

COMMANDED CARRIER IN WAR

Adm. Sherman, New Navy Head Knows All Naval Operations

Washington, Nov. 2 (AP)—It was Vice Admiral Forrest P. Sherman's record in the long controversy over military unification which first fastened attention on him for possible appointment as chief of naval operations.

Back in 1946 he and the then Maj. Gen. Lauris Norstad of the air force found common ground on which to work out a compromise on unification. Both were air officers.

Sherman was the negotiator for the navy when the army and the then army air forces sought to produce a compromise bill that would meet some of the objections to unification raised by the navy department.

The proposals produced by the small group of high navy and air force officials, of which Sherman and Norstad were members, received the approval of President Truman and the compromise version became the unification law with the passage by congress.

The admiral is thoroughly familiar with carrier operation, which now has become the basic plan around which all naval striking forces are built.

He knows the administrative problems in Washington—where he has served a number of times—and the harsh realities of combat. Of that, he saw much in the Pacific campaign of World War II. Among his war commands was the original Carrier Wasp, sunk in the Solomon Island battle of September, 1942.

It appears to have been Sherman's experiences in the air-land-sea Pacific war that convinced him of the need for unified command at Washington. He has said that every successful offensive in the Pacific was made possible by combined planning among the sea, air and land commanders of that theater.

Sherman, 55 years old last Sunday, is a native of Merrimack, N.H., and a naval academy graduate—second in his class of 203 in 1917. He went overseas almost immediately after his graduation, assigned to American naval forces in the Mediterranean.

From 1917 to 1922 he was junior officer aboard a number of destroyers, cruisers and battleships.

But in that year he decided he wanted to cast his fortune with naval aviation, then a tiny fraction of seapower. He has remained in that service since.

Sherman no sooner finished his arbitration role in the 1948-47 unification dispute than he found he was headed for another tough job—command of the United States task fleet in the Mediterranean.

There the fleet, built around aircraft carriers, represent the "implementation" to American foreign policy, of which diplomats speak. Its commander has to be part diplomat, part navy officer to sail the precise course through international shoals in that part of the world.



Coffee Prices May Rise Again

Seattle, Nov. 2 (AP)—Coffee prices, which have jumped approximately six cents a pound in the last week, may go up another 10 cents in a week or 10 days, a Seattle wholesaler said yesterday.

He and other dealers put the blame on three problems: Exhaustion of backlogged South American stocks; increased coffee consumption; and destruction of this year's crop by drought in Brazil and Colombia and by flood in Central America.

The pinch from the drought and flood won't be felt until next year, retailers predicted, but the first two reasons already have struck at the consumers' pocketbooks.

Present retail prices here range from 48 to 60 cents a pound.

Test Pilot Drowned In Jet Plane Crash

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 2 (AP)—Navy Test Pilot Lt. (J.G.) Walter C. Hardbridge drowned while rescuers frantically attempted to raise his crashed jet plane 10 feet to the surface.

Salvage teams sped to the crash scene only 100 yards off North Island Naval air station yesterday and struggled against a rising tide to lift the Shooting Star to the surface in hopes Hardbridge still survived in the pressurized cockpit.

The pressurized seal was wrenched open in the crash, however, allowing water to seep in. The Maywood, Cal., airman's body showed no signs he had been killed by the impact, doctors said.

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Tough Outlaw Gives up Meekly

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2 (AP)—Gunman Jack Tatum, touted as one of the toughest outlaws in the southwest, surrendered meekly when FBI agents seized him in downtown El Paso, government officials said today.

Tatum, who broke out of a Phoenix, Ariz., jail two weeks ago, was recognized on the street yesterday by an alert federal agent despite the fact that the bandit was thin from undernourishment.

The 28-year-old fugitive was unarmed. Warnings spread throughout southwestern states had urged officials to use extreme caution in attempting capture because he was "believed armed and dangerous."

Strange Disease Strikes Unalaska

Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 2 (AP)—The mysterious epidemic that killed two children recently before being brought under control has struck again at Unalaska, the civilian town near Dutch Harbor.

Dr. Robert L. Smith, assistant commissioner of the Alaska department of health here, said Dr. Wendell Matthews and Bacteriologist Frank Pauls flew into the area yesterday in response to a plea for additional help. They took medical supplies and equipment to diagnose the disease.

Death by Diphtheria Brings Autopsy Order

McMinnville, Ore., Nov. 2—An autopsy has been ordered by Dr. H. M. Stolte and Glenn Macy, Jr., coroner, in connection with the death Sunday of Carolyn Cruickshank, 11-year-old Dayton girl who died from diphtheria. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cruickshank, Dayton Rt. 1. The fatality was the first in connection with five other outbreaks in Yamhill county.



Plane Wreckage Searched—Firemen search the wreckage of Eastern Airlines plane which crashed near the Washington, D. C., National airport, following a mid-air collision with a Bolivian military plane. (AP Wirephoto.)



Lone Survivor of Mid-Air Crash—Nurse Joan Bason watches over Eric Rios Bridoux, pilot of the P-38 that collided with an Eastern Airlines plane, as she gives him blood plasma at Alexandria hospital in Alexandria, Va. Bridoux was the only survivor of the crash that took 54 lives. (Acme Telephoto.)

Power Needed in State Says McKay

Baker, Nov. 2 (AP)—Water power development and natural resource conservation are the basis of getting more jobs in Oregon, Gov. Douglas McKay said here yesterday.

"We will attract industry when we get out of the power shortage," he said. The governor said he didn't think this would be very soon.

He urged Oregonians to seek opportunity rather than security. He said the state should process more of its farm products and increase lumber fabrication operations.

Friendly Hour Club Making School Quilt

Sunnyside—The Friendly Hour club held its first fall meeting at the home of Mrs. Kleinsmith. A quilt was tied and

finished and is to be presented to the Sunnyside school.

Those present were Mrs. Kioch, Mrs. Rose Burs, Mrs. Geneva Bunse, Mrs. Dutoit, Mrs. Violet Heckart, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Popsill, Mrs. Wycoff and the hostess, Mrs. Kleinsmith.

The next meeting will be an all-day affair with a no-host dinner at the home of Mrs. Ray Heckart November 10. Plans will be made for a bazaar to be held at the school house in the near future.

Aerial Collisions Fatal

Washington, Nov. 2 (AP)—Aerial collisions have caused the only fatal accidents on the airlines in the past 14 months.



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