

5 MEN SHOT IN STRIKE VIOLENCE

Washington's Door
Always Open For
Any Chief Of State

Truman Would Welcome
Stalin In America

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—President Truman said today that the United States is ready to discuss at any time with any country any plan for world peace.

But he made it clear that such discussions will have to be through the United Nations or regular diplomatic channels—unless Russia's Josef Stalin or any other chief of state wants to meet with the president here.

Door Always Open

Mr. Truman said at his news conference today that:

1. He does not believe it is time to send a mission to Stalin.
2. But he has always said the door is open, here in Washington, any time to any head of state. That was as close as he came to commenting on Winston Churchill's proposal for "highest level" atomic control talks with Russia.
3. This is not the proper time to press—as proposed in a pending congressional resolution—for creation of an Atlantic union of Atlantic pact nations. Mr. Truman said there are more important things to discuss.
4. This country (unlike Russia) has never walked out of any meeting and has never used its UN veto to block anything leading to peace.

Evoked By Question

The president's statement that it is not time to send a peace mission to Moscow was evoked by a question based on his exclusive interview with Arthur Krock of the New York Times. Krock quoted Mr. Truman as saying he would have sent Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson to Moscow in 1948 if a presidential campaign had not been going on. A reporter asked if he thought the time has now come to send such a mission.

Mr. Truman replied that he does not think that time has come.

Asked about the new 30-year pact between communist China and Russia, the president said Secretary of State Dean Acheson covered that subject adequately yesterday when he said China's troubles with Moscow are just beginning.

Bids Opened On New Eagle Point School

Eagle Point, Feb. 16—General contracting firms of Ausland and Dodson and R. H. Puddycumb were low and second low bidders respectively on a grade school building project here. Superintendent Glenn Hale announced today. Bids were opened earlier this week but final acceptance is not expected until next week.

Bids were received from M. E. Bessonet, K. C. Wernmark, N. K. Porter, Parish and Crum. Donald M. Drake, H. Barnhart and Howard Wirtz. In addition to those from the two low bidders.

Hale said the project involves construction of a four-room unit for the use of the upper grades of the Eagle Point school. It will contain its own heating plant.

A \$15,000 bond issue was previously approved by voters of the district and a portion of that amount has already been used to add two new rooms to the high school. The remainder will be used for the new grade school unit.

Reed College Picked For Teacher Training

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Reed college and five other schools have been picked to give teacher training courses in techniques for dealing with the effects of atomic attack.

Announcement of the Portland college's nomination came from the national security resources board in Washington, D. C.

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The present term of the jury expires February 27.

CHICAGO SPLASH—This was the scene in Chicago as the worst day of the winter brought the "Windy City" wet snow, sleet and an over-supply of rain. Many homes and buildings were deprived of light because of the estimated 1000 power lines snapped by the storm.

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12th Crewman Located On Island

Cries For Help, Shots Spur Hunt For Others

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The 12th crewman of 17 who bailed out of a crippled B-36 super bomber was found injured today and landing parties spurred on by a man's cry for help and several shots pressed on through slush for the five remaining reported on the British Columbia island.

A 55-man search party separated into three groups. One located the 12th survivor, another reported hearing a man's cry for help and a third set out to investigate shots.

A terse radio message at 11:30 a.m. (PST) from the royal Canadian navy destroyer Cayuga to RCAF headquarters in Vancouver, B.C., said: "Injured survivor located on Princess Royal Island."

The man's name or extent of his injuries was not immediately learned.

Believed On Island

Before he was found, RCAF officers said "indications are that the remaining crewmen are on the island . . . the rest of the crew seemed to think for sure the other six are there."

The RCAF said that with a helicopter and 12 other planes criss-crossing the island and Canadian-American ground crews searching the underbrush, "we should get them today."

The survivor located today will be brought to the island's shore or to a lake where he probably will be taken aboard the Cayuga, officers said.

Eleven aboard the six-engined plane, lost Monday night on a flight from Alaska to Texas, were evacuated from the craggy island yesterday by a 25-man ground party.

One, a Brooklyn radio operator, still was aboard the Cayuga awaiting a flight to McChord air force base, Washington, where the other 10 were recovering from their ordeal.

In the air search, one plane scanned rivers and lakes, another was assigned to the shoreline, two helicopters landed in the interior, and a C-82 "flying boxcar" with a para-rescue team aboard, flew over the island.

The other planes circled nearby islands looking for wreckage.

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Southerners Travel To Higher Ground

Chicago, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Southerners plodded to higher ground before rising floodwaters today while northerners dug out of an icy crust and southern Californians basked at the beaches.

Raging streams and rivers drove 50,000 persons from their homes in an eight-state zone stretching from Ohio and Indiana southward to the Gulf of Mexico, and in many areas the worst was yet to come.

The crippling ice and snow storm which pushed across the northern states from the great plains to the Atlantic dwindled away in New England today after claiming at least 30 lives.

In Los Angeles, residents welcomed a forecast of "slightly cooler" weather today. The mercury soared yesterday to a balmy 79, highest of the year, forcing downtown office workers to shed coats and sending big crowds to the beaches.

San Bernardino reported a high temperature of 80 and Indio 82.

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B-36 DITCHED—Map shows where an Air Force B-36 bomber "ditched" in the windswept waters of Queen Charlotte Sound.

(1) off the coast of British Columbia after three of the plane's six engines failed. Canadian marine station at Prince Rupert, B. C. (2), asked all points to watch for flares and wreckage in the area between Queen Charlotte Island and Vancouver Island. The plane with 17 aboard was en route from Elsie Air Force Base (3) to Ft. Worth, Tex. Patrol cutters were sent on search for the B-36 from Port Angeles, Wash. (4), Sitka (5) and Ketchikan, Alaska (6).

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Bank officials said they could not determine immediately how much money was taken.

The robber, described as dark-complexioned, of medium height and wearing a green army jacket, made his getaway in a late-model sedan.

Police said a second man was driving the car. He also was described as "of dark complexion with dark hair."

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Air Force Rapped For Suppression Of News About Plane

Paper Editorially Attacks Attitude

Seattle, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer today editorially attacked the United States air force for "unwarranted and stupid officiousness" in suppressing the original news of the disappearance of a B-36 in the Pacific northwest Monday night.

"Newspapers and news services which tried to confirm in official circles the details which already were known to hundreds of persons were given the brush-off or the run-around," the editorial said.

Confirmation Refused

(The air force refused to confirm that the B-36 super bomber, from which 17 men parachuted and survived, was missing until long after scores of planes had been sent into the search from several United States and Canadian air force bases and after commercial radio outlets had confirmed that the crew had radioed it was abandoning the plane.)

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TICKETS, NON-UNION COAL MEN CLASH AT WEST VIRGINIA MINE

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Five men were shot today in a clash between 100 pickets and non-union miners at Junior, W. Va.

Four of the wounded men, including the brother of Joseph Sirdich, president of West Virginia's largest United Mine Workers local, were admitted to Myers Clinic hospital, Philippi, W. Va. with shotgun wounds.

State police identified the other wounded man as Bill Williams, owner of the Williams Coal company which operates a 27-man drift mine near Junior.

The latest outbreak of violence came as the growing coal shortage brought forecasts of a national catastrophe. The nation's coal supply dropped to an average nine-day supply and more than 55,000 railroad and industry workers were idled.

No report was available at the hospital on the condition of the four miners.

The wounded men were identified as Arnold Moore, 38, Simpson; Roy Hoffman, 37, Everettsville; Merline Sherdick, Grant Town, and Wayne Martin, 23, Grant Town.

State police said the pickets had been driven off the mine property north of Elkins earlier this morning when company officials fired warning shots over their heads. The men retired to the highway but remained in sight of the mine property.

There was no immediate report on what touched off the last shooting.

State police said 10 men had been sent to the trouble spot but that no official report on the outbreak had been received.

Meanwhile industrial plants and utilities announced that new cutbacks were in the making as fuel supplies dropped steadily under the impact of more cold weather.

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—John L. Lewis and soft coal operators resumed contract talks today under pressure of an increasingly grave coal crisis and were reported to have started talking specific terms.

Lewis was understood to have made a number of specific proposals, including one that would guarantee the miners 200 days of work a year.

New Lions Club Formation Is Plan

Formation of a second Lions club in Medford was forecast today in reports that some 20 persons have signed applications to become charter members of a new group.

An organizational meeting will be held in the Medford hotel tomorrow with Gordon Smith, a representative of Lions international, and Larry Neely, who has been active in formation of the new organization.

Larry N. Schade, president of the present Lions club, said that discussions have been under way for some time about the second club. According to present plans the two Lions organizations will not be divided on a sectional basis. He said that the present club has grown so large that some members were losing interest.

It will probably be a noon meeting club, he said. Following tonight's meeting, it is thought that the membership rolls will help the democratic party maintain or increase their present majority in the house and senate.

Such campaigning, of course, would be in such critical states as Ohio and Illinois. In Ohio, republican Sen. Robert A. Taft is seeking another six-year term. Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas may have a tussle on his hands in Illinois.

31st Oregon Press Conference Slated

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—About 175 delegates from newspapers throughout the state are expected here tomorrow and Saturday for the 31st annual Oregon press conference.

Main attraction will be Marquis W. Childs, United Feature syndicate columnist, who will speak tomorrow at the University of Oregon theatre on "the role of the interpretive reporter."

Childs also will be honored guest tonight at a buffet dinner given by Eugene members of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism honorary.

Marshall N. Dana, editor of the editorial page of the Oregon Journal, will speak on "Oregon's newspaper stalwarts" at the annual banquet tomorrow night in the Osburn hotel. Altogether, a number of city mounted service in a number of areas will be receiving rural motor route mail service. The new system will also provide more accurate addresses for rural residences now designated only by a route and box number.

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Tydings Sees Bigger Explosive For Future

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Sen. Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.) today forecast an "X-bomb" of the future which he said could destroy mankind.

He called on Secretary of State Dean Acheson to start working immediately for world disarmament. Acheson already has thrown cold water on such suggestions.

Tydings, who is chairman of the senate armed services committee, did not say whether science even now is at work on the X-bomb. But he told the senate "The development of the first hydrogen bomb is not the end. It will not be the most decisive weapon mankind will ever construct. No sooner will the hydrogen bomb be a reality than a new bomb—the X-bomb—will be on its way."

Union Fought To Get Troops Home, Bridges Maintains

Show For Return Of U. S. Troops Denied

San Francisco, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—CIO Longshore Leader Harry Bridges insisted today that his union fought to get American troops home quickly after the war not because the Russians wanted them sent home but because the boys wanted "to get back to their girls and milk shakes."

Under cross-examination at his trial on perjury and conspiracy charges, the union leader denied that the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union staged a one-day work stoppage in 1945 to demonstrate for the quick return of United States troops because that was communist policy.

Telegrams Received

Bridges told F. Joseph Donohue, chief government prosecutor, to "get the whole story" about the work stoppage.

"There were thousands of GI's sitting on those islands. Mr. Donohue," he said, "and all the while the shipping companies were taking their ships back. In the same period, the troops were told 'too bad, we'd like to bring you back for Christmas, but we'll ship you a little turkey.'"

He said he received thousands of telegrams asking him to help get the troops home.

"You knew at the time, the Russian government was anxious to get our American troops out of Germany, didn't you?" Donohue asked.

"Brass Can Be Wrong

Bridges replied: "I didn't know then. I don't know now. All I know is that the boys wanted to get back to their girls and milk shakes."

Donohue asked him if that decision should not have been left to the joint chiefs of staff.

"Not necessarily," Bridges replied. "They can be wrong."

Then Donohue asked him if he had no trust in the joint chiefs.

"Not all of them," Bridges said. He added that he could remember one army general on the west coast who worked for the America First committee. Bridges said he thought the committee was a Nazi organization.

Congress May Get Rogue Basin Report

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—C. Girard Davison, assistant secretary of interior, today advised Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R., Ore.), that the Rogue river basin report is unlikely to be ready for submission to this congress.

The report, outlining potential water development projects in the basin, is being studied in the department. Davison said he believed the report plus requests for several projects, authorizations may be ready to submit to the next congress.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy today. Fog patches early Friday. Increasing cloudiness Friday with rain by night. Cooler tonight.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 54
Lowest This Morning 43
Precip. to 4:30 A.M. Today 3.3

New Names Given To Many Rural Roads In New Plan

The rural house numbering program being carried out in Medford's fringe areas by the Jackson county engineer's staff at the request of the Medford post office has resulted in new names for several rural roads in this area. County Engineer Paul Rynning said he has been reluctant to tamper with road names that have become accepted through long use but that in some cases the new designations have been unavoidable.

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Buckshot road, from the old Crater Lake highway to the Lone Pine school, will continue with that name but that portion that runs in a northerly direction will be known as Springbrook road, including a small section formerly known as Crestbrook road.

The name Biddle road will cover the entire length of the road running from Medford to the airport, doing away with that portion now called Morrow road. Only the east-west street running into Biddle will continue to be known as Morrow road. A new quarter-mile stretch of Biddle road will be constructed from the Crater Lake highway connecting with the dead end of what was once Morrow road just north of McAn-drews road. Rynning expects it will be of particular value to east side residents.

New Crews Road

Part of the old Biddle road in the vicinity of Medford's former sewage disposal plant has been renamed Crews road.

At the end of Beall lane, two previously undesignated roads will now be called Freeland road and Sunnyvale road.

New addresses, for home owners on the roads involved in the program, are now being mailed out by the Medford post office.