

Airliner Lands Ablaze; All Safe

Firemen Move Fast to Nip Disaster

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An airliner landed in flames at Greater Pittsburgh Airport yesterday but thanks to a quick-acting pilot, a calm stewardess and expert fire fighters a major tragedy was averted.

Fifty passengers poured out of the Capital Airlines DC4 seconds after it ground to a halt while firemen riding alongside in trucks poured flame-quenching foam on the plane.

Nobody Seriously Hurt

Not a person was injured seriously. Nine were treated either for shock or bruises.

"When we stepped on the ground we thanked God," said Mrs. John Burnham of Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Burnham, her husband and two young daughters were on the first leg of a vacation trip to Florida.

There was no indication of an emergency as the big airplane, piloted by R. L. Calhoun of Alexandria, Va., circled the airport and approached for a landing. But the plane landed "hard," an airport official said.

A Capital spokesman said instruments in the cockpit indicated the landing gear was not secured so Calhoun zoomed the big ship into the air. Seconds later the right inboard engine caught fire and flames raced along the fuselage.

PA Blares Warning

As the passengers tensed, the airplane's public address system blared:

"Prepare for a crash landing." There was a momentary rush of passengers toward an emergency door and some slight panic, Mrs. Burnham said.

But, stewardess Katherine Szymanski of New Kensington, Pa., shouted, "Keep calm."

Capt. Calhoun, who had alerted the airport, set the plane down in a few seconds.

The Capital spokesman said there was no indication of what caused the "hard" landing on the first attempt. He declared the Buffalo-to-Pittsburgh plane could have possibly been caught in a wind current.

The spokesman said the impact of the landing apparently caused a fuel line or tank to burst.

Neuberger, Green and Porter Coming Home

PORTLAND (UP)—Three Oregon lawmakers are due home from Washington, D.C., for Easter.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Reps. Charles O. Porter and Edith Green were due home for the recess. Sen. Wayne Morse and Reps. Walter Norblad and Al Ullman said they planned to catch up on office work in the nation's capital.

Soviet Engineer Dead

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda announced Friday the death on Wednesday of Pavel Pavlovich Laupman, 70, leading Soviet engineer who had worked on many Soviet hydroelectric projects.

HOPES FOR SUNSHINE

Ike Plays Golf in Drizzle

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower, encamped at his favorite golf course, hoped for clearing weather today and a tour of the links in warm sunshine.

The President flew here from Washington yesterday for about 12 days of rest mixed with work, only to find the afternoon marred by showers.

But despite an intermittent drizzle, he got in 18 holes at the Augusta National Golf Club, his headquarters on this Easter holiday. A half hour after stepping from his plane the President was out on the course.

This is Eisenhower's 14th trip to Augusta as President and his 15th since he was elected in 1952. He plans to remain until about April 28.

Another usual feature about this Eisenhower visit to Augusta is the presence of the White House physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, who is especially hoping for good weather during this stay.

Since January the President has been fighting a stubborn cough and Snyder feels Eisenhower could get rid of it if he gets plenty of sun.

The President was accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower and a small staff of White House aides.

Edward Robinson, Jr., Guilty of Topsy Driving

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Edward G. Robinson Jr., son of the famous actor, has been convicted of misdemeanor drunk driving.

Robinson, 24, was charged with felony drunk driving in connection with a June 21, 1956, accident in which a companion lost an eye.

The actor's son is free on \$1,000 bond pending a probation and sentencing hearing May 13.

Calm Stewardess



PITTSBURGH—Passengers of a Capital Airliner had nothing but praise for stewardess Katherine Szymanski of New Kensington, Pa. (above) yesterday after a DC-4 landed in flames at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Miss Szymanski teamed with pilot R. L. Calhoun of Alexandria, Va., in keeping the passengers calm while expert fire-fighters put out the blaze in the right inboard engine. (AP Wirephoto)

Gibbons Raps Rumors He'll Succeed Beck

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Harold J. Gibbons, boss of the Teamsters Union in the St. Louis area, ridiculed reports he might become international president of the union if Dave Beck steps down or is ousted.

He also reported there is no sentiment to withdraw the Teamsters Union from the CIO-AFL among top Teamsters officers who attended a strategy conference Tuesday at Galveston, Tex.

Gibbons made his statements Thursday at a news conference. Gibbons devoted most of his discussion to a defense of the system of putting locals of the Teamsters Union under trusteeship.

He said this is done only as a last resort after complaints by rank-and-file members.

The Teamsters Union released a survey in Washington earlier this week showing five high officers of the union control 47 locals through trusteeships. Gibbons holds seven of the trusteeships.

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Touche 57,000 Volts—and Lives

OREGON CITY (UP)—John E. Paulin, Oregon City, was reported in fair condition in a local hospital today after touching 57,000 volts of electricity and living.

Paulin, a Crown Zellerbach employee, suffered second degree burns to a hand and arm Wednesday when a steel measuring tape apparently flipped into high power lines. Paulin was hurled several feet into the air and officials said this probably saved his life as it broke the circuit.

Car Hits Rock, Rolls; Portland Man Killed

PORTLAND (UP)—Robert D. McKibbin, 32, Portland, was killed in a one-car accident on the outskirts of the city Thursday night. Sheriff's officers said the car went off the road, hit a boulder and rolled over for 75 yards. McKibbin was found pinned beneath the car and died on the way to the hospital.

2 Tax Group Members Flay Demo Program

Two members of the Senate Taxation Committee took issue with the House Taxation Committee's tax program.

Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, said it "fringes on fraud and deceit."

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie, said it doesn't raise enough money.

Ohmart said that while Democrats promised to repeal the 45 per cent surtax, the House committee's program merely incorporates the surtax into the regular tax structure.

He also was critical of the fact that the program narrows the tax base by taking in fewer citizens, and added that the proposed higher levies on corporations "looks like another attempt to kill the goose that laid the golden egg."

He also objected that it uses up the 30 million dollar surplus "thus magnifying the problem of the 1959 Legislature."

Sweetland said that in addition to the House committee's plan, the Legislature also should raise an additional 32 million dollars by abolishing the federal income tax exemption in computing state tax returns.

This, he said, would permit the Legislature to increase the basic school support fund by 50 per cent, as recommended by Gov. Holmes.

Plan Offered For Dormitory At Fairgrounds

A subcommittee of the legislative joint Ways and Means Committee proposed Thursday a new plan for financing construction of a dormitory for 4-H and Future Farmer groups at the state fairgrounds.

A bill introduced by Sen. Francis Ziegler (R), Corvallis, to build the facility with \$300,000 from the general fund, has been in the subcommittee for weeks.

Rep. Robert J. Steward (D), Keating, said the committee would consider a suggestion that the state fair commission borrow \$300,000 from the public employees' retirement fund, and repay it from revenue from horse racing at the fair.

The commission would repay it at the rate of \$100,000 a year. The payments would be made before the racing funds are distributed to the county fairs and special shows.

Steward said the payments would be 18 to 20 per cent of the amounts given to the various shows.

10,000 Kneel For Blessing Of Pope Pius

ROME (UP)—Pope Pius XII appeared at the window of his study in Vatican City today to bestow a Good Friday blessing on 10,000 pilgrims kneeling in blazing sunshine in St. Peter's Square.

The 81-year-old pope showed himself in response to the cheers of the gaily dressed crowd of foreign tourists. Robbed in white, he stood at the window and imparted his blessing.

The crowd was part of an estimated 50,000 tourists in Rome for the Easter ceremonies.

The sunshine was a welcome surprise after unseasonal frigid temperatures of recent weeks. Most Romans cautiously remained in winter garb and stared in astonishment at lightly clad pilgrims from the north.

The gaiety of the pilgrims contrasted with the solemnity of the settings in Rome's 417 churches. Good Friday is the Christian world's great day of mourning for Christ's crucifixion.

Church altars were bare, crucifixes and statues were covered and priests wore black vestments.

Coffee Break Strike Looms

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Carpenters in the Philadelphia area are now trying to make legal what lots of other workers have been doing for years. To wit—the coffee break.

Along with increased wages, they're asking contract language specifying 10 minutes for java at 10 a.m. every working day.

The Federal Mediation Service has stepped into the dispute in hopes of averting a strike which could tie up all nonhome building in a five-county area of south-eastern Pennsylvania.

They've Got His Goat

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP)—Someone got Carmen Passarelli's goat, and he's hoping mad about it. Passarelli told police he stopped at a garage with two goats in the back of his car. When he came out, one was gone.

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left), Mankato, Minn., sports a derby, while George Ward (upper right), Duluth, Minn., wears a Scotch tam. Bud Stinson (lower left), Ft. Frances, Canada, is topped with a beach cap, while Bob Muesch, Hibbing, Minn., hides under an oversized golf hat. (AP Wirephoto)

3 Burglars Slain in Chicago Police Trap

CHICAGO (AP)—Three burglars were slain early today in a brief but violent gunfight with police detectives in the credit department of a State Street department store.

The burglars walked into a police trap and were moved down by machine-gun and shotgun bullets. Seven detectives had been hiding in the 11th floor credit department for several hours, said Lt. James J. Lynch, said police had been tipped on the planned burglary.

He said the three men, carrying burglary tools, were about to attempt to open a safe when the detectives ordered them to surrender.

Lynch said the burglars opened fire. The police, armed with three machine guns and four shotguns, exchanged shots, killing all three. No policeman was hurt.

It was not disclosed how the men gained entrance to the Mandel Brothers store, in the heart of the Loop.

Lynch identified two of the men as having been arrested previously. He said one of them, Jimmy Entner, 30, had been released on bond recently on a robbery charge. He said James Wolf, 28, also had been arrested several times. The third man was identified as James Bertimo.

Bertimo reportedly was carrying a small portable radio which he had tuned to pick up police broadcasts.

There was no evidence of a forced entry to the store. Officers said the three men could have hidden there after yesterday's 8:30 p.m. closing.

When the three burglars entered the credit department — about 12:30 a.m. — they passed without noticing four detectives crouched in a dark corner.

They went directly to a safe behind the cashier's cage. Sgt. James O'Neill said he fired a warning blast above the burglars' heads. The spray of bullets knocked out the light over the wall safe.

The trapped men then, said O'Neill, returned fire after he had shouted "Police!"

"Hit the dirt," O'Neill commanded the other detectives. The policemen kept up their

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4-Year Term Bill Wins in Senate 18-12

By WILLIAM WARREN United Press Staff Correspondent

A bill to provide four-year terms for representatives as well as senators remained alive today and was sent over to the House for its consideration, thanks to a last-minute maneuver by Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat.

Sen. Lewis explained that she made the move when she found that the "no" vote Thursday had resulted in defeat of Senate bill 300 because of a tie vote, 15-15. She said she had signed the bill originally at request of its sponsor, Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican. Some while after signing, she said, she found aspects of the bill she did not like and asked Sen. Gill to be released from her pledge to vote for it.

She said Sen. Gill thought he had enough pledges, and released her vote. When she found that her negative vote had lost the measure, she served notice that she would move to reconsider, which she did Thursday. This time, with a minimum of debate, the bill passed 18-12 and was sent on to the House for its consideration.

Also passed by a vote of 17-13, was a companion measure, Senate resolution 22 providing for a referendum of the proposal. Because a change in terms of representatives from the present two years to four years would involve an amendment to Oregon's constitution, the matter would have to be put to a vote of the people.

Proponents of the bill said that under the four-year terms, half the House would be elected one general election and half the next. Thus at each session, at least half of the members of the House would be experienced as is the case in the Senate now.

Here is the way this would be brought about: If the Legislature passes the measure and the people approve, the first elected House thereafter would draw lots to see which 30 served for two years and which 30 for four years. From

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