



Airliner Blocks Traffic—A Trans World Airline's Constellation rests on pavement of Cicero avenue and 63rd street, Chicago, after it crashed through a fence of the Municipal airport. Twenty persons aboard were only shaken up. The plane was landing following a non-stop flight from San Francisco. (AP Wirephoto)

Tiny Town Acts to Ease Loss Caused by Death of 5 Children

EMMETT, Mich., Dec. 21 (AP)—The gentle folk of this little village (pop. 229) lent a strong hand today to the bereaved Bethways.

Stunned by the tragic deaths of five children in a fire, citizens now came forth with help.

They knew there was nothing they could do to make a merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bethway, the six surviving children and Grandma Louise Bethway, 80.

But the goal was to keep the remaining members of the family together and provide them a new home by Christmas day.

Patrick McCabe, the village banker, is heading a fund-raising drive. One citizen, who asked anonymously, started it off with a gift of \$100.

The plan is first to provide immediate shelter by renting a house and later to restore the farm home two miles west of here in southeastern Michigan.

The flash fire struck the Bethway home before dawn Monday. Christmas gifts stored in the closets were destroyed.

So were all the other possessions, including the family's clothing and a new electric stove and refrigerator.

Bethway, 37, farmer and odd-jobs man, had provided comfortably for his family even though it was a big group.

Sleeping downstairs, the mother, Irene, 33, awakened from the heat of the blaze.

The parents carried two small children to safety. The grandmother rescued another child but was critically burned.

Seared by flames, eight-year-old Joe and Mary Lou, 13, leaped from an upstairs window. They suffered critical burns.

The five children who burned to death in their upstairs bedroom were Freddie, 3; Beverly Ann, 4; David, 5; William, 7, and Thomas, 11.

Another daughter was away from home.

An overheated stove was the cause of the fire, the sheriff's office said.

The grandmother had built a roaring fire in the stove and then gone back to bed. The fire was her morning chore.

"My mother-in-law always tended the stove in the morning," Mrs. Bethway said. "Sometimes she let it get pretty hot."

The house had been built 15 years ago to replace a homestead destroyed at that time by a fire.

Lebanon—Wedding guests attempting to prevent the departure of the bride and groom, were involved in an auto accident at Walnut and Grant street intersection, injuring three persons, one seriously.

Mrs. Doris Thompson, 609 Evans drive, was taken by ambulance to a doctor's office for treatment of back injuries, plus numerous bruises.

Also hurt were Ardith Greer, head bruises and cut scalp, and Levi Millard, cut eye.

According to relatives of Millard, the bride and groom were being whisked past a line of traffic on East Grant. The Thompson car attempted to turn left into Walnut street when the auto being driven by Levi Millard, chasing the newlyweds, crashed into the Thompson machine.

Vernie Thompson, driver, and their nine-year-old son, Bob, were uninjured. Two other passengers in the Millard car, Duane Johnson and Wilma Greer, were uninjured.

Lebanon—For the 25th consecutive year the Lebanon Elks will be hosts to children of eastern Linn county at a free Christmas party in the Kuhn showhouse Saturday morning at 10 a. m. Following the show, all children will be marched to the Elks temple where they will receive candy and nuts.

Feature picture will be Roy Rogers in "Roll on Texas Moon," with ample cartoons and a newsreel.

If too many youngsters show up, Rollin Kuhn announced, he will show an identical picture in the Gem theater next door.

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Confesses—Robert Stewart Cox, 41, (above) walked into the Los Angeles sheriff's office, and for the second time in a year, confessed to the Black Dahlia slaying. Cox, an unordained minister, was turned over to the homicide division, who said he would be booked on suspicion of murder. (Acme Telephoto)

Expert Admits Spy Activity

Wroclaw, Poland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A French radio expert Tuesday was the fourth person to admit to a military court here that he had spied for France.

The Frenchman, Josef Feldeisen, 50, is one of six persons on trial for spying and giving state secrets to the French embassy in Warsaw. The trial climaxes a series of arrests and expulsions by both countries on charge of espionage. Four of the defendants are Frenchmen.

Three others have pleaded guilty since the trial opened last Friday. They are Yvonne Basalier, 29, former secretary of the French consulate in Wroclaw; Jan Kubisiak, 26, a Polish student who said Miss Basalier directed his spying, and Basil Brouskow, a former French messenger for the Wroclaw consulate.

Feldeisen pleaded guilty to "acts particularly dangerous during the reconstruction of Poland," but would not commit himself further under questioning by the prosecution.

Feldeisen testified Aymar De Mere, a French embassy official, directed the group's spying activities. De Mere was ordered out of Poland last month.

Feldeisen said De Mere requested him to obtain information on Polish airfields, industrial plants and secret matters concerning Polish coal mines.

FFA Officer Visits
Amity — Marvin Robertson, FFA vice president of Oregon, visited the local chapter this week. He represented Oregon at the national convention at Kansas City this fall.

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Belt Catches Clothes; Quarry Foreman Dead

Redmond, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Earnest M. Chapin, 44, of Sisters, quarry foreman at Dicalite mine, 13 miles northwest of Redmond, was killed Monday afternoon when his clothing caught in a loader belt.

A mine spokesman said Chapin suffered a broken neck when he was caught between the belt and roller.

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Denfeld May Take New Job

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Naval sources said today that Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, ousted chief of naval operations, probably will retire next month and take a lucrative job with a private business concern.

Denfeld has turned down Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews' offer of the post of commander of U.S. Naval forces in European waters. But he has withheld a decision on whether to retire from active naval duty and has until Jan. 19 to make up his mind.

Denfeld was removed from the navy's top job because of his part in the "admiral's revolt" against unification.

In a letter made public by Matthews at his request, the admiral said he could not accept the navy command in Europe because the ouster damaged his prestige so much that he could not fittingly represent this nation abroad.

Naval sources believed Denfeld would leave the service, regardless of whether either jobs was offered. They said he had several attractive offers from private concerns, including one that would pay \$50,000 a year.

Ingrid Offers Proposal For Divorce Settlement

Hollywood, Dec. 21 (AP)—Ingrid Bergman's attorney says she has submitted a property settlement proposal to the actress' husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom.

Miss Bergman, now in Italy, wants to divorce Dr. Lindstrom to marry Roberto Rossellini, Italian film director.

Her attorney here, Greg Bautzer, said he has submitted "an offer" to Laurence Brinn, New York attorney for Dr. Lindstrom. Bautzer said he didn't expect an answer for a day or two.

He declined to discuss the settlement terms, who would get the divorce or who would have custody of the Lindstroms' daughter, Pia, 12.

Dr. Lindstrom has refused to comment on the Stromboli island romance between his wife and Rossellini. Friends said he would not consent to a divorce.

However, there were indications he may have changed his mind because of recent reports of the actress' pregnancy, which she has not confirmed or denied.

George Bernard Shaw Sends Stalin Greeting

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—George Bernard Shaw has sent birthday greetings to Generalissimo Josef Stalin, who is 70 years old today, according to the communist newspaper Daily Worker.

The newspaper reproduced a Communist party birthday card to Stalin wishing him "more years in the service of progressive mankind" which was signed by Shaw.

Actress Frances Day's Christmas card also revealed Shaw as a verse writer. The card depicted Shaw snared in the blonde tresses of a siren (Miss Day), playing a saxophone.

Community Christmas Planned for Lyons

Lyons — The community Christmas program will be held at the Santiam valley grange hall Thursday evening. The Mari-Linn school pupils will furnish the program, and treats for all the kiddies will be furnished by the PTA.

The first snow of the season fell Sunday night, a little early for a white Christmas.

Denfeld's Refusal to Take Lesser Job Keeps Row Going

Washington, Dec. 20 (AP)—The controversy over Admiral Louis E. Denfeld's dismissal as chief of naval operations—and his refusal of one lesser job—appears likely to simmer on until after congress returns to the capital next month.

In a bitter letter to Navy Secretary Matthews, the four-star critic of defense department policies has turned down the post of commander-in-chief of U. S. naval forces in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Denfeld's letter was made public by the navy, at his request, yesterday. It recalled the secretary's report to President Truman, that Denfeld was not loyal to his superiors and lacked proper respect for authority. In view of that statement, Denfeld wrote, other nations might not have the confidence in him that the commander of the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean fleet should enjoy.

The ousted chief of naval operations added:

"It is pertinent for me to observe, furthermore, from the events which have transpired since my testimony before the armed services committee of the house of representatives on 13 October 1949, that I would be under an undesirable restraint on the vital matter of frank discussion with the military representatives of other North Atlantic pact nations.

"My views on combined strategy, and particularly on naval participation in any arrangements whereby the countries concerned should be defended in the event of an emergency, might reopen the recent controversy to the embarrassment of my colleagues, my superiors and our government."

Although the tone of Denfeld's letter suggested he will retire from the navy, the admiral reserved his decision on that question.

He is considering whether to ask for retirement—a privilege accorded by law to naval officers who have served 40 years or more.

"If I decide to remain on active duty," he continued, "I shall be glad, of course, to serve in any assignment that you may choose in which the handicaps imposed by recent events will not be present."

New Scio Baptist Minister Welcomed

Scio—A large crowd attended the reception for Rev. Elvin Fast and family, which was held in the Baptist church basement.

A program of readings and musical numbers was presented, following a bountiful dinner. Rev. Losie of Salem was a guest speaker. Rev. Fast and Mrs. Fast were called upon to speak and responded with short messages.

Bess Philippi had charge of the Christmas decorations, and made a corsage which was presented to Mrs. Fast. May Thurston was general chairman. Letha Pynch was in charge of the tables. Nina Westenhouse and Iva Abbott had charge of the coffee and Ed Holland had charge of the program which was prepared by Gloria Thurston. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holland acted on the "Welcoming Committee" and introduced Rev. and Mrs. Fast and three daughters to all who were present.

The rural electrification administration has found chemicals the best means of controlling brush along power line rights of way.

GARY COOPER, who with Helen Hayes and Adolph Menjou, is currently on the Elsinore screen in the Ernest Hemingway epic, "A Farewell to Arms."

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