

Lost Marine Plane Sought on Rainier

LONGMIRE, Wash. (AP)—A party of U.S. naval communications men and park rangers Wednesday established a base of operations near the foot of Mount Rainier preparatory to scaling the mighty peak Thursday to search for a lost Marine transport, missing since Dec. 10 with 32 persons aboard.

The party, headed by Assistant Chief Park Ranger William Butler, estimated that five hours would be required to reach the point on the glacier-covered slope of the mountain where Butler reported spotting parts of an airplane wreckage tentatively identified as

part of the missing transport. Butler sighted the wreckage through binoculars from a vantage point on the ridge of Success Cleaver Monday. He said the parts of the plane appeared to be widely scattered.

The camp was set up six and one-half miles northwest of Longmire on the southwest slope of the towering mountain. A group of eight will make the scaling attempt along the crevasse-dotted glacier beginning at dawn Thursday, H. L. Bill, assistant superintendent at Longmire, said.

Single Soviet Farm Harvest Said Gigantic

MOSCOW (AP)—The newspaper Izvestia said Wednesday that a tremendous grain harvest was assured on the "gigantic" state farm in the Kuban, which covers an acreage larger than some European countries.

The article said the giant, largest state farm in Russia, had reached its pre-war production level despite hot winds, unreasonable frosts and a strange early spring storm which deposited black snow and sand on a large acreage. The farm is devoted almost entirely to wheat.

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Ex-Colleagues Give Truman Big Welcome

WASHINGTON (AP)—Breaking precedent, President Truman took his old seat in the Senate Wednesday and made a brief speech saying he had spent the best ten years of his life there.

Greeting happily, the President, a former senator from Missouri, walked onto the Senate floor unannounced after lunching at the capitol.

He took a rear row seat on the Democratic side as senators and gallery occupants rose and applauded.

The Senate at the moment was busy with routine, minor bills.

But when Mr. Truman appeared, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), the presiding officer, promptly recognized the President and welcomed him warmly.

Vandenberg then said that he recognized the "senator from Missouri for five minutes."

Senators applauded as President Truman arose and began a brief talk. He said the Senate had been very kind and that he never had had a more cordial welcome anywhere.

WASHINGTON (AP)—An unidentified man said to be carrying a gun was seized by Capitol police on the Senate side of the Capitol Wednesday soon after President Truman visited the chamber.

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Liquor Board Arranges Deal

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some \$24,000,000 for welfare in the next two years. So far, it has paid in some \$817,000 of this sum.

The deal expected by month's end would bring the state about \$10.75 in gallon (the original purchase price) for its straight whisky and obligate the state to buy some \$30,000,000 worth of blends in monthly installments during the next two years.

The straight whisky was bought last year when some distillery agents claimed a shortage was coming. It is still in government warehouses in Kentucky and Indiana. The commission borrowed \$7,000,000 at one per cent interest from three Portland banks to make the purchase.

Repayments
The commission reported Wednesday that it had paid off \$2,500,000 of the loans in June and expected to repay some \$1,300,000 in July.

The state has been getting blended whiskies that averaged 35 per cent whisky; the remainder was grain alcohol and water. It is expected that similar supplies will be furnished by the distilleries party to the pending agreement. Some whisky blends may run better than 35 per cent straight, and one below the 20 per cent minimum required by the state.

Claim Loss
The distillers have claimed they are taking a loss on the deal because they are buying whisky at a price which prevailed during wartime shortages. They quote prices of around \$6 a gallon for similar stocks on the St. Louis market.

The whisky they are getting from the state, however, is pure bourbon which they can cut with water and grain alcohol and resell as blends.

The state will get some 1,200,000 cases (12 fifth to a case) of blended spirits and will be bound to take at least 41,001 cases each month for two years.

Two Big Ones
Two distillers will handle half of Oregon's bulk whisky on the transaction and will in turn provide nearly a third of the blended stock, preliminary estimates showed.

The commission emphasized Wednesday that these matters are still in the negotiating stage and would not be quoted on names and figures.

Sees Advantage
It did believe, however, that it was better off with a supply of whisky to dicker with than it would have been had the state purchased large inventories of slower moving liquors.

Some nine distillers are in on the deal to take over the state's barrelled supplies in exchange for contracts to supply the blends. The board did not say that these contracts would be exclusive but it was believed that with 45,000 cases coming into the state each month, an effort would be made to move those stocks as quickly as possible.

SOLDIER IN JAPAN
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