

Vulture Causes 9 Air Deaths

Calcutta, Nov. 17 (AP)—A vulture hovering over Calcutta Wednesday caused two Indian air force fighters to collide and spin into the crowded city, killing nine persons and injuring 37.

The vulture flew into the path of six planes flying in formation over the city. The bird hit one and caused it to crash into another plane, according to the second pilot, who managed to jump clear. The pilot of the first was killed.

One plane hit the ground of a hospital, injuring members of the staff and their children. The other hit a city building, partially destroying it and trapping victims in the debris.

Morse Asks GOP Policy on Economy

Baker, Nov. 17 (AP)—Declaring that economy begins at home, Sen. Wayne L. Morse Wednesday told a luncheon group here that the United States government is faced with the imminent necessity of cutting costs.

"I'm a little weary of those who want economy in every guy's district but his own," the junior senator from Oregon went on. "We can't have the economic cake and eat it, too," he said.

The national economy now is in such a state, said Sen. Morse, that we must stop playing politics with it.

He said that a centralized accounting system for the armed forces, as recommended by the Hoover commission reports, could save the government three billion dollars a year.

Republican policy, he stated, should include a positive attack on present trends toward executive control. This policy should include adoption of the Hoover commission reports and a firm stand on taxation.

Vet, 34, Slated for Naval Aviation Post

Washington, Nov. 17 (AP)—John F. Floberg, Chicago attorney and World War II naval veteran, soon will be named assistant secretary of navy for air, according to informed sources.

These informants said Floberg has been chosen by Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews and approved by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. The appointment is now before President Truman who customarily follows Johnson's recommendations.

Floberg, 34, served on submarine chasers and destroyer escorts during the war. Before leaving active duty in 1946, he was assigned briefly to the office of the navy general counsel. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Insurance Agents Rap License Plate Plan

Portland, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—The Portland association of insurance agents today protested distribution of auto license plates by insurance agencies.

E. M. Stradel, executive secretary of the association, said in a letter to Secretary of State Earl Newberry that the practice was "unfair competition."

Stadel said organizations such as the Oregon State Motor Association and the Pacific Coast Automobile Association, who write insurance, should not be allowed the advantage of issuing plates to customers.

"People not in the insurance business could do the job as well," Stradel said.

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