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PILOT SAVES 13 WHEN PLANE BURNS

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PA. G.O.P. SEEN WORSE THAN MARK HANNA FINANCIALLY OPULENT, POLITICALLY BANKRUPT ANNEBERG, PEW, WEBB, GRENBY, COOKE PILOTS GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANT HITS WELFARE LAWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Something really big is happening here in New York—and the tensely exciting Lehman-Dewey campaign is only part of it. It is the battle between Republican standpaters and new men, who dare to suggest that their party should abandon the old casbahian policy.

In Pennsylvania, your correspondents discovered the Republicans still sternly insisting the chukle-headed boy on the burning deck. Commanded by their big business backers, they have not budged an inch from their opposition to every innovation of these last years. In New York the issue is doubtful. But if the new men beat the standpaters here, a long step will have been taken toward a new kind of New York city organization and national committee for the state. And Simpson is not the sort of fellow usually seen in high Republican places.

At first glance, the whole business seems distinctly improbable. The leader of the new men is Kenneth Simpson, boss of the New York city organization and national committee for the state. And Simpson is not the sort of fellow usually seen in high Republican places. He is youngish, energetic, and personable—no relic of the dear dead days of Coolidge and Hoover. His private tastes are so various that he numbers Gertrude Stein and Kerensky among his close friends. He has never been known to use the word "regimentation," speaks of the New Deal without bitterness, and rarely prophesies that "this spending can't go on." Strangest of all, he does not proclaim himself a "man of principle." Indeed, he takes some pride in being just the opposite, for although he got his start among the silk-stockings, he is now an intensely practical politician.

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REPUBLICAN WORKERS WILL MEET TONIGHT

An important meeting of precinct committees will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Republican headquarters, 211 East Main street, according to an announcement today by Ken Denman, chairman of the Jackson County Republican Central committee. Various phases of the campaign will be discussed. The women of Pro-America have also been invited to attend the important session, Denman said.

Big Pile of Fish Caught WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Fisheries bureau officials predicted today if west coast fishermen's luck continued to hold they would take one of the largest catches of pilchards in the history of Pacific fishing in 1938.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mel Hogan receiving from his fellow councilmen a handsome smoking stand in which to discard the cigarettes he mooches from Larry Schade.

Fred Erickson joining Hizonner the Mayor about the salesmen.

Bill Godlove heralding his return to Medford by zooming down upon the populace in his scouting plane, scaring the inhabitants half to death.

Fred Kelly funneling passersby into Democratic headquarters.

Charles Herman regretting he did not order reserved seats for the Medford-Klamath grid colossal when he first thought of it, none being left when he finally got around to it.

Lillian May laboriously picking out groceries after a full day's work, she dialing to cook but crazy about eating.

Dorothy Nyvander surprised, elated and thrilled, but not speechless over all the birthday fuss about her.

SKYLINER MAKES SAFE LANDING AS FIRE SEARS HANDS

Motor Catches Fire, Drops From Plane in Dark of Night—All Aboard Escape After Forced Landing

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 19.—(AP)—A new hero of the airways was acclaimed today, as a mass of burned wreckage marked where Pilot Dave Hissong, with flames lapping about him, brought 11 passengers and three crewmen safely to earth in his burning Eastern Airlines plane.

With one voice of gratitude the passengers testified, "he saved us." The 14-passenger twin-motored Houston to New York ship burst into flames near midnight a few miles from Montgomery, and though his hands were seared, the fuselage burned and one motor dropped out, Hissong stuck to the controls and put the craft down in a dark and strange field.

Ship Destroyed A moment after passengers alighted the flames destroyed the ship. No one on board was hurt badly.

Among the passengers was J. V. Connolly, general manager of Hearst newspapers, New York, and E. D. Rivera, Jr., son of Georgia's governor.

Eastern Airlines listed the others aboard as J. H. Sotham, New York; J. H. Bonck, New Orleans; Z. Lebovson, New York; J. T. Nix, New Orleans; D. Drucker, New York; R. B. Kahle, New York; Co-pilot C. R. Russell; Steward Frank Gibbs; W. O. Foote, Montgomery Eastern Airlines manager; F. T. Vonnegut, New Orleans Eastern Airlines city traffic manager and George Stewart, Atlanta.

Connolly said "the heroism and fine work of the pilot simply were beyond description." Young Rivera said "if it hadn't been for that pilot I wouldn't be here."

Pilot Hissong said a damaged propeller probably caused vibration of a motor in a way to start the fire.

Pilot Shares Credit He refused to take credit for any heroic act, stating that he had merely done what any other pilot would have done under the circumstances.

"And I want it understood," he said, "that without the aid of Co-pilot Russell and Steward Gibbs we could not have landed safely."

Foote told a dramatic story of Hissong's heroism and effective performance as a pilot.

"We left the Montgomery field," he said, "about three minutes before the right engine got rough and in another minute it broke into flames. We were at an elevation of about 1400 feet."

"Captain Hissong cut the gas off from the motor. The captain attempted to turn and had made about a half turn toward the airport when the right motor, apparently eaten loose by the flames, fell out. Hissong jerked his left wing up to flying position. He headed for a clearing."

"He could barely see with his landing lights. He pushed the ship. The right wing was sheared off by a tree."

Steward Frank Gibbs walked through the aisle telling the passengers to see that their safety belts were tight. All were in their seats, properly strapped, when the plane touched earth. Then they rushed out.

Pilot Hissong and his co-pilot were helped from the control compartment. Passengers and crew fled quickly beyond the heat of the burning ship.

Six Die in Crash of British Bombers

LONDON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Royal air force officers investigating the mid-air crash of two bombers in which six died said today a cryptic note found near the wreckage was a "navigation message."

The officers said the message read "what will be our position in one minute?" It previously had been reported the message said "what will this plane look like in a few minutes?"

An inquest begun at Dumnon was adjourned until October 31. Six bodies were recovered from the smoldering wreckage. Since January 1, 174 British airmen have been killed in 93 accidents.

A. P. Veteran Dies PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 19.—(AP)—E. L. Powell, 73, retired member of the Associated Press foreign staff and former chief of the Portland bureau, died here today.

Smash Jewish Shops VIENNA, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Mobs broke into Jewish stores and apartments and smashed furniture and fixtures last night in Leopoldstadt, a section of Vienna inhabited mostly by Jews. The premises of one Jewish relief organization were sacked.

Sets Peace Price



Haj Amin Effendi Al Hussein (above), grand mufti of Jerusalem, whose stand pat attitude on six demands upon Great Britain is cited as a cause of much of the bloody strife in the Holy Land. (A. P. Photo).

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Wife Puts Stop To Mate's Fun With Gift Auto

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(UP)—Mrs. Mary Cusick bought a car several months ago for her husband, John, a WPA worker, and John got in the habit of taking it out without her, she said. She caught up with him last night, sitting in a beer parlor with two women, so she unscrewed the gas tank lid, lit a match and tossed it in. John walked home.

REPUBLIC STEEL MUST REINSTATE 5000 WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The national labor board ordered the Republic Steel corporation today to reinstate to about 5,000 employees who went on strike in six Ohio plants in May, 1937. The board ordered the company to stop interfering with the formation of any labor organization, discouraging membership in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, or the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, and in any way interfering with the rights of self organization of employees.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Cleveland steel circles took it for granted today that Republic Steel Corp. would appeal to U. S. circuit court, the national labor relations board order directing the reinstatement or reimbursement of 5,000 participants in last year's "Little Steel" strike.

Officials of the company were silent pending a study of the board's order, but last April, when NLRB issued a similar order, Republic commented "the courts will have to decide" certain of the issues.

GREEN ENDORSEMENT OF MERRIAM BRINGS CALIFORNIA PROTEST

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—(AP)—A scorching demand by two high labor officials that William Green, AFL president, withdraw his "endorsement" of Frank P. Merriam, California's Republican governor, fired state politics to a new high pitch today as Raymond L. Haight, progressive gubernatorial candidate, abandoned his own campaign.

C. J. Hagerly, president of the California State Federation of Labor, announced he and J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the AFL Los Angeles central labor council, had written Green declaring he had been "misinformed, and to say the least, poorly advised concerning the election in this state."

A letter by Green, they declared, "has been construed as a carte blanche endorsement of Gov. Frank P. Merriam," who they continued, is supported by the backers of Initiative proposition No. 1, which is "for the purpose of outlawing the trade union movement in the state."

A letter from Green endorsing Merriam was released in San Francisco Monday by J. M. Casey, official of the AFL Teamsters' union.

HESS FOR USE OREGON LABEL

ROSEBURG, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Marketing of Oregon fruits under Oregon labels was urged last night by Henry L. Hess, 1, which is "for the purpose of outlawing the trade union movement in the state."

The fruit grower must have better farm-to-market roads and he must be assured a price allowing him a reasonable margin of profit," Hess declared.

He commented on the "apparent neglect" of southern Oregon highways.

THREE PRISONERS FLEE AS TRIAL DATE NEARS HOOD RIVER, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Three prisoners awaiting trial at the November term of the circuit court escaped today by sawing off the hinges of a steel gate at the city jail with a hacksaw.

They were Leslie Weyandt, John Quint and Edward Ray Paul. Seven other prisoners declined to flee.

Author Must Leave WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The immigration service affirmed today a board of inquiry's order excluding John Strachey, British author and lecturer, from the United States.

MAIL BAG RIFLED BY NAZI AGENTS, EX-SPY REVEALS

Witness in Espionage Trial Says Germans Obtained Copy of Contract Between Steel Co. and Amtorg

By Mary Elizabeth Plummer NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Nazi German agents opened a mail bag on the liner Europa to obtain a copy of a contract between the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Amtorg Trading Corporation of New York, the government's principal witness testified at the espionage trial of two men and a woman today.

Members of the same group, he swore, engaged his younger brother as a spy in Prague in anticipation of Germany's march on Czechoslovakia. The testimony was given just before court adjourned for the day.

Tells Forgery Scheme Guenther Gustav Rurich, the 32-year-old former U. S. army sergeant who deserted and became a spy, made the disclosures after calmly telling Federal Judge John C. Knox and a jury of a scheme to forge President Roosevelt's signature to fake White House stationery in order to procure information about two United States navy airplane carriers.

Starting at Asst. U. S. Atty. Lester C. Dunigan and avoiding the gaze of the three defendants—Erich Glaeser, former Mitchell Field soldier; Johanna Hofmann, hairdresser on the German liner Europa, and Otto Herman Voss, airplane factory worker—Rurich said he was incredulous when he heard of the opening of the mail bag.

Shown Proof The information was relayed to him, he said, by Karl Schlueter, messenger and payoff man for the spy ring. In the presence of Miss Hofmann, and when he appeared skeptical Miss Hofmann herself showed him a photographic copy of the contract.

Speaking in a low, dispirited voice as though he were tired of the whole fantastic espionage business, Rurich said he expected to get a lot of money for the navy information on the airplane carriers.

The meeting was adjourned to 6 p. m. next Tuesday to consider any other matters that might arise pertaining to the street reconstruction program.

Councilmen H. S. Deuel and W. P. Stewart were absent.

GERMANY BARS PAPERS TELLING OF SPY TRIAL BERLIN, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Yesterday's editions of English newspapers which arrived here today were confiscated by authorities, presumably because they carried accounts of the New York spy trial involving Nazis. News dealers said no reason for the confiscation was given.

3,035 Republican Voters, 2,828 Democrats in City

Medford, with its 21 voting precincts, has a total registered vote of 5,863 divided as to party, as follows:

Republicans 3,035 Democrats 2,828 Miscellaneous 90

North Main precinct, with a total registered vote of 451, is the largest in the city. The smallest is South Riverside with 164 voters. Kanwood and Northwest precinct, are tied with 218 voters each.

In the 10 Ashland precincts, there are 2,735 voters, 1,990 Republicans and 1,078 Democrats, and 67 miscellaneous.

The nine incorporated towns of the county hold 12,059 voters of the 17,988 registered voters, as follows:

Central Point, 877; Butte Falls, 209; Gold Hill, 537; Jacksonville, 617; Phoenix, 669; Rogue River, 583, and Talent, 623.

Democrats have a majority in 20 precincts. East Ashland, Butte Falls, Colestin, Gold Hill, Howard, South Jacksonville, Medford North Main, Medford North Central, North Riverside, Medford North, Southeast, South Medford, Northwest, Orchard Home, East Phoenix, Pinhurst, Rogue River, Roxy Ann, Trail and Wimer. The other 30 precincts of the county have Republican majorities.

In most cases the lead is slender. Ashland with a 512 Republican majority, is what might be called a stronghold. The outstanding Democratic precinct is Howard, with a lead of 99.

Greta's Hair Do Declared Unfair By Coiffure Guild

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The long straight bob displayed by Greta Garbo when she arrived here October 7 from abroad is unfair to organized hairdressers, coiffure stylists declared today.

A resolution attacking the screen stars' bob as "wholly unsuited for wear by her or by the women of this country" was adopted by the Coiffure Guild of New York and the International Master Ladies' Hairdressers' Association of the United States.

All termed the bob "destructive to the welfare and livelihood" of hairdressers.

LEVY DELINQUENTS FACE FORECLOSURE BY COUNCIL MOVE

Authorization to proceed at once with foreclosure action against property owners delinquent in assessments was voted last night by the city council.

Through its chairman, George T. Fry, the land appraisal committee filed a list of property owners remaining delinquent in assessment payments after final notice had been served October 6. The committee recommended that foreclosure proceedings be instituted.

The progress being made on the Stewart avenue flood control work was reported to the council by Frank H. Rogers, city inspector. The city and county are cooperating on the project.

At the suggestion of Mayor C. C. Furnas, the council approved appointment of David C. McDonough as city engineer for the PWA paved street reconstruction program. Mr. McDonough has been serving the city as engineer and the formal appointment was made to conform with PWA requirements, the mayor explained.

Mr. Rogers reported that the city superintendent's staff has been working nights to complete plans and specifications for the street reconstruction project.

The council repealed a recently adopted resolution setting a minimum wage scale for the PWA project and approved a new resolution which generally slightly increased the scale in accordance with PWA suggestions.

Larry Schade read a report showing that 15 defective sidewalks had been repaired since the previous council meeting October 4.

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BAKER, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Democratic state organization has been captured by a combination of screwball pinks and political gangsters greedy for spoils," Charles A. Sprague, Republican candidate for governor, charged in a campaign speech yesterday.

"It is a weird wedding of parlor intelligentsia and political barflies," Sprague said. "If they succeed in seizing control of the state government it means the pinks will get the legislature and the barflies the loot."

"This setup is the old political raw deal under the disguise of President Roosevelt's humanitarian new deal."

REGISTRY BOOSTS REPUBLICAN LEAD

SALISBURY, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Reports from Jackson and Clackamas counties increased the Republican lead over Democrats in registration totals from 28 counties to 7,774 today.

The total registration for the 28 counties was 491,986, including 246,451 Republicans and 238,677 Democrats.

Jackson county, with a total registration of 17,988, reported 9,300 Republicans and 8,774 Democrats. Clackamas county has 32,957 eligible voters, including 16,250 Republicans and 15,624 Democrats.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC GETS YEAR'S LOAN EXTENSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific Co. management has made an agreement with bankers to renew its loans, totaling about \$20,000,000, for one year, it was announced today.

FIRST SIT-DOWN DECLARED WORK OF COMMUNISTS

Un-American Activities Investigators Told Strike in Midland Steel in 1936 Led by Red Members of Union

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The house committee investigating Un-American activities received testimony today communists engineered the first sit-down strike in Michigan—at the Midland Steel company in 1936.

Clyde Morrow, an employe of the Ford Motor company in Detroit, said the strike was led by John Anderson, communist candidate for governor in 1934, and Nat Ganley, described by Morrow as a communist and member of several unions at one time under different names.

Aided by Union Reds "These men headed the strike with the aid of communist nuclei in the union," he said. "They kept the workers at fever pitch by saying, strike-breakers would be brought in to take their jobs and the militia would come down."

Morrow, who said he had joined the communist party for the purpose of getting information, asserted he was on hand when the strike began.

The witness said the technique of sit-down strikes was worked out first at the Hudson Motor Car company, where "the communist party experimented with the idea" late in 1933 and 1934. In the Hudson plant, he said, departmental lines were stopped until demands were met and in one month there were perhaps 200 stoppages and "they just couldn't run."

In response to questions, Morrow said the Trade Union Unity league was an organization of "red industrial unions" up to 1934, and the leading one, communist-controlled, was the Auto Workers union.

Lead Many Strikes "It led the Briggs strike in 1933," he said, "the motor products strike the same year, and participated in a hunger march on the Ford plant in which five men lost their lives."

Morrow testified communist leaders were active in a series of strikes in Detroit in 1937 which he said "practically paralyzed" the city. He said factories, hotels, restaurants, dairies, and newspaper plants were tied up and as soon as one strike was settled, another would be "pulled."

The committee received testimony yesterday communists had imported into the United States the same sit-down strike tactics they had used in France and Italy prior to 1920.

SCREWBALLS CONTROL DEMO PARTY-SPRAGUE