

Airport Traffic Goes on; Tragedy, Death Lurks Near

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Washington, Nov. 3 (AP)—It was "operations normal" most of the time yesterday at the National airport. People came through the lobby and did the usual things. They weighed their luggage at the airlines counters. They cocked an ear to the loud speakers to catch the call of their flights. They walked through the gates, boarded their ships and took off.



4-H Winners Announced Here

Portland, Nov. 3 (AP)—Eleven 4-H club members of Oregon are planning to leave here Thanksgiving day to attend the national club congress in Chicago.

As if nothing had happened. As a matter of fact, something awful had happened. A mile from the airport, a speedy P-37, steered by a Bolivian flier, had clipped an Eastern Airlines DC-4 in half. More than 50 persons, many of them bashed beyond resemblance to humans, were dead. Their bodies were spread over land and in the waters of an inlet which is part of the Potomac river.

The aft half of the luxury airliner, which had set out from Boston, destination New Orleans, showed its tail piece grotesquely out of the water. The folks who were coming and going at the airport were unaware of the tragedy for a while. You can't see around a corner. And the scene of the crash was around the corner from the observation platform.

The outgoing planes winged over the scene. Passengers coming into the capital also passed it, but most did not know of the misery below.

Some of those waiting to leave didn't know of the disaster until the papers reached the port, a couple of hours after the collision. They flew anyhow. Those who like to fly, fly no matter what, it seems. The airport averages 500 flights in and out a day—yesterday was average.

But it was a little different out on Mount Vernon Memorial Boulevard. Only a railing and 15 yards separate the scene of horror from the busy highway. Capt. George H. Maines, American Legion official, was on a bue headed for Washington when the crash occurred.

He tugged the cord, bounced out and was one of the first on the scene. The moans of the injured were very faint, he said. The captain had seen terrible things before. But nothing like this. Bloody pillows, which a few seconds before had rested happy but weary heads. Lunch-plates with half-eaten meals atop floated in the water. The muddy river bank was a mess

Five others were listed by L. J. Allen, state club leader, as having a chance in regional competition to make the trip. Making the trip will be: Margaret Schafer, 15, Milwaukie, canning; Mary Lee Rust, 17, Azalea, clothing; Bob Yungen, 16, Hillsboro, farm safety; Kenneth Hill, 16, Cove, field crops; Roseanne Jefferson, 15, Shedd, food preparation; Mary Ann Kleson, 16, Bend, garden; Patricia Horning, 18, Sherwood, record keeping; Don Phillips, 16, Grants Pass, poultry; Roberta Harris, 15, Summer Lake, home improvement; Joe Ann Roberts, 17, Shedd, style revue; Patricia Seidler, 16, Portland, better methods.

Others who have a chance in regional competition to win a trip to Chicago include: Theresa Ann Zillig, 17, Canby, girls' achievement; Charles Colegrove, 17, Junction City, boys' achievement; Lee Don Campbell, 14, Grants Pass, dairy production; Larry Morris, 13, Grants Pass, home ground beautification; Margaret Colegrove, 17, Junction City, girl's leadership.

for many yards around. It wasn't long before the sirens were screaming and the cops and the military were on hand to take charge and brush away the curious, always bent on picking up a souvenir, no matter how gruesome.

One souvenir was left untouched. It was a child victim's copy of "Alice in Wonderland." Open to page 191. One paragraph on that page ended . . . "and the shrill voice of the queen ordering off her unfortunate guests to execution."

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Harry Semler



Sandwichman's Takeoff—An old sandwichboard carrier gets a little help from some friends in costume at the start of the annual race in the Place Du Tertre, Paris.

LADY GOAT COMES TO RESCUE Mayer and Assistants Learn Much About Ways of Animals

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON
(United Press Hollywood Correspondent)

Hollywood, Cal., Nov. 3 (AP)—Louis B. Mayer, who gets \$1,000,000 a year for preventing things like this, wound up today with a pregnant Llama on his hands. And therein lies a long, sad tale of frustration that has more than one assistant to the head man at MGM brushing up on his animal husbandry.



Virginia MacPherson

It all started when Mayer okayed a comedy with one sequence built around a Llama who happened to be in a family way. It looked funny on paper. But nobody on the Mayer payroll's laughing very loud now.

Norman Panama and Malvin Frank, who wrote the script about a zookeeper's daughter, pepped it up with a scene featuring the birth of a Llama. June Allyson was supposed to hand it to Dick Powell when it was minutes old. So far, so good.

When Panama and Frank started investigating Llamas and such they discovered a newborn Llama is about the size of a small horse. That threw 'em into a full-sized tizzy. Powell holding a horse, they told each other, wouldn't be half so funny as Powell holding a tiny critter.

So they quick-like re-wrote the script and switched to a goat. Seems late fall isn't the time when goats become mamas. Every expert in town told the studio they couldn't furnish a



Arms Aid Head — James Bruce (above), former ambassador to Argentina, was nominated by President Truman to head the \$1,314,010,000 foreign military assistance program.

Tax on All-Fur Coats Deferred Until Mar. 1

Washington, Nov. 3 (AP)—The internal revenue bureau today postponed until March 1 the effective date of a ruling clamping the 20 percent sales tax on all-fur coats without exception.

The postponement was in response to protests from manufacturers and merchants. They claimed they would suffer loss unfairly unless given time to dispose of stocks acquired before the ruling.

The original ruling, made known yesterday and intended to be immediately effective, was designed to plug a loophole in the law under which some all-fur coats had gone tax free along with fur-trimmed cloth coats.

New Union Vote Asked
Portland, Nov. 3 (AP)—The AFL Building Service Employees union, defeated 20 to 3 in a representation election at Lipman Wolfe & Co. department store Friday, wants a new vote. It charges intimidation.

The union's complaint, filed yesterday with the national labor relations board, says employees were warned they would lose company insurance, vacations and other benefits if they voted for the union.

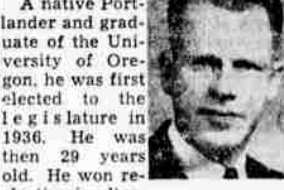
Harold Wendell, store manager, denied the charge.



U. S. Jockey Abroad—Johnny Longden (left) chats with Irish jockey Morny Wing at Curragh racetrack, Ireland, where Longden won on Pink Larkspur, his first mount abroad.

Rep. Allen Dies in The Dalles Hospital

The Dalles, Nov. 3 (AP)—State Rep. Einar C. Allen, 42, Portland, died yesterday at the tuberculosis hospital here. He had been a patient since May 21.



Einar C. Allen

A native Portland and graduate of the University of Oregon, he was first elected to the legislature in 1936. He was then 29 years old. He won reelection in alternating elections of 1940, 1944 and 1948. He was a democrat.

His mother, two brothers and two sisters survive. The funeral will be held in Portland Friday.

Four out of five toothbrushes in use in U.S. homes are in unsatisfactory condition, according to the Britannica Book of the Year.

Hay-Fever-Producing Ragweed Discovered

Portland, Nov. 3 (AP)—There is a small patch of hay-fever-producing ragweed in Oregon.

The state medical society warned yesterday that a field of the weed was found east of Estacada in the Cascade mountains of Clackamas county.

An expert who studied samples reported "the specimens looks as though they do not enjoy Oregon soil or air." That was a hopeful note for sufferers of hay fever. The society proposed spraying the patch next spring to kill the plants. They are now dormant.

Sen. Morse to Speak

Portland, Ore., Nov. 3 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, (R., Ore.), will address a general session of the 54th annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association Tuesday. The convention opens Sunday afternoon when standing committees meet to develop reports on issues to be taken up by delegates. The meeting ends Tuesday.

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S. P. Promises More Box-cars

Roseburg, Nov. 3 (AP)—A Southern Pacific Railway vice president promised yesterday that the shortage of freight cars in western Oregon would ease shortly.

W. W. Hale, San Francisco, was here to confer with Rep. Harris Ellsworth. The congressman recently had asked the interstate commerce commission to investigate the boxcar shortage in Oregon. He said it appeared the railroad was discriminating against shippers in this state.

Hale said empties were beginning to move northward out of California. He denied that Oregon had been discriminated against.

The railroad freight executive said a shift in the lumber industry's car type orders was partly to blame for the situation of recent months. Hale said Oregon mills normally used open-type cars to ship rough green lumber. About two months ago, he said, the mills began pouring in orders for closed cars for shipping kiln dried lumber.

Hale said the shift caught the railroad with "thousands" of open type cars on order or newly purchased.

Nobel Literature Award Shelved

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