

21 LOST IN PLANE CRASH, GALE HALTS SEARCH

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

"It seems to me," said a lady over the telephone the other day, "that we ought to be getting action on appliances. We have seen refrigerators and washing machines on display for months. Why shouldn't they get out in service?"

How general that reaction is to the window displays of gleaming white washers and refrigerators and ranges labeled "demonstration model" or "sample," I do not know. It would not be surprising, however, if customers in need of such equipment have not been unduly tantalized by the showings, spread now over many months, with little or no merchandise actually coming through.

What is the story on the appliance front? According to dealers there is a small trickle of such equipment coming through. It goes out so quickly it is not noticed. In fact the merchant probably has to keep it off his sales-room floor lest he be mobbed by desperate shoppers. The dealer and his salesmen have a hard time to decide which one of the many "on the list" is to get the range or refrigerator available for delivery.

Why are not more appliances coming through from the factories? That is a natural question. It is months since V-J day. I do not know the answer, but presume it is the same as we are getting in the printing machinery line: Difficulties of reversion, pricing, etc. But if we assume that production is getting back to normal the distribution would still be thin because of the overwhelming demand. By the time the

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Adm. Bellinger Denies Seeing War Warnings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Vice Admiral P. N. L. Bellinger, naval air wing commander at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese struck, testified today that he lacked the force for continuing long-range reconnaissance, and the information to indicate emergency operations.

The admiral stated:

1. He was not told of war warning messages from Washington.
2. He likes to think he would have guessed that the Japanese were going to attack the fleet at the Pacific base. If he had had the information available to Washington, but "only God knows."
3. He had not recommended to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commander in chief of the fleet, that his plane-short forces undertake long-distance reconnaissance in the days before the attack.
4. After the attack, with fewer than half the number of planes available before the raid, he managed to run a daily patrol of 25 to 30 planes covering waters 700 to 800 miles from Oahu.

Chiang Grants Free Politics

CHUNGKING, Friday, Feb. 1 (AP)—Full, immediate freedom of all political parties in China was pledged by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last night in closing the historic political consultation conference.

The conference, called to bring order out of civil strife, just had reached decisions under which Chiang's 18 years of one-party rule may be abolished before the year's end.

"Political parties," he said, "can henceforth conduct their activities and even political campaigns and openly organize themselves in accordance with legal rights and procedures provided in unified laws and decrees of the state."

McNary's Portrait to Be Displayed in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP)—The life-size portrait of the late Sen. Charles H. McNary, now on display in Governor Snell's reception room, will be exhibited at the Meier & Franks store here for 10 days.

After display here, the portrait—painted at Los Angeles by Henrique Medina—will be sent to Washington to hang in the capitol.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Strike Control Bill Wins First Round

Hope Fades for Early End To G.M., Steel Labor Strife

By the Associated Press

A strong-toothed strike control bill won its initial test in the house by a wide margin yesterday as hopes for early settlement of the steel and General Motors strikes grew dimmer.

The house voted 258 to 114 to consider the bill as a substitute for fact-finding legislation advocated by President Truman. This emphatic margin prompted house leaders to predict the

measure—or similar legislation—would pass the house when the final vote comes up.

The bill would make labor unions liable to injunctions, outlaw violent picketing or organized boycotts, provide civil suits for labor contract violations and ban strikes for 30 days while a national labor-management mediation board considered the dispute.

The house vote came as top government officials who could not be quoted said efforts to settle the steel strike had reached a stalemate and General Motors and its striking 175,000 production workers remained as far apart as ever.

However, President Truman told his news conference that the administration still is working on a possible price increase for steel. He added that seizure of the industry was not yet under consideration.

Hopes for early settlement of the General Motors strike suffered another setback yesterday when R. J. Tohmans, CIO United Auto Workers president, announced he would not reenter negotiations at Detroit "until there is some indication that GM wants to settle the strike."

The newspaper Mainichi noted the draft mentions Japan rather than an empire as under the emperor.

Kyodo News Agency predicted "strong opposition from civilian quarters" after quoting State Minister Joji Matsumoto, who prepared the draft, as seeing no need for sharply altering articles concerning imperial rule.

Con Released, Re-Arrested on Knifing Count

The arrest of Virgil Behrens at the state penitentiary gate following his release from the institution Wednesday brings to Marion county courts the third man this month accused of assault with a dangerous weapon within the prison walls. In each case a "shiv," or home-made prison knife, was allegedly used.

Byron Neil Dye and Glenn Wilson, convicts, were arraigned Wednesday, jointly indicted by a Marion county grand jury on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill.

Behrens was released after serving a two-year sentence for sodomy but faces the assault charge for an act allegedly committed earlier this year in the prison yard. A younger man, who reportedly asked to be relieved of Behrens as a cellmate, is said to have been knifed, and Behrens is accused.

Salem Campaign for UNRRA Clothing Ends

Salem's campaign for clothing for European relief is past and no more contributions should be taken to any of the receiving depots because provision has not been made to pick up and pack such offerings, H. L. Braden, secretary of the drive committee, emphasized Thursday night. Braden expressed the committee's appreciation of the public response.

Parking Meter Inventor Dies

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31 (AP)—Carl Magee, 73, inventor of the parking meter and veteran newspaperman and lawyer, died tonight after a short illness. Magee was taken to a hospital last week in a serious condition from a heart ailment but was later reported as recovering.

The parking meter invented by Magee first was installed in Oklahoma City in 1935.

Population of Arizona City Doubles Overnight

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Jan. 31 (AP)—Travelers on highway 66 have been amused for several years by a sign about 30 miles east of Flagstaff which reads: "Meteor City, Population One." But that's all changed now.

Lonesome Jack Newsome, the sole merchant, married Goldie Moorman of Andalusia, Ala., last week and the sign has been changed to read: "Meteor City, Population Two."

"We have left room on the sign for further changes—maybe we'll even get a larger sign," says Jack.

Confesses



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 31 (AP)—The Rev. Frank W. Siple (above), 53, local pastor, who today had admitted giving poison to his daughter, Dorothy Ann, who died in 1939 at the age of 18. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Pastor Pleads Guilt in Death Of Daughter

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 31 (AP)—Rev. Frank W. Siple, 53, pastor of a suburban church, today pleaded guilty to a murder charge in the death of his 18-year-old daughter, Dorothy Ann, on July 31, 1939.

The pastor's court appearance came within a few hours after a state toxicologist reported finding traces of poison in the girl's exhumed body.

In quick succession, he was arraigned in justice court and in superior court, where he calmly pleaded guilty to the charge. Siple's wife was in both courtrooms as he made brief appearances.

Judge L. D. Verdier directed that the defendant be examined by a sanity commission.

Siple's arraignment culminated a series of events that began on New Year's day when he was arrested on complaint of Lyle Doan, 42, elder of the church (Southlawn Park Church of God), who charged Siple hit him over the head with an iron pipe.

Bolt said that during the investigation Doan turned over a box of candy which he reported had been sent to him at Christmas by the minister. State police toxicologists said it contained poison.

Prosecutor Bolt said he then began the investigation into Dorothy Ann's death for "a number of reasons."

Bolt said the clergyman finally admitted after four hours quizzing, responsibility for the girl's death. Siple said he gave her the drug "because she was mentally ill and he didn't want her to go to an asylum."

A death certificate listed coronary thrombosis and nervous vomiting as the cause of her decease.

Congress Atom Test Fight On

Lucas Proposed Retention of 96 Aged Warships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told the senate today the navy should keep for possible future use the 96 warships it plans to expose to the atomic bomb.

But Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) commented to a reporter that he favors the experiment in order to "find out how obsolete our navy is."

"If we are to outlaw the use of atomic energy for war purposes," Lucas asked, "why should we have such a display of destruction now?"

Lucas said he wondered what would happen if the atomic bomb proved "a fizzle" in the tests.

Johnson said Lucas' proposal to cancel the test had been advanced in several quarters. He added:

"It's an escapist attitude that I deplore. Some people seem to think we can get rid of the atomic bomb by passing a resolution."

"I wish we could pass a resolution that there wouldn't be any atomic bomb or any other naughty things, but it won't work. Sometimes I'd like to go back to bows and arrows too."

Before the senate met Secretary of Commerce Wallace appeared before the special atomic energy committee to recommend vesting domestic control of the new power source in a civilian commission, as proposed by Committee Chairman McMahon (D-Ill.).

Bill Readied to Curb Petrillo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The way was cleared today for house action on a bill to curb the activities of James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL).

The rules committee gave it right of way to the floor after it had heard a report by the house commerce committee that unless congress soon restricted Petrillo's union the broadcasting industry might have to "pay tribute probably in excess of \$20,000,000 a year."

No date was set for the house to consider it.

PAIR PLEAD INNOCENT

ALBANY, Jan. 31 (AP)—Jack Orville Mann, S. D. McClain and Roy Moore, charged with burglary of two Brownsville stores Dec. 21, have pleaded innocent in circuit court here. The trial date was not announced.

Pilot



ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Jan. 31 (AP)—Capt. W. P. Briggs (above), Portland resident, executive of fleet of the United Air Lines Mainliner which crashed near here today. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Moscow Radio Opens Fire on British Policy

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The Moscow radio today criticized the presence of British troops in Greece as the United Nations security council prepared to consider tomorrow its next big problem—Russian charges of British interference in the affairs of Greece.

This first issue directly between two of the world's major powers is scheduled to come before the security council at 3 p.m. (10 a.m. EST).

The Moscow broadcast, followed the line of Russia's complaint to the security council, described the position of Greece as "desperate" and declared that her rehabilitation "is not furthered" by the presence of foreign troops.

British officials expressed confidence that the situation would be worked out saying the "give-and-take" attitude among the council members at yesterday's heated debate on the Iranian issue was "a good omen."

School Assured of Fire Protection

Should fire ever threaten the McKinley school building, which stands just outside Salem's southern boundary, the city fire department would answer the call, Mayor I. M. Doughton assured anxious parents in that area Thursday.

The ordinance by which the city council ordered city services denied to properties outside the municipal limits specifically excepts the McKinley school, only structure in the Salem school district which is outside the city, although the district is considerably larger than the municipality.

Oregonians On Airliner Down On Rocky Peak

By Richard K. O'Malley

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Jan. 31 (AP)—A driving snowstorm forced temporary abandonment tonight of a search for a Seattle-to-New York United Air Lines transport plane bearing 18 passengers and a crew of three believed to have crashed atop towering Elk mountain early today.

The storm, of near-blizzard proportions, dropped an opaque mantle about the 11,125 foot peak and compelled a search party of sheepherders and ranchers to turn back after they had climbed the south face of the mountain to within 300 feet of the summit.

United Air Lines officials said that a plane would take off from Cheyenne tomorrow, weather permitting, in an attempt to fly closer to the scene of the reported crash than did another UAL plane earlier today.

Sighted Farrow Aerial searchers today sighted a deep, quarter-mile long furrow across the snow of the peak 65 miles northwest of Laramie, Wyo. They concluded that the furrow was evidence that the plane had plowed into the peak close to the top about 3 a.m. (mountain standard time).

An army convoy of 50 military policemen under the command of Lt. Paul L. Farver was en route here from Fort Warren to aid in the search.

Twenty minutes before that hour the capacity-loaded ship had radioed a routine "all's well" report from over Sinclair, Wyo., 35 miles to the west. The twin-engine Douglas transport made its last regular stop at Boise, Idaho, where it picked up Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bender, en route to their home in Sheffield, Ill., after their Monday wedding at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Portland Crew Walter P. Briggs, a veteran of nearly ten years with United, was the captain in charge of the ship. The first officer was Harry N. Atlas who completed his course at UAL's Denver flight school a few weeks ago. The stewardess, Dorothy Carter, 22, had been with UAL about a year. All three lived in Portland, Ore., although Atlas formerly lived in Seattle, Wash., and Miss Carter came from La Grande, Ore.

Beside the Benders, the civilian passengers listed by UAL included:

H. R. Glover, 2315 East 13th street, Vancouver, Wash., bound from Portland to New York.

Mrs. E. H. Blake, Richland, Wash., bound from Pendleton, Ore., to Denver.

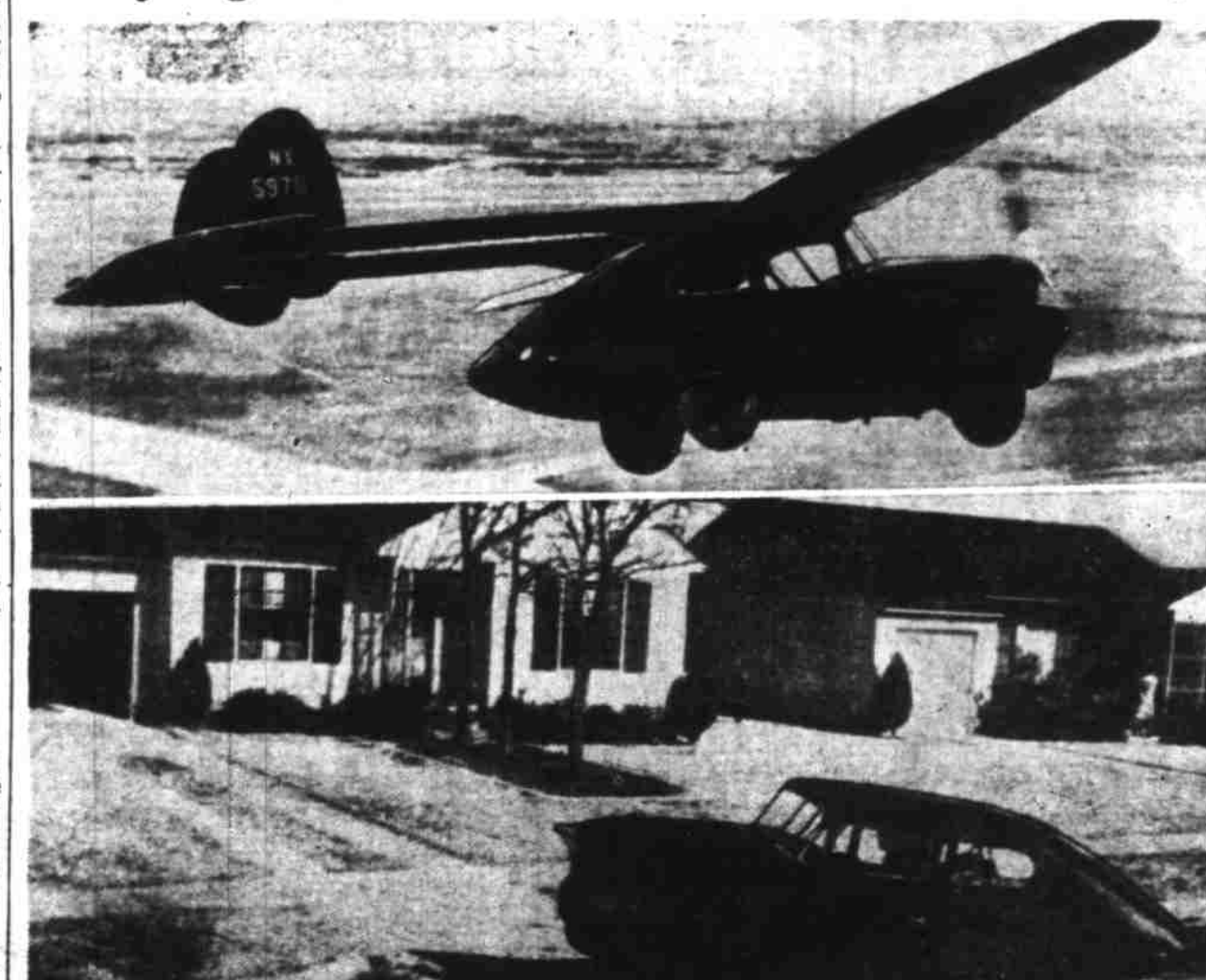
Names of service personnel, most of whom were being deployed from Pacific service eastward for discharge in their home areas, were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

Harriman Would Quit Moscow Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Truman told reporters today that W. Averell Harriman has been trying to quit as ambassador to Moscow ever since the end of the war. Harriman is now en route to the United States by way of the far east.

Asked whether he had offered the post to John J. McCloy, former assistant secretary of war, the president said he had offered it to no one.

Flying Automobile Performs Double Duty



GARLAND, Tex., Jan. 31—A roadable plane, developed by the Southern Aircraft Division, Portable Products, Inc., makes a test flight in Dallas County. In the lower picture, the craft, with wing and tail structure removed, head for a family garage. The two-passenger plane so far is strictly experimental and is not ready to be placed on the market, the company announced. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Stewardess



ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Jan. 31 (AP)—Dorothy Jean Carter (above) was identified today by United Air Lines as the stewardess on the plane down in the mountains of Wyoming. United Air Lines said Miss Carter is based at Portland. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

'Dime' Booth Nets \$3000 for Paralysis Fund

The downtown March of Dimes booth sponsored and staffed by Willamette university closed Thursday after a lively two-week campaign which netted more than \$3000 for the infantile paralysis fund.

Final collection total has not been announced, but booth receipts through Wednesday were counted at \$2952.63, according to university officials.

The collection this year is five times the \$600 total collected at the university booth last year. This year students worked at the Liberty street booth in shifts, attracting the attention of passersby by playing records and delivering "sales talks" over a public address system.

Co-chairmen of the Willamette booth project were R. J. Chance, Salem, and Vicky Jones, Silverton.

Wernuth's 'Wife' To Confront Major

MANILA, Friday, Feb. 1 (AP)—Olivia Josephine Oswald said today that she intended to go to America to confront Maj. Arthur Wernuth, famed "one man" army of Bataan.

"Maybe if he sees me in person he will know who I am — his wife," she asserted in an interview. She has filed an annulment suit in the Manila courts which stated that she and the American hero were married in Manila the night before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Wernuth, in Chicago, denied "that this picture has anything to do with a wedding."

Norblad Given Committee Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—First committee assignments were announced today for Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.), elected to complete the term of the late Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.).

He is on the house committee on public lands, patents, and election of the president, vice president and members of congress.

The naval affairs committee assignment held by Rep. Mott went to Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

Truman Declines Talk On Alaska Immigration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Truman declined comment today on a suggestion by Interior Secretary Ickes that Alaska be opened to immigration.

Questioned about an article Ickes wrote on the subject, the president replied that he had not read it.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Trace
Salem	47	38	22
Eugene	48	34	Trace
Portland	44	34	33
Seattle	46	34	33
San Francisco	47	32	50

Willamette river 5.5 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, occasional light rains. Highs temperature 45 degrees.