

36 Survive Crash in Sea

MANILA — (UP) — The Army transport Gen. E. T. Collins docked here Monday with 36 survivors of an emergency landing in the China Sea made by a four-engine plane bound from Shanghai to the Philippines.

Officials of the Far Eastern Air Transport, Inc., owners of the C-54, said that six passengers—all Chinese—were missing and presumed lost.

The plane crashed in the water

80 miles off the coast of northern Luzon Saturday afternoon. After spending the night in rubber life-rafts the survivors were sighted by another FEAT plane at 9:30 a.m. and picked up by the Collins at 11 a.m.

Pilot Noel Worley of Seminole, Okla., and co-pilot Robert R. Lamarr of Oakland, Cal., said the plane was cruising at about 8000 feet altitude when the left in-board engine caught fire, burned out and dropped into the sea.

The left wing continued to burn, they said.

"It was a race to see if we could ditch it in the ocean before the wing burned off in which case nobody would have lived," Worley said.

They said four Chinese passengers were unable to free themselves from the sinking fuselage while two others got out but drowned before they could clamber onto rafts. Of three Chinese women aboard, one was drowned.

The youngest survivor was 11-year-old Roy Braddock, who was with his brother Frederick, 13, on their way to boarding school in Perth, Australia.

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Tax Cutting Recommended

Washington — (UP) — The Commerce Department's Small Business Advisory Committee Monday recommended individual income tax cuts up to 20 per cent.

The committee's recommendations were announced by Secretary W. Averell Harriman. They included other tax law modifications which would reduce business taxes as well as personal income levies.

President Truman has repeatedly insisted that tax reductions now would be "unsound fiscal policy."

The advisory committee, made up of businessmen from all parts of the country, said the government should "take every step possible to get its fiscal house in order."

Members of the Small Business Advisory Committee include: William E. Draper, Yakima, Wash., department store owner.

Students Rescued From Wild Blizzard

SPOKANE, Wash. — (UP) — Three Gonzaga University students, trapped for 24 hours by a blizzard in the wild Mt. Spokane area, were rescued Sunday night.

The trio, Richard Powell, 20; Ned Flaherty, 22; and Ordeen Burtenshaw, 23, left their skiing companions Saturday for a final run down the slopes of the 8000-foot mountain and were caught by the storm.

Planes and parties on foot searched in vain until Sunday night when a squad led by Gordon Levine and Elton Blazer, skiing instructors at Mt. Spokane Lodge, discovered the students huddled together in an abandoned shack.

It required four hours to bring the students out on skis to the nearest town, Spirit Lake, Ida. Except for being cold, hungry and exhausted, they were described as having survived treacherous snow drifts and zero temperatures "in good shape."

Washington PUD Purchase Sustained

OLYMPIA — (UP) — In a surprise move Monday the Washington Supreme Court held that the proposed purchase of the Pudget Sound Power and Light Co. by the Skagit County Public Utility District is legal.

The opinion was filed by Joseph A. Mallory, new chief justice, as his first act as head of the high tribunal.

In effect, the opinion reversed an earlier order filed by outgoing Chief Justice William S. Millard, setting the case for a rehearing.

The action sustained the Skagit Superior Court's opinion authorizing the Skagit District to issue \$135,000,000 in revenue bonds for the proposed purchase.

The vote was four to four.

Fish Cannery Hit By \$25,000 Blaze

WARRENTON — (UP) — Fire early Monday destroyed two auxiliary buildings of the San Juan Canning Company's fish processing plant here and for a time threatened to destroy all of the plant.

Warrenton volunteer firemen saved the main building, which was ablaze when they arrived, and with the aid of Fort Stevens and Coast Guard fire fighters extinguished the fire after a two-hour fight.

Loss was estimated by Harold Gramson, manager of the company, at from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and was covered by insurance.

Five New Recruits Signed Up by Navy

Five new Navy recruits were announced last week by Chief Leonard Reinholdt, in charge of recruiting in this district. They are M. N. Butterfield, Veneta; Vernon A. Hopper, 1473 Nineteenth Ave. E., Eugene; Cecil L. Williams, 1128 E. St., Springfield; Andrew F. Harris, Box 313, Glendale; and Merle A. Conray, Oakridge.

Rescued Byrd Airmen Tell Of Harrowing Two-Week Wait

ABOARD U.S.S. MT. OLYMPUS WITH BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION — (UP) — The skill of their Boston pilot, plus plenty of luck and courage, was credited Monday for the survival of six Navy airmen whose plane exploded over the desolate antarctic wastes after hitting an ice mountain two weeks ago.

The six, only one of them seriously injured, were plucked from the icy polar slopes Sunday and flown back to their ship—the seaplane tender Pine Island. But left behind in frozen graves were the bodies of three crew-members who died in the crash.

Aboard the Pine Island, the six survivors told a dramatic story of how they battled the eternal wind and cold and fog of the antarctic to come through alive.

"God was with us," said Lt. (j.g.) William H. Kearns, Jr., the pilot of the ill-fated plane. His five fellow survivors agreed with him.

The death of their three comrades dimmed the joy of the Pine Island crew at the rescue. Still, the sailors pressed forward eagerly to grip the tired, hungry but grinning survivors by the hand.

In memory of those left behind, all aboard the Pine Island stood bareheaded to the sound of taps — the Navy's call to rest for the three young men who perished on icy slopes near the bottom tip of the world.

From their bunks on the plane

Salem Man Succumbs During Visit Here

Carl Austin Smith, 42, parts manager for International Harvester Co. at Salem, died of a heart attack Saturday evening while visiting his mother, Mrs. Sadie Laxton, 442 B St., Springfield.

Smith came to Eugene Saturday for a conference of International managers and stayed over to attend the Elks Lodge conclave here Saturday evening.

Born at Coburg Aug. 18, 1904, he married Gladys Perin at McFarland, June 17, 1927. The couple had one son, Richard, 18, who survives with the widow, a brother, Alfred of Belfountain, and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Humphrey, Nashville, Ore., and Mrs. Eleanor Terrill, Springfield.

Funeral arrangements are being made at Bartholomew-Buell Chapel and will be announced later. Burial will be at Belfountain.

MacArthur Credits Christian Ideals

CHICAGO — (UP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur says the Christian religion was "the great moral force which steered the arm and steadied the aim as our armies stormed their way from Australia to the heart of the Japanese empire."

In a letter to the International Council of Religious Education giving his support to the observance of National Youth Week, Jan. 26 to Feb. 2, the commander of the Allied powers in Japan said the Christian faith "is the cornerstone of our national strength."

He said that in addition to acting as a moral force to our fighting men, Christian ideals of tolerance and justice "formed the very key arch to the philosophy underlying all policy governing the treatment of our vanquished foe in the occupation of Japan."

Blind Vet Mulls Offers

PORTLAND — (UP) — Calvin D. Venable tried Monday to decide whether a blind veteran would be better off running a small paint store in an Oregon town of 4000 persons or working for a New York furniture designer.

Venable, who lost his sight on a Jap prison ship, considered these two the best of 14 jobs offered him.

Two weeks ago the survivor of Corregidor climaxed a nine-month fruitless job search with a series of want ads offering to do anything—"even dishwashing." He received no offers until attention was focused on his plight by a United Press story.

Venable said an offer to let him run a paint store at St. Helens, Ore., would permit more independence, but designing furniture for Jimmy Mont of New York City might bring more money.

"I'm going to take something soon," he added. "A job will give me a chance to lead a normal life instead of forcing me to remain idle at home. A jobless blind man stays in prison all his life."

Court Affirms Curley Verdict

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The District of Columbia Court of Appeals Monday affirmed the conviction of Mayor James M. Curley of Boston on mail fraud.

The court of appeals also affirmed the convictions of Curley's two associates, James G. Fuller and Donald Wakefield Smith, former member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The court's decision was by a 2 to 1 vote. A dissenting opinion was filed by Judge Wilbur K. Miller.

The three were found guilty in January, 1946, of using the mails to defraud through a war contract group known as Engineers Group, Inc. The original indictment against Curley and the other two was returned in 1944 by a federal grand jury in Washington.

The government said the firm had obtained more than \$80,000 from clients by representing that it could obtain government contracts for them. The government charged that Curley, as president

of the group, helped to help prospective "victims" to Washington.

Fuller was executive vice president of the group, Smith was treasurer for a short period.

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