

Jet Plane Crashes, Sets Houses Afire



KANSAS CITY, Kas.—General view of area near the downtown section of Kansas City, Kas., where an Air Force F-84 jet plane crashed and set several residences afire. The plane first struck the house in the left background, collapsing it, then bounded across the used car lot in the foreground, setting two motor cars afire. The plane then struck the building at right, setting it ablaze. The pilot, 2nd Lt. John H. Kapetes, based near Austin, Texas, died in the wreckage. (AP Wirephoto).

U.S. to Pull Troops Off Key Japan Site

TOKYO (AP) — Far East commander Gen. John E. Hull announced Friday that American troops will be withdrawn from Hokkaido — Japan's Soviet frontier — later this year. The new Japanese army will take over the northern island's defense, Hull said. No exact date has been set for the American withdrawal which will take place "during the remaining months of 1954," Hull said. The U. S. 1st Cavalry Division, veteran of the Korean War, is now garrisoning Hokkaido along with

the northern corps of the Japanese National Safety Force.

Redeployment Due
Hull said the redeployment will liberate the 1st Cavalry for "strategic employment in the Far East as conditions may require."

The move is apparently the first major step in an American Far Eastern redeployment that has been under consideration since the Korean War ended. Two U. S. divisions have already been withdrawn from Korea.

Hokkaido, Japan's "wild north" frontier, is less than rifle shot range from Soviet-held islands off the coast and would be a likely beachhead for any Communist invasion of Japan.

Low Volcanic Mountains
An island of low volcanic mountains, deep gorges, leafy trees and broad beaches, cold fog-bound Hokkaido, is the scene of an unending cloak-and-dagger war between Communist and allied secret agents.

To the north on Sakhalin Island and in Eastern Siberia the Red Russians have massed—American officers say—35 divisions, 700 jet bombers, 2,500 four-engine bombers copied from the U. S. B29, and perhaps 100 submarines.

Informal sources here said the 1st Cavalry Division would be stationed on northern Honshu, Japan's main island, south of Hokkaido.

One of the most important American motives behind Thursday's move is to prod Japan into awareness of its danger from the Soviets. Japan's rearmament, legal now for more than two years, has dragged while U. S. forces protected the empire.

'Firm Indication'
American radar and anti-aircraft batteries will remain on Hokkaido, however, until the Japanese are able to organize these technical arms for themselves, official sources said.

Hull's statement said in part: "The projected employment of self-defense force troops in Hokkaido is a firm indication of Japan's awareness that she must be prepared to defend herself from potential aggressors."

"This important move is a major step in the direction of Japanese self-reliance, and clearly places the stamp of success on the sincere efforts of far-sighted Japanese leaders who realize their country can survive and prosper only if it can defend its territory and its sovereignty."

Hull said the program will "contribute materially to the flexibility of U. S. and U. N. forces, making force formerly tied down on Hokkaido free for strategic employment in the Far East as conditions may require."

Historic Tour Planned for Legionnaires

CHARLES TOWN, W. VA. (AP) — American Legion delegates from Oregon to the national convention at Washington, D.C., Aug. 30/Sept. 2 will be special guests on a tour of this area's historic spots. C. Francis Prinyz, post commander here, said the Department of Oregon delegates would be brought here by chartered bus and the tour will include Harpers Ferry, the courthouse where John Brown was convicted of treason, many historic homes and other points of interest. A lawn party and buffet also are being arranged for the Oregon visitors. Many people who went on the Oregon Trail to the West came originally from this region.

Lowell Slates Incorporation

LOWELL, Ore. (AP) — This Lane County town beside which Lookout Point Dam is located is going to incorporate as a municipality. Only 119 out of 400 registered voters went to the polls Wednesday, but they decided 76-43 for the incorporation. Later votes will be held on selecting councilmen and on approving a charter. It is the first Lane County municipal incorporation since 1934 when Oakridge established a formal government.

A total eclipse of the sun can occur only when the moon is close to the earth. Eclipses which occur at times in the moon's cycle when it is far away are annular—a rim of the sun showing around the moon's shadow.

Youngest Lobbyist Becomes Editor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—A young woman who drew headlines as Michigan's youngest lobbyist has achieved another "first." She is the first woman city editor in the 64-year history of The Michigan Daily, University of Michigan student publication.

Dorothy Myers, 20, pretty political science major from Washington, D. C., will take over the newspaper desk next year. Miss Myers became Michigan's youngest lobbyist when she registered with the secretary of state as an advocate of the 18-year-old vote. She also is national committee-woman for Michigan's Young Democrat Clubs.

PERMANENT MARRIAGE

HESPERIA, Mich. (AP)—Myrtilla Rumsey had been 18 years old for about a week when she married Ellis Rumsey in Mainesburg, Pa. She's 92 now; he's 94. Celebration of their 74th wedding anniversary was quite an affair. The Rumseys have 89 living descendants. Their oldest daughter is 70. They had nine children, four of whom have died.

T-H Emergency Procedures Aimed at Key H-Plant Strikes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government Thursday put in motion the Taft-Hartley Law emergency procedures aimed at stopping a two-day strike at plants producing key atomic and hydrogen bomb materials.

President Eisenhower named three members to a board of inquiry to get the facts on the strike of 4,500 CIO Union Workers at gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky. The President has said the strike could hurt this country's race for atomic supremacy.

The inquiry board went right to work, taking testimony in closed-door sessions from representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and the company and unions involved in a wage dispute. Secretary of Labor Mitchell, who has been attempting to get the strike called off without having the administration apply for a court injunction, conferred with the inquiry board during the day.

The labor secretary apparently was in full charge of the case for the government. Thomas Keith Glennan of Cleveland, president of Case Institute of Technology, was made inquiry board chairman and he promised that the board will have a full report on the situation quickly for President Eisenhower.

Police Provide Glass of Water

GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP)—A telephone operator called the police and said there was a woman on the line calling for help. Officers listened in, agreed it sounded bad. Four patrolmen sped to the address and found all doors locked. Entrance was gained with a pass key.

They found a drunk woman in bed with the telephone receiver off the hook. She said she was all right but wondered if the officers would get her a glass of water. They did.

The government may apply for the injunction Friday, because Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the AEC has said the strike is affecting all this country's facilities for separating U-235 from uranium. He said the U-235 is "essential to the production of atomic weapons, both fission and thermonuclear types."

During the 80-day no-strike period the inquiry board would continue to function. After 45 days it would furnish the National Labor Relations Board with the employer's last offer so the NLRB could poll employees on whether they would accept it. In any case the injunction would be limited to 80 days.

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Film Stars Get 2nd Billing to Vienna Cop

By ERIC WAHA
VIENNA, (INS) — Vienna's best-liked man apparently is not a movie actor but a traffic cop. His fan mail already goes well over a thousand and letters still keep pouring in from all over Austria and even from many European countries.

Kids of American officials stationed in four-power occupied Vienna make their fathers drive past his intersection and one teen-ager was said to have exclaimed: "I like him better than Gregory Peck."

This feeling must be international because a Vienna bobby-soxer was reported in the Vienna press as referring to him thus: More "Umph"
"He may not be as beautiful as Robert Taylor but he certainly has twice as much 'umph.'"

He is 24-year-old Josef Lukits and his job is to direct traffic on a busy intersection of Vienna's famous Ringstrasse.

Vienna's admiration for traffic policeman Lukits goes to show that there is more to the job of a cop than meets the eye.

In the case of Lukits, nicknamed "Luki" and called the "Bel Ami of Ringstrasse," that what meets the eye is pleasant enough.

He stands almost six feet, has wavy, black hair and flashes a boyish grin which shows all his healthy teeth.

What earned him nation-wide reputation and even great admiration among foreign visitors was his "individualistic handling of traffic."

"Luki" does that in the usual European manner of using hand-signals. He has no light signals to help him. But how he gives the hand-signals makes him different from the thousands of other cops.

He halts traffic from one direction. While he waves to the drivers of the other direction to proceed, he also shouts to drivers of the blocked direction to go on once he spies an opening. Trams and large buses add to general bedlam.

Traffic on his intersection looks like that in a movie which is spooled down to fast. During his duty hours, he works like a madman. He never keeps still. He waves, shouts, smiles, salutes, and has still time to look out for old ladies to lead across the street.

Accidents don't happen on his intersection. There are always scores of pedestrians hanging around just for the fun of watching him. Luki's famous words are "Gemma Franz!" which is broad Viennese for "Let's go, Franz."

Luki Hurt
Luki calls everybody "Franz," even women, and the Russian truck drivers who make the Ringstrasse a very dangerous thoroughfare, indeed. But they don't complain.

Luki, ironically enough was sidelined recently when he suffered an accident. Vienna was in mourning. A car had rammed his motorcycle and he suffered several fractures on his leg.

He was visited in the hospital by Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab, Police President Frank Holoubek and many other dignitaries. Flower-bouquets rose to hills in his room.

Vienna's teenagers are polishing their bikes for the time he'll resume traffic direction on the Ring. And the doctors said in a terse communique: Herr Lukits will be ready for duty soon.

DANA CLOTHES SHOWN
MYSTIC, Conn. (AP)—An old sailor suit, complete from straw hat down to hand-stitched flannel underdrawers, has been donated to the Mystic Seaport Marine Museum. The outfit was worn in 1834 by Richard Henry Dana on the voyage which gave birth to his famous book, "Two Years Before the Mast."

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