

66 Die as Airliner Hits Wyoming Peak

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday with a few showers today and tonight; cooler, with the high near 60 and low near 38. Temperature at 12:31 a.m. today was 44.

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Worst in Airline History

No Survivors In UAL Crash At 12,000 Feet

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A four-engine United Air Lines DC4 plunged into the face of a sheer mountain peak Thursday and all 66 persons aboard, including a crew of three, were killed.

It was the worst commercial airline crash in United States history. First rescuers to reach the chilled scene atop 12,005-foot Medicine Bow Peak, among them Maj. Gerald Downey of the Wyoming Civil Air Patrol and State Patrolman Ben Butler, said they found about 50 bodies strewn along a 300-foot course down the face of the mountain.

One rescuer, Vance Lucas of Buffalo, Wyo., said he climbed to the top of the peak and there found a bit of wreckage, scattered mail, a man's topcoat and part of the plane's instrument panel. The westbound plane shattered itself against the peak about 50 to 75 feet from the top. The mountain is about 40 miles west of here in the Snowy Range.

Howling winds which some officials said may have contributed to the tragedy caused Sheriff John Terrill of Carbon County, in charge of rescue operations, to call off efforts to retrieve the bodies at dusk.

Ordered Off He ordered all rescuers off the face of the steep mountain and down to a base camp slightly more than a mile away.

The toll, at first believed 65, was increased by one Thursday night when United officials added the name of Debbie Tucker, the infant daughter of one of the victims.

The scene, littered with bits of wreckage, bodies, clothing and cargo, was marked by two huge patches of oil where the plane's engines apparently struck the peak.

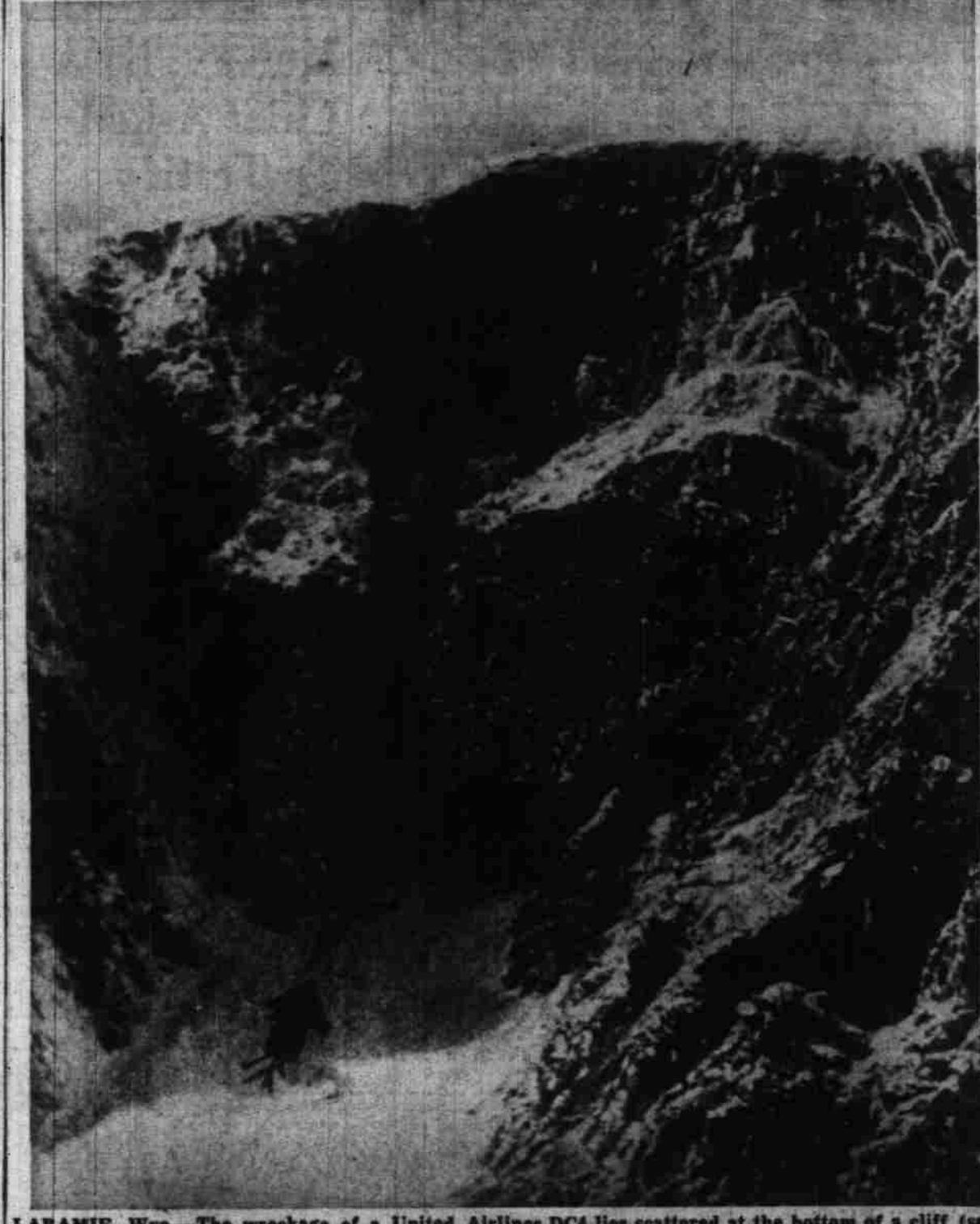
The wreckage then slid down the steep incline in two ravines, much of it coming to rest 300 feet downward on a small glacier.

Part of Wing Rescuers said the largest sections of the plane remaining intact were a part of one wing and a vertical stabilizer with UAL's red, white and blue colors, half-way down the peak.

"I don't see how there would be a chance of anyone surviving," said Capt. Mel Conine, Wyoming National Guard jet pilot who was one of the first to spot the wreckage.

A reporter for The Denver Post, Leonard Larsen, flew over the crash area and said "It appeared the passenger plane smashed into the south face of the peak and then exploded, barely 75 feet from the summit of the vertical mountain top."

Wreckage Scattered on Rugged Mountain



LARAMIE, Wyo.—The wreckage of a United Airlines DC4 lies scattered at the bottom of a cliff (see arrow) on Medicine Bow Peak where the plane crashed Thursday, killing all 66 aboard. The wreckage is at the base of a streak down which it toppled. The plane struck near the top of the peak. (AP Wirephoto).

Ike Asks Nixon To Visit

Visit to 'Mark Milestone' Along Recovery Road

DENVER (AP) — Vice President Nixon will fly here Saturday to see President Eisenhower, the Summer White House announced Thursday. The latest medical bulletin said the chief executive continued to make progress in his fight for recovery from a heart attack.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerly told a news conference Nixon's coming will be just a visit — "they will not take up any controversial subjects at all."

Marks Milestone

Even so, such a visit marks another significant milestone along the convalescence trail. Aside from members of the family, his own staff, and the doctors and attendants at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Eisenhower has seen no one.

Furthermore, there is some likelihood that Secretary of State Dulles may come out from Washington next week. In any event, it is almost certain that the secretary of state will see the chief executive sometime in advance of leaving for the Big Four foreign ministers conference at Geneva.

The conference, opening Oct. 27, will test the administration's ability to handle tough issues in the field of international relations with the President in a passive role on the sidelines.

The vice president will be on the same military air transport plane which will bring back to Denver the Boston heart specialist, Dr. Paul Dudley White, and Sherman Adams, the top man on the White House staff.

Also aboard, Hagerly said, will be Maj. John Eisenhower, the President's son.

The President himself, Hagerly said, asked that Nixon come to see him.

Jury Deadlock Ends Albany Homicide Trial

ALBANY — A jury dismissed Thursday after failing to reach a verdict in the state's negligent homicide case against Joe L. Quant, Roseburg.

Prosecutor Judge Walter H. Evans Jr. dismissed the Linn County Circuit Court jurors after seven hours of deliberation.

Quant's trial stemmed from the July 23 traffic death of Lemuel E. Bittner, 57, also of Roseburg. Quant and Bittner were in the same car when it was involved in a collision on Highway 99-E in southern Linn County.

The state based its case on what it said was evidence of great speed. The defense denied this, and Quant said he was not even driving but had turned the wheel over to Bittner.

Medal Awarded 37 Years Late

LAFAYETTE, Ore. (AP) — Clarence F. Fay now has his purple heart medal. It arrived here just 10 days less than 37 years after he was hit by shrapnel while fighting in France in World War I.

He recalls that things happened a lot faster in 1918. Then he was in action Argonne Forest three months after he went before his draft board at McMinnville.

Valsetz Logger Fatally Crushed

DALLAS, Ore. (AP) — A rolling log fatally crushed Earl Coonrod, 38, Sweet Home, as he worked Thursday afternoon at logging operations of the Valsetz Lumber Co. He is survived by the widow and five children. The body is being sent to Lebanon for funeral arrangements.

First Contracts Let Pace of UF Drive Slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department has given industry the signal to start building a space satellite for "Project Vanguard."

It announced Thursday that "work has begun" on the project with the awarding of a primary contract to Glenn L. Martin Co., builders of airplanes and research rockets, with another to General Electric Co., for building the first stage of the series of rocket motors for the space flier.

But even though contracts are now being let, officials have not decided yet the exact shape and size of the first space roamer.

There have been predictions it would approximate the size of a basketball. Thursday's announcement said only that it would be "small," but large enough to contain instruments to send back

Pace of UF Drive Slows

Two-Day Report Totals Less Than One-Fifth of Goal

(Picture on page 5, sec. 4.) "Let's Get Rolling," was the United Fund word from Campaign Chairman Kenneth M. Potts Thursday after second-day reports indicated a slow-down after a good start the day before.

United Fund officials counted pledges of \$33,667, against a goal of \$205,000 to meet the needs of 12 local and 15 statewide or national agencies of youth and welfare work. The two-day report was less than one-fifth of the goal.

Two big gains were posted by campaign division leaders Thursday. Both industrial and general gifts groups brought in additional sums of slightly over \$2,500. General gifts solicitation has resulted so far in 40 per cent of quota; industrial, 29 per cent.

Campaign leaders will meet again at noon today in the Marion Hotel to make reports and thresh out soliciting plans over luncheon.

Potts is urging all cabinet members, division leaders and others to attend.

Residential and governmental divisions are expected to make their initial reports of progress today.

County to Start New TB Testing Program

A new tuberculosis testing program affecting 4,000 school children will be started next month by Marion County health department.

This was announced Thursday by Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, who at the same time said immunization clinics in the classrooms would be discontinued.

But the change does not mean an end of the free inoculations or vaccinations against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and smallpox. Clinics will continue at the health office in Salem and at regional centers in the county.

Polk County United Fund Starts Oct. 18

DALLAS — The first United Fund drive organized in Polk County will get underway Oct. 18 with a goal of \$24,000, announces County Judge Cal M. Barnhart, campaign chairman.

District chairmen include Fred Calif, Independence; Ray Rauch, Monmouth; Chet Embree, Falls City; Mrs. Tony Cvitanovich, Valsez; Ray Kliever, Dallas; Mrs. Clinton McCormack, Pedee; Ross Chapin, Perrydale, and Mrs. Elmer Werth, Grand Ronde.

In charge of the industrial portion of the campaign will be J. C. Lundy of Dallas, chairman of the board of directors.

The Marion County organization has agreed to give \$950 to the Polk County group from solicitation of a section of the West Salem area. Salem workers will solicit the area north to Wallace farm on Wallace Road and west to Holman Park.

Judge Barnhart said that a dollar per month payroll deduction is being encouraged.

Strike Truce Efforts Fail

(Picture on wirephoto page.) NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP) — Truce efforts collapsed Thursday and the CIO-United Auto Workers warned of possible renewed violence at the struck Perfect Circle foundry here.

Union representatives walked out of a city hall meeting after bitterly declaring to company officials, "We are of the belief that you are putting production ahead of the human element and human lives."

A company spokesman told reporters that Perfect Circle intends to reopen its piston ring foundry here as soon as the National Guard is withdrawn and law enforcement authorities permit.

International Representative William F. Caldwell told a public meeting that thousands of Indiana unionists are poised to march against the three-story brick foundry if it reopens for production. Eight persons were shot in such a march Wednesday.

Jury Clears 2 Suspended State Workers

Delay of a Civil Service Commission hearing on two men suspended for alleged irregular conduct will be asked today by the State Highway Department, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Thursday night.

Hearing of appeal by the pair was tentatively set for Oct. 12, but Baldock said a continuance would be asked until after trial of one of the men is completed in Yamhill County.

Meanwhile District Attorney Kenneth E. Brown indicated Thursday that a Marion County grand jury apparently failed to find sufficient evidence to indict anyone of malfeasance in the case which has involved at least four highway employees.

The civil service hearing had been set for Edgar O. Ferguson, assistant resident engineer, who is facing the Yamhill indictment, and Charles O'Neill, transit man, both of Salem. O'Neill and an unnamed retired highway employee were under investigation by Marion County authorities.

The fourth employee, Arthur T. Garrow, 51, street inspector who was suspended last Aug. 29 with Ferguson and O'Neill, is in Polk County jail awaiting sentence Friday after pleading guilty of accepting \$180 from a contractor.

Utah's Governor To Refuse Income Tax Payment

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's Gov. J. Bracken Lee said Thursday he will not pay his federal income tax for this year "because I believe that it is unconstitutional for this nation to tax its citizens for the support of foreign nations."

"I plan to figure out my tax return and send it to the government," he said, "together with a letter saying I have placed the money aside (in a bank) and will not pay it until the United States Supreme Court orders me to do so."

Salem Bridge Traffic Up One-Third In 2 Years; Travel in Area Gains

Auto traffic over Salem's two Willamette River bridges is up one-third over two years ago, but now there are two bridges to carry the cars and trucks, instead of one.

Traffic in general is much heavier in the Salem area, the State Highway Department reported Thursday on the basis of continuing traffic counts.

When the Center Street span was Salem's only bridge over the Willamette, it carried an average of 15,000 cars a day (two years ago). Now the Center Street bridge and new Marion Street bridge, which are paired for one-way traffic use, carry 20,765 vehicles a day, according to daily average figures of last August.

Only in the Santiam Canyon area was there noted a decrease in vehicular traffic during the past year. Highway officials said this did not mean that that area was losing traffic but that there had been an abnormal amount of traffic there during construction of the Detroit Dam.

Traffic during August on the Pacific Highway (99E) near Woodburn was found to be 17 per cent above August of 1954. And during the first eight months of 1955, traffic has increased by 19 per cent over a year ago.

Daily traffic average at Woodburn during August was 11,575 vehicles a day.

A check of travel on state highway 22 at Gates showed a decrease of 29 per cent from a year ago. Traffic there recently averaged 1,967 vehicles a day. Highway officials said Gates, like the rest of the state, could look forward to traffic increases from now on.

Oregon as a whole showed an increase of about 8 per cent in the past year. This state ranks 10th from the top in the list of states showing traffic increases. Florida was tops this summer with a 17 per cent gain.

Reasons for the increase, highway officials say, are more cars, with more people driving them to more places.

"Highway travel reflects the general economy of the state," said State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

"Increased traffic on highways brings up the necessity of building freeways to handle the through traffic. And freeways in turn generate more traffic. They bring more visitors into the state."

Premier Faure Fights To Save Government

PARIS (AP) — Premier Edgar Faure, striving to save his wobbly government, called on the National Assembly Thursday night to back his moderate policy for French Morocco.

"I have faith in my formula as a means of building French-Moroccan friendship," Faure told the deputies.

Critics are free to criticize his plan, he said, but if it does not go through they may have to find a program to replace it.

Faure Thursday dropped four Gaudill ministers who refused to accept his plans for Morocco—pegged to the creation of a three-man regency council to replace an unpopular Sultan now retired in Tangier—and parried threats from other ministers who were being pressured to quit.

Thursday night Faure opened debate on the government's measures to end the bloody strife in Morocco, a French protectorate where nationalist demands for home rule clash with the desire of French colonists to keep a close rein on the territory.

His Cabinet has authorized him to ask a vote of confidence. Defeat on that vote—perhaps Monday—would spell the end of his seven-month-old regime.

Faure told the deputies "a great action has developed against our country" on both the diplomatic front and in North Africa. He referred to the U. N. General Assembly's decision, 28-27, last Friday to debate the issue of home rule for Algeria, which the French regard as part of their homeland, and to bloodshed, set off by mountain tribesmen in Northern and Eastern Morocco.

Cows' Attack Army Force

FT. HOOD, Tex. (AP) — Soldiers of the fourth armored division's aggressor force on maneuvers thought they had a surprise attack on their hands.

What looked like an enemy vehicular convoy was approaching, so the soldiers dropped their chow and took up defense positions, swinging tank guns around to fire. A scout jeep roared out to check the enemy's size and strength.

The jeep returned with this report: "Cows."

Vanport Site Opposed by 3 Councilmen

PORTLAND (AP) — Three of Portland's five city councilmen Thursday said they will oppose transfer of East Vanport's Delta Park for the city's proposed sports-recreation center. That apparently will kill the plan to put the sports center there.

The Exposition-Recreation Commission Wednesday chose Delta Park as the site for a center, approved by the voters last year at a cost of \$8,000,000. The selection was by a 3-2 vote, the other two commissioners favoring the downtown South Auditorium site.

But Thursday morning City Atty. Alexander Brown ruled that the City Council has the power to refuse to transfer the East Vanport site, which is operated by the city's park bureau. And later three councilmen, William Bowes, Stanley Earl and Nathan Body, said they are opposed to use of Delta Park for the center. Delta Park is on bottom land beside the Columbia River, six miles north of the city center.

The plane left Denver at 6:33 a. m. (MST) Thursday, one hour and 23 minutes behind schedule. UAL officials in Denver said it had been delayed in its flight from the East.

It was due to arrive in Salt Lake City at 9:06 a. m. (MST). The final destination was San Francisco.

UAL announced at 12:15 p. m. (MST) the plane had been located and identified. That was two hours and 5 minutes after it first was reported missing.

The plane never reported after it left Denver.

The search was touched off when the aircraft failed to report over Rock Springs, Wyo., a scheduled en route check point about 150 miles west of where the wreckage was found.

Among the passengers were five members of the Mormon Tabernacle choir returning from a European concert tour.

The crash of a Northwest Airlines DC-4 in Lake Michigan on June 24, 1950 was the worst previous commercial airline disaster. Fifty-eight were killed.

The most disastrous air crash of any type was an Air Force C-124 near Tokyo on June 28, 1953 in which 129 perished.

Showers, Cooler Forecast Today

After two rainless days the weathermen at McNary Field are forecasting a few showers for today and tonight.

It will be cooler, they say, with the high temperature about 60 compared with 64 Thursday, and a low near 38 predicted. It will be partly cloudy today continuing through Saturday.

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George always says, "What's the difference as long as you're happy?"