

Whittaker had to struggle part way down Everest sans oxygen

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — James W. Whittaker, first American to conquer Mt. Everest, had to struggle down from the world's highest peak for three and a half hours without oxygen, he disclosed Monday.

Whittaker, 32, Redmond, Wash., was accompanied by Neaplese Sherpa guide Nowang Gombu on the successful summit assault May 1.

Details of the climb were made known in Whittaker's first radio expedition on the slopes of the 29,029-foot peak.

The broadcast also brought word that a five-man team attempting to scale the unexplored west ridge of Mt. Everest would be "very, very lucky" to reach the summit but another team was proceeding on schedule by the relatively familiar south col route.

The two teams had hoped to meet at the summit Wednesday. Storms slowed the west ridge team, scattered its equipment and nearly swept away two of its members.

Exhausted Oxygen Supply
Whittaker and Gombu carried special new lightweight oxygen tanks on their climb into the rarefied atmosphere on the windswept peak, but apparently exhausted their supply on the way to the top.

"We were without oxygen from the summit until we reached our camp, about three and a half hours," Whittaker said.

He said the wind was so strong at the peak that he and Gombu could hardly speak to each other. "There was no communication other than by jerks of the rope," he said.

Whittaker said he and Gombu reached the summit side by side and remained there about 20 minutes. It was previously reported they had spent a half hour on the peak.

"I was so busy I did not check my watch all the time," he said.

U.S. Flag at Peak
He said he drove a four-foot aluminum pole bearing the American flag into the snow "at the highest point of Everest."

"The flag was unfurled and flying in the high wind," he said.

There was no sign of a bust of Communist Chinese party leader Mao Tse-tung at the summit.

Whittaker said. A Chinese team claimed it scaled the peak in 1960 and left the bust there. Whittaker said it might have been lodged among rocks just below the summit on the Tibetan side, where he did not venture.

Barry C. Bishop, 30, Washington, and Luther G. Jerstad, 26, Eugene, Ore., were reported following the route of Whittaker and Gombu through the south col in good weather today, with a good chance of reaching the summit sometime Wednesday.

The National Geographic Society in Washington said James B. Corbet, 28, Jackson, Wyo., and Allen C. Auten, 36, Denver, along with four Sherpa guides, spent last Thursday night clinging to the edge of a crevasse while being buffeted by 80-mile-an-hour winds.

Tents Blown Away
The men had slid 100 feet down the ridge during a storm that blew away their tents. They were pulled to safety unhurt by another member of the team who had inched down from a higher camp.

Corbet, Auten and Dr. Richard M. Emerson, 37, Cincinnati, set out on a reconnaissance climb today, according to radio reports from the base camp. They were attempting to establish Advance Camp 5 W as close to the summit as possible.

Dr. William Unsoeld, 36, Corvallis, Ore., and Dr. Thomas F. Hornbein, 32, San Diego, planned to follow three hours later, saving their strength for the summit assault they hoped to make.

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U. S. National Bank will present another in its new 1963 series of estate planning forums in the lobby of the Bend Branch, Tuesday evening, May 28. Taxes and estates will be stressed in the current series.

The forum is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with John W. Stenkamp, Bend Branch manager, presiding. The Madras and Redmond branches will also be represented at the May 28th forum.

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court has momentarily removed the sting from Southern sit-in prosecutions, but the great issue posed by the cases remains undecided.

It is: Does a business establishment open to the general public have a right to choose its own customers?

This blockbuster was reserved by the court at least until next term.

It could be speculated that the short stop the court took Monday was all it felt the country could stand in view of current racial unrest. But the truth is that no one but the nine justices know why they do things, and they aren't telling.

The court overturned trespass and criminal mischief convictions in four lunch-counter cases on the ground that local governments—not storekeepers—were actually to blame for the racial discrimination.

Chief Justice Earl Warren held in the court's decision that local laws and edicts had deprived businessmen of their freedom of choice as to who could be served on their premises.

The thrust of the court's opinion was that so long as these laws are on the books the proprietor of a store is presumed to act under them. What he would do if left to himself is beside the point at the moment, under the decision.

In one case, from New Orleans, there was no local segregation ordinance. But Warren said statements by the mayor and the police superintendent amounted to the same thing.

This handling of the touchy "sit-in" issue was urged on the court by the Justice Department in accordance with the time-honored principle that a major constitutional decision is always avoided if a case can be disposed of on narrower grounds.

As it is, the decision will free hundreds of demonstrators who took part in the 1960-61 sit-in movement in places having similar segregation ordinances. They have been free on bond awaiting the results of Monday's cases, which came from Greenville, S.C., Birmingham, Ala., and Durham, N.C., in addition to New Orleans.

The ruling had the peculiar result of barring discrimination in cities where there are local ordinances requiring segregation, and leaving the whole matter up in the air in cities which do not have such ordinances.

The suggestion was made during November arguments that a decision like Monday's might well result in a rush to get such ordinances off the books.

Justice Harlan Dissents
Only Justice John M. Harlan dissented from the court's reasoning in the sit-in cases. He said: "Freedom of the individual to choose his associates or his neighbors, to use and dispose of his property as he sees fit, to be irrational, arbitrary, capricious, even unjust in his personal relations are things all entitled to a large measure of protection from governmental interference."

Harlan said the mere existence of ordinances requiring segregation in public eating places did not remove the businessman from the sphere of private choice. He said it should be shown in each case whether the proprietor was motivated by the ordinance or by some purpose of his own.

A case argued last fall pinpointed the rights of the operator of a private business. It concerned five Negroes who insisted on riding the carousel in privately operated Glen Echo Amusement Park in Montgomery County, Md.

The court announced Monday that the case would be re-argued some time during the term starting next October.

Full grazing due on May 16
Full grazing use of the Fort Rock district of the Deschutes National Forest will not be possible this season until a week or more following the regular opening date, May 16.

Some cattle have been placed on the forest, in instances where their presence on home ranches was causing some trouble, but most of the stock will not be moved on the range until later in the week. Some of the cattle of Arnold ranchers are now on the summer range.

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TITUSVILLE, Fla. (UPI)—You don't monkey around with Lucky Briggs.

He won a \$750 set of fancy dishes in a drawing here, but it was obvious he wasn't impressed. It was even more obvious he'd never use them.

The First Federal Savings and Loan Association pulled his name out of a barrel last week and they couldn't find him. An ad was put in the paper, and Lucky finally showed up Monday.

He wouldn't even talk to contest officials and he refused to smile for the cameras.

Lucky is a monkey.

His owner, Charles Briggs, put Lucky's name into the contest because "He's almost human and he'd see all those humans putting their names in."

Yukon flooding forces families to flee homes
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)—Raging flood waters of the Yukon River in central Alaska and the lower Kuskokwim River near the southwest coast forced hundreds of residents to flee their homes for higher ground today.

Nearly 200 persons, mostly women and children, were flown to Fairbanks aboard Air Force planes from the villages of Ruby, Koyukuk, Campion and Galena on the Yukon.

Emergency rations and medical supplies were flown from Galena to another river village, Nulato.

At Koyukuk, the water was rising so fast that Air Force helicopters were forced to pick up evacuees with canvas slings because the helicopters had no dry ground space to land.

At Galena, the ice-choked Yukon was within five feet of spilling over a dike protecting the Air Force installation there.

A 14-year-old boy, Jim Edward Hamm, Bend, was fined \$10 last Friday for operating a motor vehicle without a license. Circuit Judge Robert H. Foley sat in Judge Thalhofer's place.

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The refugees were housed in a Fairbanks school under the care of the Red Cross. Radio stations broadcast pleas for volunteer help to take care of the smaller children. Fairbanks Civil Defense director Leonard Lobben said the Yukon was rising at the rate of one foot in 12 hours at Galena. Predicted rain threatened to make flooding worse.

On the lower Kuskokwim, Bethel Civil Defense Director Robert Gibson said the water had reached "an unprecedented dangerously high" level. Townspeople at Bethel were beginning to move to higher ground and a number of small homes at Napaskink and Oscarville, just below Bethel, were already inundated.

Otto S. Larson taken by death

Otto S. Larson, 64 Gilchrist Avenue, died early Monday in his home at the age of 74 years.

An employee of Brooks-Scanlon, Mr. Larson had resided in the community since 1923. He is survived by his wife Selma, of Bend, and two sisters and a mother living in Norway.

He was born in Norway on July 2, 1888. In Bend he was affiliated with the First Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway and the Masonic Order.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home. Graveside services following at Pilot Butte Cemetery will be in charge of the Masonic Lodge, with George Drost acting as chaplain. The Rev. Richard Knutzen, First Lutheran Church, will officiate services.

Active pallbearers will be members of the Masonic Lodge: Chris Kostol, Irving Walter, Clarence Nelson, Robert Martin, W. A. Hummel and Elmer Hudson. Honorary bearers are Knute Herland, Harry Herland, John Mikelson, Alfred Forden, Harvey Olsen and Gunnar Bjorvik.

Memorials to the First Lutheran Church will be appreciated.

POTATO MARKET
PORTLAND (UPI) — Potato market:
Steady; Ore Russets U.S. No 2 3.00-3.50, some best 4.25; sized 2 oz spread 5.00-5.75; bakers 4.00-4.50; bakers U.S. No 2 3.25-3.50; 50 lb sbs No 2 1.00-1.25.

REBEKAH LODGE session Friday
Bend Rebekah Lodge will hold a regular meeting Friday at 8 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall. Mrs. Kenneth Arnold, noble grand, will be in charge.

The charter will be draped in memory of Mrs. Mary Cox, a long-time local member of the order.

Members and officers are asked to be present to practice for the re-obligation march, to be given at a special meeting June 5, at 8 p.m. at the hall. The state assembly president, Mrs. Bertha Bagley, will make her official visit at that time. The meeting will follow a 6:30 potluck dinner.

After the meeting Friday, Mrs. Ethel Gist and Mrs. Arnold will serve refreshments.

District court cases reported
District Judge Joe Thalhofer, back from active duty at Fort Knox, Ky., with the National Guard, held court yesterday to clear up some unfinished business.

Bruce Thomas McKay, Salem, was fined \$30 for a basic rule violation, and James Junior White, Bend, paid \$10 for an inadequate muffler.

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