

# Survivors Bring Word of Plane Crash in Coos Bay Wilds

**Weather**  
 FORECAST: Continued cloudy with rain tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.  
 Highest Yesterday 53  
 Lowest this Morning 45  
 Prec. to 5 A. M. Today 45

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## TWO ARMY FLIERS REACH LOG CAMP TO REPORT FALL

Rescuers Start Into Isolated Storm Wracked Area; At Least 13 Men Aboard.

Coos Bay, Ore., Nov. 28—Five airmen, passengers and members of the crew of a C-46 transport plane that crashed in the rugged Oregon woods near here last Monday, were found today alive and well.

These survivors reported 12 men were aboard the transport. Eleven managed to bail out but it was not ascertained whether Capt. Hugh B. McMullen, Kansas City, Kan., pilot of the plane, had escaped.

The remaining men are believed wandering somewhere in the dense woods.

Coos Bay, Ore., Nov. 28—Army authorities today identified reports of a crashed plane on the Oregon coast as the missing C-46 cargo plane which crashed-landed Monday with at least 13, possibly 15, men aboard.

Rescue parties started into the mountain wilderness after two army fliers stumbled into a logging camp with an incoherent account of the crash. One of the worst storms in many years has blanketed the coastal area all week and the doctors, nurses and loggers were not expected to reach the wreck until tonight.

Wander Two Days  
The Portland army air base said the big plane had six airmen aboard when it left on a routine flight from Sedalia, Mo., to McChord Field, Wash. Several stops were made en route and army officials said there were additional "hitchhikers" aboard when it took off from Oakland Monday.

The two fliers wandered two days in the rugged Coos Bay forest country seeking help before they reached a lumber camp 14 miles from Coos Bay. They related that 13 of their companions were dead or near death in the wreckage.

Army officials at McChord, Portland and San Francisco were at a loss to explain earlier this week how the plane veered so far off course during the storm. It reached McChord Field but could not land, was directed to Spokane and then Pendleton, Ore., 300 miles inland. Later, by radio "fixes", it was established the plane was over the ocean and the men were preparing to bail out.

In Isolated Spot  
State police estimated, from the story of the two survivors questioned, the plane actually crashed some 50 miles east of Coos Bay, and about 200 miles south of Portland. It is one of the most isolated areas of the west.

Portland army officials said the two survivors were not sure whether some or all of the men parachuted or went down with the plane. One victim was supposed to be hanging in his parachute from a tree.

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## Will Be First Witness



(Acme Telephoto)  
Warrant Officer Wilbur T. Martin, shown sitting behind Mrs. Irene Mansfeldt, was scheduled to be first witness at prosecution of the San Francisco socialite who shot and killed Mrs. Martin because she suspected her of stealing her husband's affection.

## Mrs. Mansfeldt in "Somnolentia" When Rival Killed, Says Attorney

San Francisco, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—"Somnolentia," a weird, half-waking state of mind, was projected today as the condition of Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt when she killed a suspected rival for her husband's affections.

Defense Attorney Vincent Hallinan, in his opening remarks to a jury of seven women and five men hearing the murder trial, yesterday portrayed his client as a good wife and mother whose married life was haunted by the "spectre of hereditary insanity."

Over prosecution objections, Hallinan outlined the strange, twisted relationship between the late Dr. John H. Mansfeldt and his wife and described what he said was her drug-induced state when she shot and killed Mrs. Vada Martin.

Drugged Involuntarily  
"We do not claim justifiable homicide," Hallinan said. "We are not invoking any unwritten law. . . it is our contention that Mrs. Mansfeldt was intoxicated, not by liquor, but by drugs, involuntarily taken."

Hallinan said that Dr. Mansfeldt had given his wife a strong sedative and "two pills with a sweet liquid" the night before she killed the attractive 36-year-old nurse with a revolver "she hadn't the vaguest idea how to load or operate."

The drug, Hallinan said, "produced a profound, unwell-known sleep for Mrs. Mansfeldt—a sleep so abnormal it tore loose the structure of her subconscious mind, which like Pandora's box had been storing away the terror and horror and fears of countless years."

Semi-Conscious  
"When she awakened in the morning she was suffering from a condition somnolentia in which she gave the aspects of consciousness but actually was only semi-conscious," Hallinan contended.

Earlier, Hallinan had described a "dreadful dance of insanity" that dominated Mrs. Mansfeldt's existence before and during her marriage.

Tracing her life from the age of 15, when she allegedly discovered her father having an affair with her mother's sister, Hallinan depicted the "neurotic, unnatural" surroundings of the Mansfeldt home.

Hallinan said the onetime raisin festival beauty queen, "a young girl, distinguished by a beauty which comes as near as women ever come to possessing the best human traits of genius, married into a family dominated by Eva Mansfeldt, her husband's mother, who now is confined to a mental institution.

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## PRE-WAR BOASTS OF NAZI GRAY FOX TOLD AT TRIAL

Von Papen Said Seizure of Southeastern Europe Was Planned Long Before War

Nuernberg, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Franz Von Papen, bland "Gray Fox" of German diplomacy, heard himself accused by an American diplomat today of boasting long before the war that the nazis were bent on seizing control of all southeastern Europe, and nothing could stop them.

Allied war crimes prosecutors struck a telling blow for their conspiracy charge against nazis leaders with presentation of an affidavit by George Messersmith, U. S. diplomat formerly stationed in Berlin and Vienna.

Austria First  
The Austrian Anschluss was presented as the first move by the nazis to engulf the entire Balkan area. Messersmith said nazis leaders had maintained openly for years that they would seize Austria by "whatever means necessary."

Von Papen, one of the nazi defendants, grimaced wryly, his face reddened, and he wagged his head as Prosecutor Sidney Alderman read the affidavit by Messersmith, now U. S. ambassador in Mexico City.

Messersmith's affidavit said regarding a meeting with Von Papen:  
"He blandly and directly said that getting control of Austria was to be the first step. He definitely stated he was in Austria to weaken and undermine the Austrian government and to work from Vienna toward weakening the governments of other states in the south and southeast."

Revelation Shocked  
Messersmith expressed himself to Von Papen as shocked by these revelations, but the nazi merely smiled, and said the conversation was between them.

Medical reports submitted to the international war crimes tribunal said that Rudolf Hess has resisted all efforts to cure his amnesia and refused to undergo voluntary treatment until his trial is finished.

Deep Sea Diver  
Fishes for Bus  
First Creek, Wash., Nov. 28—(U.P.)—A deep-sea diver from Seattle, Walter McCray, today arrived at Lake Chelan to direct navy divers in their quest for a school bus that Monday plunged into the icy lake with 15 students and an adult driver.

Two of the students' bodies have been recovered.  
The bus is estimated to lie in 300 to 400 feet of water, and a buoy marks the spot where earlier investigation had tentatively located the bus. McCray said the divers first would hunt for the exact spot by dragging the lake with cables.

If it's possible to snag it with cables, the bus will be pulled to shallower water—100 to 200 feet.

## AMERICAN THIRST STILL UNDER 1942

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Americans had a heavier thirst last year than the year before but they still drank far less than in 1942—the last year in which unlimited whiskey production was permitted.

Allied Liqueur Industries, Inc., a beverage trade organization, reached deep into its statistical grab-bag today and came up with the fact that the average American (counting men, women and children) drank 1.26 gallons of liquor in 1944.

The figures are based on the country's total population, since there is no way to separate drinkers from non-drinkers.

Buy Victory Bonds—keep you in later years.

## STORM PLAGUES WATER SUPPLY IN COOS BAY TOWNS

Reservoir Break Dangers Health, Closes Schools—Astoria Lashed by Gale.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 28—(U.P.)—One of the worst storms in years was whipping the Pacific northwest today, causing untold damage to communications and property.

The coastal communities of Coos Bay and North Bend, in the heart of the fierce rain and wind storm, were without water due to the breaking of the Coos Bay city reservoir under heavy water pressure. The reservoir supplies both Coos Bay and North Bend.

Health Dangered  
Officials of both communities advised residents to take every precaution to safeguard health during an expected two or three days without water.

Public schools in the area were closed today and school officials said they would be kept closed until water could be restored to the stricken communities.

Speeches Rinked  
But Hurley, Byrnes continued, became incensed by speeches in congress which the ambassador charged were proof of information leaks in the state department. The speech which angered Hurley most was made by Rep. Hugh DeLacy, D., Wash., who said the ambassador had caused disension between the Chinese central and communist governments.

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## WAR WITH RUSSIA FEARED BY SOLON

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., told the senate today that the United States with "Russia with certainty and speed."

Johnson asserted that "A combination of suspicion, bluff and appeasement brought on war with Japan," and are trying to bluff Russia with conscription of "teen-aged boys but we are only fooling ourselves. Russia knows that we are waving an empty pistol by our conscription prattle and their contempt for us must grow with each passing hour. Panic action, appeasement and defeatism must certainly end in disaster."

Johnson made his prediction as the senate continued debate on legislation detailing U. S. obligations as a member of the United Nations organization.

JAVA EVACUATION IS URGED BY RED CROSS  
Batavia, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Evacuation of 200,000 Europeans and Eurasians from Java was urged by the Batavia Red Cross society today as fighting continued between British and Indonesian forces.

Allen Judworth, chairman of the society, said these people were facing the danger of massacre and were enduring the sickness and misery of three and a half year's internment.

Yamashita Denies Responsibility In Manila Death and Destruction  
Manila, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita testified in his defense today that he did not order the destruction of Manila and swore that he "absolutely" did not order the killing of civilians or prisoners-of-war.

He said he never heard directly of mistreatment of civilians in Manila although Tokyo once advised him of a Spanish protest against mistreatment of Spanish citizens in the city.

"I did not order the destruction of Manila and I absolutely never ordered the raping of civilians," he testified.

## Secretary Byrnes Reveals Details Of Hurley's Displeasure; Leaks in State Department Among Irritants

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes declared today that Patrick J. Hurley would have had the state department's complete backing if he had continued in his post as U. S. ambassador to China.

Hurley resigned yesterday with the charge that career diplomats in the state department had sabotaged his attempts to unify now warring factions in China on a democratic basis. He did not then identify the diplomats he had in mind.

Ready To Name Names  
Hurley's friends made it clear, however, that he was ready to name names and pile details on details before a congressional committee. It appeared a certainty that either the house or senate would investigate his charges.

President Truman, meanwhile, conferred with Gen. George C. Marshall, former army chief of staff, who will be his personal envoy to China. Marshall will succeed Hurley in China at least temporarily.

Byrnes said at a press conference that before Hurley resigned, he was given a definite guarantee that he would have the full backing of the secretary if he stayed in the post and that any career functionaries who interfered with his work would be removed or recalled.

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## YANKS DESTROY UNUSED PLANES

Sydney, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—The Sydney Sun reported from Rabaul today that the Americans are dumping into the sea or destroying equipment and supplies worth millions of dollars as they abandon their Pacific Island bases.

A Rabaul dispatch quoted Australian officers in the Admiralties as saying 200 Hellcat fighters, many of which had not been uncrated, were dumped into the sea there.

At Finschhafen, New Guinea, it said, rafts laden with jeeps ant out to sea and jettisoned. Barge loads of jeeps also were reported thrown into the sea at Jacquot bay.

"The destruction is staggering in scope and thoroughness," the dispatch to the Sun said. "But the American argument is that if the gear is shipped home, it would be merely transferring a junk heap from one place to another."

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Rep. Robert Ramspeck, D., Ga., who is resigning from congress, will be succeeded as house democratic whip by Rep. John J. Sparkman, D., Ala.

## Renegade Britisher Sentenced to Death

London, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—John Amery, renegade son of the former secretary of state for India, was sentenced to death today on charges of high treason and treachery for broadcasting nazi propaganda from Berlin.

Amery pleaded guilty to eight counts in a brief trial at the Old Bailey. He was sentenced only eight minutes after pleading guilty.

## Resigns



(Acme Telephoto)  
Patrick J. Hurley, who bitterly criticized the "professional" diplomats of the State Department, charging that they are sabotaging the basic principles of American foreign policy.

Portland OREGONIAN—What a breath of fresh air this is . . . Let's have what Mr. Hurley wants, an American policy . . . That policy should be made definite and inflexible, and known to all.

PORTLAND JOURNAL—The Hurley resignation bluntly declares that all is not well in China, which we knew, but also that the diplomatic exploitation of China by the career diplomacy of foreign powers, including our own, is not at an end. This must be looked into. We want to see China able to stand alone—a feat only possible under orderly, central government.

NEW YORK TIMES—For the present, the net effect . . . must be to increase current confusion about our policy in China, and at the same time emphasize the need of a new statement, either by the president himself or by Mr. Byrnes, which will clear the air.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE—His resignation from his post in China is to be welcomed . . . It is a dangerous statement, just as Mr. Hurley's policies in China were dangerous for it is likely to increase Russian suspicions of America's actions in the Orient.

NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR—If half his charges can be supported, our state department needs a shakeup.

THE DAILY WORKER—Essentially the voice of those American imperialists who are openly anti-soviet and call everything democratic in Europe and Asia a manifestation of "communist imperialism."

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE—"An intolerable condition exists if, as Hurley charges, subordinates work directly against the policies declared by their chiefs . . . such a condition is not one to be cured by merely changing secretaries of state or under or assistant secretaries.

## CHINESE FIRE ON U. S. PATROL SHIP

Shanghai, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—American naval headquarters announced today that the American patrol vessel 134 was fired upon yesterday, presumably by communists, while on convoy duty in the Yangtze river.

Rear Admiral Charles T. Joy, commander of the Yangtze fleet, said the craft was fired upon by small arms from the shore at a point eight miles above Kichau while in a small convoy returning from Hankow.

The craft returned the fire with its 20-millimeter cannon. There were no American casualties.

A similar incident involving another patrol craft occurred Oct. 23.

The top commanders of the American army and navy in China departed for Chungking today to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek about the future of American forces in North China.

## SHOE CEILING INCREASE TOO SMALL SAY MAKERS

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Shoe manufacturers today labeled "unsatisfactory" the 4 1/2 per cent price ceiling increase granted them by the OPA but said they would accept it to avoid further delay in setting prices.

The OPA last night announced shoe manufacturers would be allowed the ceiling boost sometime next month. It added that retail ceilings would not be set until it had studied distributors' costs and earnings and discussed the question with the trade at a meeting here Dec. 11 and 12.

## STEELWORKERS IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

Early returns in the 650,000 United Steelworkers (CIO) strike vote indicated today that the workers favor a strike to support their demand for a \$2 a day wage increase.

Voting was heavy in the 27 states involved. Union officials predicted an overwhelming majority in favor of a strike.

Official returns from five small plants in western Pennsylvania gave a margin of a little less than two-to-one in favor of a stoppage, but unofficial returns from two small eastern Pennsylvania plants gave a margin of nine to one in favor of a strike.

Polling places were set up near 766 plants in 27 states—at an estimated cost of \$300,000 to National Labor Relations board—although the United Steel Workers (CIO) was assured that demands for a \$2-a-day blanket pay boost would be endorsed.

The trade magazine Iron Age admitted that an industrywide steel strike appeared inevitable but predicted the walkout would not take place before the first of the year.

Government and United Automobile Workers (CIO) officials began conferring in Washington today as the General Motors tie-up, involving 175,000 strikers, entered its second week.

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