes it easy for Nelson H. Hander, a peccan grower, to kill crows by the hundreds.

Hander ties a 3-foot twine to one of Pop-Pop's legs. He ties the other end to a crow, dead or alive. Hander hides nearby. Other crows think Pop-Pop is attacking one of their buddies, and they're right. Pop-Pop loves crow meat. The aroused crows swoop down on Pop-Pop. Hander kills the crow with his shotgun.

As far as a peccan farmer is concerned there just isn't any bird more destructive than a crow.



Confer at Nato Meeting



PARIS — Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder (left) and Secretary of State Dean Acheson confer during the NATO meeting in Paris, France. They heard Premier Alcide De Gasperi ask top ministers of the 14-nation North Atlantic Alliance for a united propaganda campaign against the Communists. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris to The Statesman.)

News Story of 'Hopeless' Girl Brings Money for Operation

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (U) — So often, at this hopeful time of year, one reads sad, hopeless stories about children who must have their Christmas early — if they are to have a Christmas at all.

This is another kind of story, about a little girl with new hope, and about people with the true spirit of Christmas.

Her name is Carol Jo Hine and she will be seven years old Jan. 10. Her father died a year ago and her mother has worked hard to keep a home for Carol Jo and her two small sisters.

Carol Jo has been sick since she was born. She has a mis-formed heart that has kept her from playing like other children. Some doctors have wondered that she still is alive.

She has been sent to many hospitals, but little could be done. Then, a few months ago, her doctor heard of a new operation performed by a surgeon in Boston that might save her.

Her mother, Mrs. Betty Hine of the nearby town of Delton, Mich., managed to save enough money from her job as a receptionist to pay for the hospital bills, but not enough for the operation.

The Kalamazoo Gazette heard about Carol Jo and printed her story. That was Sunday. On Monday the money almost literally flooded in.

By the end of the day \$729.50 had arrived to help the little girl. And that seemed like only the start.

At any rate, it is enough to send Carol Jo Hine to Children's Hospital in Boston where she will undergo the rare and still dangerous operation she needs so much Jan. 18.

"Oh, it's wonderful, wonderful," said her mother.

ICE IN FLORIDA

MIAMI, Fla. (U) — There was ice on the "gold coast" Tuesday and smudge pots smoked in Florida's rich citrus groves.

It was the coldest Dec. 16 in 36 years in Miami as freezing temperatures were recorded over wide areas of the South for the second day in a row.

Many bicycle racers are also good skaters.

Gen. Pick, 2 Colonels Given Official 'Slap'

WASHINGTON (U) — Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, and two engineer colonels have been rapped on the knuckles by Secretary of the Army Pace in connection with the huge North African air base construction job which congressmen sharply criticized.

The secretary, in a letter dated Nov. 4 and made public Tuesday by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), informed the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee that he had "admonished" the three officers.

Th investigating group, headed by Sen. Johnson, had reported widespread waste, confusion and corruption in the multi-million dollar Moroccan operation. It had said there was extensive drunkenness, loafing and looting, and the building itself was poor.

It had called on Pace to take "appropriate action" against Pick for what it called his failure to give the committee the full story in testimony about the projects.

Pace replied that he had "admonished" Pick, along with Col. F. F. French, former division engineer in New York, and Col. George T. Derby, district engineer in Morocco, when the bases were under rush construction.

Pentagon spokesmen said an admonition in such a situation is "in the nature of — but without the strength of — an administrative reprimand."

\$225 Given for Scout Camp

Cascade Area Boy Scout Council announced this week the first donation to a fund to improve its summer camp in the Cascades.

The gift of \$225 came from the Salem Auto Mechanics Union. This is enough, scout officers said, to purchase material for one eight-man sleeping shelter at Camp Pioneer.

Plans call for the addition of about 32 of these badly-needed shelters. It is hoped by leaders that 24 can be built next summer.

Scout officials said that several other organizations in Willamette Valley towns are considering donating funds for shelters. Labor for construction of the buildings will be donated.

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Alaska Blast Kills 2 Air Force Men

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (U) — A flaming explosion of a shack killed two servicemen and burned three others at Eielson Air Force Base Tuesday.

The explosion was in a small building in a fuel storage area of the base, 26 miles south of here, which the men had entered to get warm.

The names of the victims were withheld until their families are notified.

Convict Acts as Own Lawyer, Judged Guilty

ALBANY, Ore. (U) — William Sanford Green, a convict who doesn't trust lawyers, acted as his own attorney when he was tried here Tuesday under the habitual criminal statute.

Green, who was handcuffed throughout the trial, challenged the right of Judge Fred McHenry to try the case. He insisted the judge—who gave him his most recent sentence, 20 years on conviction of raping a 65-year-old woman—was prejudiced.

Theodore Macomber, serving a habitual criminal sentence, acted as Green's legal advisor. Elmer Davis, another convict, was a witness for Green. They too were handcuffed throughout the trial.

The jury deliberated the case for 30 minutes and then returned the verdict—guilty. Green, 29, was sentenced to 40 years in prison and was returned along with his advisor and witness to the penitentiary at Salem.

Rocket Equals Altitude Mark Of 135 Miles

WASHINGTON (U) — The altitude record for single-stage rockets — 135 miles — was equaled Tuesday by the Navy's Viking 9 rocket at the Army White Sands Proving Grounds, Las Cruces, N. M.

The Defense Department said when the fuel supply of liquid oxygen and ethyl alcohol was exhausted, the seven and a half ton, 42-foot rocket was traveling 3,900 miles an hour.

The altitude record for single stage rockets was set at White Sands Aug. 7, 1951, by the Navy's Viking 7.

The Army's Wac Corporal has soared to a height of 250 miles, but it was not a single stage missile. It took off from a German V-2 already airborne.

The Viking 9 rocket carried upstate research instruments for measuring sunlight in X-ray and ultra-violet regions.

Recruits Watch As Constable Sent to Jail

PENDLETON (U) — Six Pendleton police department recruits were required by Police Chief R. R. Bond to sit through the Circuit Court trial of a constable who fired at an early-morning motorist.

The constable, Francis A. Huffman, 48, of Pendleton, was found guilty late Monday of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge R. G. Green of LaGrande, who heard the case without a jury, sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

The case drew considerable attention here because the motorist was F. H. H. Linke of College Place, Wash., a recent arrival from Germany. He said he was driving along when a man dressed in overalls and a 'w' hat tried to stop him, used no siren, and fired two shots into the back of his car.

Huffman said he fired into the air to stop the car which he said was speeding. But testimony showed the bullets were fired in a horizontal line.

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