

B-29 Rescue Plane Survivors Agree Escape 'Miraculous'

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 21 (AP)—Four airmen who survived when their B-29 crashed into Tampa Bay Friday agreed that their escape was "miraculous," but all were grief stricken because they were unable to save their five buddies who perished when the plane fell.

The airmen were all veterans of World War II. They said their nine-man crew had been flying together for a year without a previous accident.

Capt. Neil Pearson, 32, of McKeesport, Pa., the crews radar operator, said he "thought we were gone when I saw flames in the engine."

"A soon as we hit, I saw an orange streak of flame spread over the right wing," Pearson said.

Like the other survivors, Pearson was in the rear of the plane when it fell. He made his way out of the wreckage through the rear escape hatch.

The radar operator said he ran across the mud flats toward the wrecked front portion of the plane. "I got within 25 yards of the plane to try to rescue the rest when the gas tank blew

Stayton High School Ruins Being Cleared

Stayton — Work of demolition of the ruins of the Stayton high school gym, which was destroyed by fire the night of October 26, is well under way.

The contract was awarded a group of men who made the lowest bid, and the contract calls for clearing away everything except the concrete piers and the sidewalk. The bidder also has the right to all salvage. On the job are Eldon Weitman, Gene Germeau and Willie Collins.

Dunkerque, France, was once ceded to Oliver Cromwell of England in return for the use of his cavalry. Shortly thereafter, it was repurchased by France.

here, has resigned to accept similar duties in Stayton. The change is effective December 1. Jordan was on the Albany police force for several years before coming here.

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People Asked To Give Thanks

Governor Douglas McKay issued a proclamation Saturday officially setting Thursday, Nov. 24, as Thanksgiving day in Oregon. The proclamation follows:

day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, as Thanksgiving Day for Oregon, to be observed as a public holiday.

May the people of Oregon do homage to God in their homes and churches this Thanksgiving day. May they honor the state and country they love by displaying the flag. And may they resolve again to apply themselves even more zealously to the task of perpetuating a great heritage.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

Commies Charged With Plundering Art

Berlin, Nov. 21 (AP)—East German communists were accused in the west Berlin press today of plundering the Soviet zone's art treasures on an organized scale.

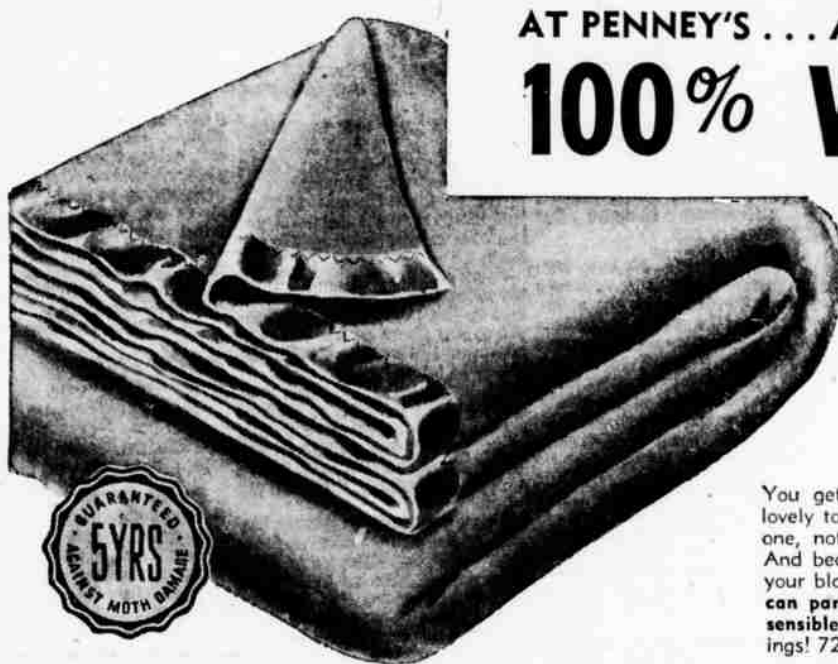
The British-licensed newspaper Telegraph said socialist unity (communist) leaders in all five eastern states are appropriating valuable tapestries, paintings, china, and rugs.

A personal diary of Germany's greatest poet, Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, turned up in the party headquarters at Weimer after being reported stolen, the newspaper said.

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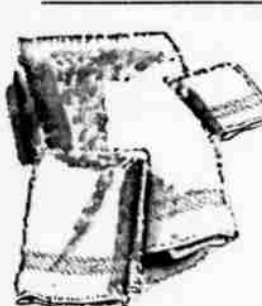
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