

19 Climbers Slide Into Mt. Hood Crevasse

One Dead, Many Seriously Hurt in Hostel Youth Party

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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Tanks Burst, Injure 32 in Texas Town

DUMAS, Tex. (AP)—Seven huge petroleum tanks exploded Sunday morning in a super-hot wall of flame and killing them in their tracks. There may be four more bodies in the devastated area, making a total of 22.

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Thirty-two others were hospitalized with burns. Some of them were horribly seared. The towering orange explosion fireball was sighted in Amarillo, 40 miles away.

Speakers Terrified

A hundred or more spectators watched, terrified, as lifetime friends and kin stumbled moaning and crying from the smoke and flame on a tank farm of the Shamrock Oil and Gas Corp.

Victims Mainly Were Oil Workers and Volunteer Firemen

A workman protected in a shack 300 yards from the first explosion was scorched. A railroad bridge a quarter of a mile away was burned completely.

Bodies Fire Blankets

Some of the bodies were so hot long after the explosion that they set fire to blankets used to wrap them.

From Everywhere out of the pail of smoke and flames staggered men, their clothing blazing or smoking.

Most of the dead were taken to the Hometown National Guard Armory, where townspeople attempted to identify bodies that were reduced to charcoal.

Presumably, Morse will accept this contribution without suspicion that it is tainted money. Recently in the Senate he was discussing his campaign finances and told the Senate he didn't know where he would get sufficient funds for his campaign. But, he declared, "I shall continue as I have in the past to (Continued on Editorial Page 4).

Exploding Tanks Bring Death, Destruction



DUMAS, Tex.—Black flames pour from the second tank which exploded Sunday at Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp., 12 miles southeast of here. The first of the tanks to explode is shown at center right. Two ambulances are shown in operation and five bodies are being handled by rescue workers. (AP Wirephoto)

Dump Nixon Aim Renewed By Stassen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold E. Stassen resumed his "dump Nixon" campaign Sunday and said he believes the name of Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts will be placed in nomination for the second spot on the Republican ticket at the San Francisco convention.

Stassen said he had no plans to arrange the nomination of Herter, but he was certain it would come about because "regardless of everything said about me in the past week, the convention is now 'open'."

He said he didn't believe that President Eisenhower had yet "reached a final conclusion" on whom his running mate will be.

Stassen who is Eisenhower's disarming assistant, tossed a bomb into the political picture last Monday when he suggested that an Eisenhower-Herter ticket would attract six per cent more voters than an Eisenhower-Nixon slate.

Republican leaders in and out of Congress have been coming out since with statements supporting Nixon for renomination and Stassen has been getting everything from mild rebukes to invitations to leave the Republican ranks.

Herter himself has agreed to place Nixon's name in nomination at San Francisco.

Baby Found With Dead Parents

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—An 11-month-old boy lay in his crib 20 hours over the weekend, unaided and unattended, the bodies of his young mother and father in the next room. A friend discovered the tragedy.

Dead are Lawrence Spaulding, 21, and his 18-year-old wife, Dolly. Lawrence was a painter in Painesville near here, where the reclamation bureau is constructing a dam.

Deputy Sheriff Gus Jacobson said he found the body of Lawrence on the floor next to the bed, a 30-caliber rifle nearby. Acting Sheriff Fred Keefer said it was apparently a murder-suicide case.

Home Owners Mourn Lake's Disappearance

MONTEPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Cottage owners along Lake Sadawaga and Houghton N. Sawyer were at odds Sunday because the lake no longer exists.

Sawyer drained the 220-acre lake he has owned for 30 years. He caused quite a stir among the owners of cottages.

Sawyer said he opened the gates of the dam because he no longer felt up to paying the tax bills. He wants support from the 15 or more land-owners around the lake.

A thin trickle of brook water winds through a mud flat today. Only a month ago the water carried happy swimmers and boaters on its surface.

Mud prohibits recovery of boats now anchored on the lake bottom. And the insects are not likely to write home about it. Sawyer says there is an easy solution. He'll close the gates, re-fill the lake, if the cottage owners want to help him foot the \$150 annual tax bill.

English Channel Swallows Boats in Giant Whirlpool

LONDON (AP)—A 90-mile-an-hour wind whipped the English channel into a giant whirlpool Sunday swallowing up scores of small boats. It roared inland toppling trees and unleashing floods and landslides.

At least 11 deaths were reported. Six persons were known drowned after their boats capsized in churning seas that forced suspension of ferries operating between Britain and France.

Four Others Killed

Four other persons were killed when trees toppled onto their cars while they were driving through the storm.

Another man was blown to his death off a ladder at the Royal Albert Dock in London.

Scores suffered minor injuries. Sixteen of 22 yachts taking part in a cross-channel race from Le Havre France, to Portsmouth England, were missing late Sunday night.

Naval spokesmen said no radio calls for help had been picked up.

There were floods in some valleys. Two Landslides

The pass between Bethesda and Ogwen Lake in Wales was blocked by two landslides. Tons of boulders and soil rolled 1,500 feet down a mountainside.

A dozen automobiles were trapped between the landslides, but their occupants succeeded in fleeing. Officials said it would take weeks to clear the passage.

Several rivers in the mountainous region in Caernarvonshire, swelled by the rains, came cascading through gulleys flooding the valley.

Girl Attacked, Thrown Off Roof to Death

NEW YORK (AP)—A 3-year-old girl was raped and flung from a rooftop to her death Sunday and a man accused of the crime was later nearly mobbed by an angry crowd of 2,000 people.

Five detectives with drawn guns managed to rescue the suspect, Diego Lugo, 24, from the milling mob that surrounded him a few minutes after police said they had a confession from him.

Lugo was released from psychiatric observation at Bellevue Hospital about two weeks ago, police said.

The body of little Jeanette Ribot was found in a tenement yard. Police said she had been lifted through the window of her apartment, carried over several rooftops, raped, then flung from the roof of a six-story building.

CRASH KILLS WOMAN

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Rosalie T. Schofield, 85-year-old Portland resident injured in a traffic collision last Thursday, died Saturday at a hospital.

smashed windows in the guard tower, he said.

At the same time, a fire started in the printing shop, which was completely destroyed, "at a loss of several thousand dollars," Robbins said.

Also damaged were a machine shop, the prisoners' commissary and an automobile license plate shop, as the prison's sprinkler system and the Thomaston Fire Department drenched the threatened area.

Two Soldiers Blown to Bits By Dynamite

YAKIMA (AP)—Ten tons of dynamite, detonated apparently when a shot was fired into a storage shed, blew two Ft. Lewis soldiers to bits here Sunday.

Sheriff Bert Guns identified them as: Sp. 3.C. Ralph J. Rice, 19, and Pfc. Ronald R. Foster, 20, both of Yakima. They were home on furlay passes.

The blast, at 11:12 a.m., six miles east of here, was felt widely over Yakima and one resident said the concussion was so severe it felt as though an automobile had hit his house.

Hunting Rabbits

The two, with a rifle and a .12 gauge shotgun between them, were apparently hunting rabbits in the area. The storage shed caretaker, Charles McMan, had seen them shooting near the storage shed a short time previously and Rice's automobile was found parked nearby after the blast, with its windows shattered.

The dynamite was stored in a 25-foot square shed and the blast left a hole 75 feet across and 20 feet deep. The explosive was owned by the Tire Sales & Equipment Co., which sold it to farmers and other buyers.

House Rocked

Rice was attached to Headquarters Battery 36th Field Artillery Battalion and Foster to Battery A, 56th Field Artillery Battalion, both Ft. Lewis.

McMan, the caretaker, who lived half a mile away, said his house was rocked violently by the blast.

Ike, Mamie Worship at Abe's Church

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower worshipped Sunday in the Presbyterian Church Lincoln attended the day he delivered his Gettysburg Address.

It was the first church services for the President since his June 9 intestinal operation. Several among the 200 or so persons around the church remarked that the President looked a bit thin and wan.

Eisenhower also took with Asst. White House press secretary Murray Snyder said was a "brisk walk" of about 20 minutes Sunday morning on his country estate here.

He arranged a telephone conference with Secretary of State Dulles on the Suez Canal trouble spot, but otherwise, it was a quiet, restful day for the President.

Typhoon Nears Okinawa Base

MANILA (AP)—A powerful Pacific typhoon whipping up 170-mile winds Monday was reported bearing down on the big U. S. military base of Okinawa.

The Manila Weather Bureau said Typhoon Wanda, which originated east of Guam, was about 450 miles southeast of Naha at 8 a.m. (8 p.m. EST Sunday). It was moving west-northwest at 14 miles an hour in the direction of the Ryukyu Islands.

RUSS PLAN SUPOWER

MOSCOW (AP)—The Literary Gazette, official magazine of the Soviet writers' union, says the government is working on plans for a power station to use the sun's rays for energy. It will be built in Russian Armenia on a plain near Mt. Ararat, where the Bible says Noah's Ark landed. Soviet Armenian scientists are drafting the plans.

THOMASTON, Maine (AP)—A group of inmates at Maine State Prison Sunday made a fruitless attempt to fight their way to freedom with homemade gasoline firebombs. A fire which officials said was started as a diversion destroyed the prison printing shop.

Warden Alles L. Robbins said "several unidentified inmates" assaulted an entrance with rocks and homemade bombs. One bomb went over the all the others fell short of their marks and all burned out harmlessly. The rocks

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP)—Tragedy struck a youth hostel tour party on an icy mountain slope Sunday, leaving nearly a score battered and bleeding at the bottom of a Mt. Hood crevasse.

One was dead. Many were seriously hurt. The victim was Lynn Kaufman, a girl from Larchmont, N.Y. Only two were able to walk after the accident. One of them, Louise L. Kuffik, about 13, of Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y., said, "We landed on top of each other. Some of the kids you couldn't even see."

The group, made up of mid-western and eastern young people in two separate tour parties, was led up the mountain by Carl Schnoor of Portland.

On the descent some at the back of the long line slipped. All were roped together and as they slid down an icy chute near the 9,000-foot level they whipped the others from their feet. All plunged past Crater Rock and into a crevasse.

The first man at the scene, Tom Flau, 35, of Brooks, Ore., said they were crying and moaning. He cut some of the loose then went for help. He said one of the girls appeared dead.

Hours later Jim Langdon, forest ranger coordinating rescue efforts here at the lodge, confirmed that the Kaufman girl was dead. Langdon said several others were reported in critical condition.

Communication up the mountain was by radio and it was reserved for physicians working with the injured and for rescue workers and their calls for supplies.

The accident happened in late afternoon under a clear sky. Hours later many of the injured still were at the lip of the crevasse where doctors worked over them by the light of flares and portable lamps.

Others were brought by snow tractor to Silcox warming hut 1,000 feet up the mountain from the lodge. They told a story of horror heightened by the sickening sulphur fumes which rise perpetually from near the base of Crater Rock.

Runny Rockland of New York and Louise Kuffik were the girls who were able to walk. The guide, Schnoor, was brought down with a severe back injury and a wrist fracture. Ronald G. Heinrich of Clear Lake, Iowa, leader of one of the hostel groups, suffered a collarbone fracture cuts and bruises.

Injuries of the others were not learned at the lodge as the evening wore on. It was not certain just who made up the climb party. Langdon said there were two lists, neither of them complete. One was a cabin list for those who stayed at a cabin on the mountain. The other was the registration for the climb.

The ranger said all the persons on both lists were from Eastern and Midwest cities, and none was from the Pacific Northwest.

The first rescue team up the mountain was led by Ralph Wieser, Forest Service ranger and veteran mountaineer.

It had been a good day for climbing with sunshine and a clear sky. A number of parties had gone up the 11,345-foot peak, regarded by mountaineers as a satisfactory mountain for amateurs to climb when in the hands of an experienced guide.

Fair Skies To Continue

More of the same—weatherwise—in stores for the Salem area, according to McNary Field weather station.

Fair skies are expected to continue today, tonight and Tuesday with a high both days of 82 and a low tonight of 45.

Moderate fire danger will probably continue throughout Northwest Oregon with humidity near or slightly below 30 per cent in the Willamette Valley and Cascades.

Northern Oregon beaches are scheduled to be sunny this afternoon at night and morning cloudiness. Temperature range will probably be 50 to 67.

(See add. weather story page 2, section 1).

AIR SERVICE PLEA MADE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pan American World Airways maintained Sunday it would be able to speed up service and also reduce trans-Pacific fares by an average of \$100 if it is permitted to link its West Coast gateways to the Orient by the Northern great circle route.

WILBERT

PREHISTORIC ROOM

BASE BALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

OKay, now make a big wish!

Salem Group Sees Disaster on Peak

TIMBERLINE LODGE (AP)—A party of mountain climbers from the Salem area witnessed Sunday's tragic accident in which a party of 19 young people slipped into crevasse high on the slopes of Mt. Hood.

The Salem group, led by Tom Flau, 35, of Brooks, included Dennis Glasgow, high school sophomore from Salem. Glasgow related the following account to a Portland reporter:

"We were too far away to do anything—about a quarter of a mile, I guess, but we could see they were in trouble. Then they vanished over the lip of the crevasse.

"When we got to the spot where we last saw them, it looked as if they had just disappeared into the mountain. If it wasn't for the big trail they had dragged across the snow, we might not have found them.

"When we looked into the hole it was awful. Kids were lying on top of each other, two girls were crying and I could hear the guys moaning."

Glasgow said his party went into the hole in an attempt to help the others, and that he used a knife to cut the climbing rope still entangled among the injured.

"At one place the rope just ended in a pile of snow, so we started digging. Underneath was a girl, and somebody said 'I think she's dead.' She looked dead."

Then young Glasgow went for help leaving companions Gail Wright and Frank Franklin behind to comfort the injured.

Auction Platform Sale Ends Dallas Smileroo

DALLAS, Ore.—Sale of the auction platform Sunday by Auctioneer Jack Eakin Jr. and awarding of a new Ford sedan brought a close to the second annual Dallas Smileroo celebration.

During three days of auction, hundreds of items were sold. Sunday's auction brought \$450 toward the community swim pool fund. Friday and Saturday, nearly \$1,000 was cleared in the same manner.

The new car was won by Virgil Tomlinson of Valsetz, who was not present to claim his prize. Jack Eakin Sr. and Mel Miller, Smileroo chairman, officiated at the drawing.

No figures were available on the total amount raised for the pool fund from all sources. It appeared, however, that the total might exceed the \$3,000 cleared last year.

All articles sold at auction were donated. (Add. details on page 3, sec. 1.)

Sabotage of Doctor's Craft Investigated

PORTLAND (AP)—An attempt to disable a private airplane owned by a John Day, Ore., physician was under investigation Sunday; State Police were checking to determine how fuel aboard the plane of Dr. Alvin R. Kincaid, 45, became contaminated.

Dr. Kincaid called the incident "attempted murder" but police would not speculate.

The doctor piloted his 1936 model Cessna 182, a single-engine craft, on the John Day-to-Portland flight Saturday, landing at Troutdale airport a few miles east of here.

State Patrolman Boyd Louich said mechanics making a routine engine check discovered a white, sweet-tasting substance which "appeared to be sugar" in the fuel sediment bowl of the plane.

Dr. Kincaid said there was no indication of engine trouble on the flight, and police believed the gasoline was contaminated sometime before Kincaid took off from the John Day airstrip.

A Civil Aeronautics Administration spokesman said the addition of sugar to a plane's gasoline could affect engine performance eventually, depending on the amount.

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Four Youths Die In Dynamite Blast

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