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Plane Output Lag Criticised Norblad Proposes Full-Scale Inquiry

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Two members of the House Armed Services Committee said Thursday "the Soviet is outproducing us in planes by three or four to one" and demanded an investigation.

In a joint statement, Representatives Norblad (R-Ore) and Nelson (R-Me) suggested that the House Armed Services Committee inquire into "the extreme lag in combat aircraft production."

"WE DON'T pretend to know just wherein the fault lies," they said, "but certainly something is wrong with a system whereby the Soviet is out-producing us in planes by three or four to one."

"Claims have been made that the joint chiefs-of-staff have erred in their future scheduling; that there has been a lack of appropriate funds; that factory production schedules are lax; that there are material shortages and a half dozen other reasons."

"IT SEEMS to us that it is high time to find out just wherein lies the fault and to correct it if possible."

"Neither ourselves nor the American people like to think that our flyers are not given a proper number of planes in Korea or that as planes are shot down this great industrial country is only producing sufficient quantity to barely replace them."

Nelson and Norblad both served as combat intelligence officers with the Eighth Air Force in World War II.

District Talk Contest Here

Toastmasters Clubs of Eugene will host the District Toastmasters speech contest here May 10, members have announced.

It will be in the Eugene Hotel and will be represented by clubs in all of Western Oregon, Northern California, and Southern Washington.

Byron Miller, local publicity director for Toastmasters, has announced also that the annual Liar's Contest will be held in the Osburn Hotel April 29. Four local ministers will judge the show.

Miller also reminded members of local clubs that Toastmasters have changed their meeting place. Meetings will be held at 6:15 p.m. Mondays in Osburn Hotel for the Cascade Toastmasters; at 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the same place for Eugene Toastmasters.

A joint meeting of both clubs and the Junction City club was held Tuesday to discuss the coming speech contest.



REVENGE SEEKER—John Schiavone, 23, is restrained by employees of Methodist Hospital in New York as he lunges at his stepfather, Anthony Patti, 64, who is under arrest for slashing the throat of his wife (Schiavone's mother) of three months.

Korean War Swells Number of Veterans

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Veterans Administration estimated Thursday that 716,000 members of the armed services have returned to civilian life since the outbreak of the Korean War.

It noted, too, that "more and more veterans disabled since the beginning of the Korean conflict" are turning to the VA for medical care and other disability benefits.

Eventually, the agency noted, the number of veterans of the post-Korean period—the war began June 25, 1950—are "likely to equal if not to exceed" the 4,764,000 who came out of World War I.

At the end of February, 1952, VA said, there were in civilian life an overall total of 19,179,000 former servicemen.

These figures were cited for since-Korea veterans:

• At the end of January, 2075 were being treated in hospitals by the VA, an increase of nearly 200 over the Dec. 31 total of 1,879.

• In addition, 2042 sought services at VA outpatient clinics during February. This was the first compilation of such figures.

• A total of 6830 were drawing VA disability compensation or pension at the end of February, an increase of nearly 1500 over the January figure of 5351.

• At the end of February 292 disabled since the Korean war

started were training at VA expense in schools, farms, or jobs, almost double the January total of 135.

• By the end of February, dependents of 10,388 deceased veterans were drawing VA death compensation or pension, an increase of 666 over the January total of 9722.

Steel Seizure Rapped by Taft

BOSTON — (AP) — Sen. Taft said Thursday congressmen should "consider" impeachment of President Truman for his seizure of the steel industry.

"I think the seizure of steel is a valid case for impeachment," he told a news conference. "It is valid for presentation to the House certainly."

The Ohio Republican said that he and three other senators are supporting a resolution directing a Senate committee to study the President's legal rights in making the seizure.

Sen. Taft, starting out on a day-and-night speech-making campaign through industrial Massachusetts, said he hopes to get a "fair number" of Massachusetts 38 convention delegates.

Owyhee River Closes Bridges

Melting of Snow Sends Water Up

ONTARIO, Ore. — (AP) — The flooding Owyhee River washed out one bridge, closed two others and chased six families from the narrow Owyhee Valley Wednesday.

A sudden surge in the snow melt sent the river overflowing. It washed out a Reclamation Bureau bridge on the road to Owyhee Dam. A bridge on Highway 201 also was closed after supports were washed away. A Union Pacific bridge on the Homedale-Nyssa branch also was closed.

The six families chased to higher ground lived on farms in the valley between the dam and the point where the Owyhee flows into the Snake River, just south of Nyssa. They were able to take most of their belongings and livestock with them.

Some sewers were flooded in Ontario as the Snake rose two feet in 24 hours. A sanitary problem arose as sewage backed into basements.

The water covered two-thirds of Falk Island, two miles downstream from Ontario in the Snake River. Two families were evacuated there.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again.

SPRITLY BRIDE MARKS BIRTHDAY

SEATTLE — (AP) — Mrs. Sadie Emerson, a bride of six months, celebrated her 98th birthday Wednesday.

The twinkly-eyed, sprightly lady is the wife of Charles Emerson, 58. She has outlived four mates.

"We got married because I thought he was such a dear," she said. "I was afraid to live alone and I wanted to take care of Charley. It's nice to have a man around the house."

Portland Eyes New Highway

PORTLAND — (AP) — A new highway approach for Portland-Salem traffic entering Portland is under consideration, Engineer R. H. Baldock of the State Highway Commission said Wednesday.

Baldock said the proposed approach is in Southwest Portland. It would be intended to relieve Barbours Blvd. of congestion. At present Highway 99-W enters the city via Barbours.

The new road would start at the point where the Wilsonville road now connects with 99-W, southwest of Portland. It would be a freeway, connecting with Harbor Drive near the downtown section of Portland.

Baldock said the new route would be necessary once the Wilsonville road and bridges are completed between Portland and Salem.

Roaring Winds Ground Planes Allied Warships Pound Coast

SEOUL — (AP) — Allied airmen tied down their planes Thursday in the teeth of roaring winds sweeping down from North Korea.

Only a few weather reconnaissance planes flew.

On the ground, the Reds threw a series of light jabs at Allied lines on the western front. All were hurled back.

The Navy said in Tokyo that the American destroyer-escort Silverstein recently escaped unharmed from "probably the heaviest attack of the Korean War against a United Nations warship."

Red shore batteries south of Hungnam on the east coast fired 80 rounds at the Silverstein. The ship reported 45 splashes and 200 yards of the ship.

The Navy said, "Rapid and accurate changes in range and deflection indicated the Reds were using modern fire control equipment."

Allied warships pounded North Korean east coast Wednesday. Carrier-based planes hit positions southwest of Chinnai on the west.

In spectacular ground action Wednesday, about 20 Allied tanks raided Red lines near Kumsong on the central front.

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