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9 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Bomber Explodes, Plunges To Earth Near Arizona Town

Two Airmen Parachute To Safety From Plane

Hyder, Ariz., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—An air force B-50 Superfortress "exploded like a bomb in the sky" today and crashed to the desert 25 miles northwest of here killing at least nine crewmembers. Two others parachuted to safety.

However, Maj. Donald C. Foster, public information officer at Davis-Monthan air force base, Tucson, said 14 men boarded the plane this morning prior to take-off on a routine training flight. Says 11 On Board

Mrs. Fred L. Backketter, station manager of the small railroad section point here, said one of the surviving crew members told her only 11 men were aboard the huge bomber.

Mrs. Backketter was in the first group to reach the crash scene an hour after it fell to the earth in flames.

Mrs. Backketter said the large craft exploded in the sky and burst into flames as it plunged to the earth. When she reached the crash scene, she said, wreckage was strewn over a two-mile area in a rocky, cactus-studded region.

"The plane was a horrible mess," the woman said. "It looked like a crumpled piece of tin."

Several bodies, mangled beyond identification, were crushed together in the forward part of the plane. Mrs. Backketter said a blackened portion of one body was thrown clear of the main wreckage.

One of the survivors told the Hyder woman one of the craft's four engines caught fire seconds before the explosion.

SPEBSQSA Chorus To Sing At Play Opening

The chorus of the Rogue Valley chapter of SPEBSQSA will provide curtain-raiser music for the play which Phoenix Little Theater guild will give Friday and Saturday nights in the old gymnasium in Phoenix. This will be the first public appearance of the chorus, which is directed by Marvin Masters.

The basis of the chorus is three barber shop quartets, which have made appearances from time to time, and the quartets will also give numbers.

Proceeds of the program and play, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. both Friday and Saturday nights, will be used for the building fund of the Phoenix Community Club and Youth center.

Cooperative Housing Bill Loses In House

Washington, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Administration Democrats blamed the increasing tempo of the congressional economy drive today for their resounding defeat in the fight over cooperative housing.

First the Senate and then the House rejected the administration's urgent request for congressional authority to start a broad-scale cooperative housing program for middle income families. The Senate turned down the proposal last week by a vote of 43 to 38. The House followed suit yesterday, 218 to 155.

Sale of Bonds to Provide Funds For YMCA Building

Details of a bonding program through which construction of the Medford YMCA building will be completed were announced today by Tony Manno, president of the "Y" board of directors.

Bonds totaling \$45,000 in denominations of \$100 each, will be issued and sold, Manno said. The bonds will be 20-year instruments bearing four per cent interest and will be callable.

Bonds Secured
Sale of the bonds will provide funds to pay the balance of the "Y" construction costs and complete "certain minor phases" of its existing plan. The bonds will be fully secured by a first mortgage on the building, and are being handled by the trust department of the Medford branch, First National bank of Portland. The building has been valued at \$170,000. Interest on the bonds will be payable by means of coupons attached to them.



(Acme Telephoto) **NAMED 'PROCOMMUNIST'**—Owen J. Lattimore (above), the late President Roosevelt's adviser in China, was named by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy as a "pro-Communist" before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. McCarthy said that Lattimore is a bad security risk and may already have done this nation incalculable and irreparable harm.

Most Wanted Man Named By FBI As William F. Sutton

Washington, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—The FBI today put its finger on William F. (The Actor) Sutton, suspected leader in the \$63,000 New York bank robbery, as one of its "10 most wanted men."

Sutton, a 48-year-old native of Brooklyn, replaced William Nesbit on the FBI's list.

The 51-year-old Nesbit was smoked out of a cave near St. Paul, Minn., last Saturday by seven young boys with sharp eyes and memories.

Sutton, who has a long criminal record, escaped two years ago from a Pennsylvania state penitentiary. He is believed by police to have been involved in several holdups since then.

Employees of the New York bank picked him out of a police rogues gallery as the leader of the gang that staged the recent spectacular daylight holdup there.

Three Patients Leave Salem State Hospital

Salem, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Three patients at Oregon State hospital here escaped Wednesday night by jumping from a second story window, police reported today.

The patients were Lester A. Mann, 44, of Stayton, Ore.; Earl Perry, 20, of Springfield, Ore., and John I. Sneed, 25, of St. Louis, Mo.

The escape was not discovered until early today. A broken grill over the window on the second floor of the hospital was the only clue concerning the method of their escape.

Dr. C. E. Bates, superintendent, said all three patients are considered harmless. Sneed is a war veteran recently transferred to the hospital here from the federal hospital at Roseburg.

Taipei Formosa, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Chinese Nationalist military officials said today that the Chinese Communists had concentrated a large number of junk at Shanghai.

New Jersey to Try Man Charged With Imprisoning Girl

San Jose, Cal., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Federal authorities said today they will let New Jersey try Frank La Salle, 56, on charges of holding a 12-year-old Camden school girl prisoner for 21 months.

Joseph Karesh, assistant U. S. attorney in San Francisco, said federal proceedings against the thin-faced convicted rapist would be given up "temporarily."

La Salle, who has a long record of morals arrests, was jailed Tuesday after Sally telephoned her sister in New Jersey and asked her to "please send the FBI."

Sally told authorities La Salle held her in his power by threatening to expose her schoolgirl prank of stealing a dime store notebook.

She said he posed as an FBI officer when he caught her stealing the notebook in a Camden 10-cent store.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Robust winter weather hit the Pacific northwest again today, and spring seemed far behind.

Moderately heavy snowfalls blanketed some sections of Oregon and Washington as temperatures fell and winds rose.

The weather bureau issued full gale warnings for the Oregon coast this morning, predicting winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour.

Six inches of snow fell on the Sunset highway in the uplands southeast of Astoria, and chains were required, according to the state police.

Snow In Mountains
The state highway department said a continued snow storm in the Cascades made chains necessary for automobiles in the Santiam pass. Twelve inches of new snow fell in the pass within 24 hours, and ten inches of new snow were reported in the Willamette pass. Snow also was falling on the Ochoco and Mount Hood highways, and at Bend and Burns, the highway department said.

Winds of 90 miles an hour hit the Vancouver Island area early today. The storm was expected to bring rain to most of western Oregon and Washington today, with rain or snow tonight and Friday east of the Cascades.

\$500,000 Fire Hits Colorado Institution
Colorado Springs, Colo., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—An overloaded electrical circuit was blamed today for the half-million-dollar fire which destroyed the three-story administration building of the Colorado Institute for the Deaf and Blind yesterday.

Only the walls and foundation of the 61-year-old structure were left intact by the fire, which roared through the structure shortly before noon.

Eighty deaf children attending a lecture in the building did not hear the alarm but their teacher signalled to them to exercise a fire drill and they filed out of the building. Sixty others were at recess on the school grounds.

The defendant was an employee of Medford corporation who he served as general foreman of the firm's railroad. He is being held in county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

A date for sentencing was expected to be set before the end of the week. Edison faces a possible term of from three to 20 years' imprisonment.

Psychiatrist Report Twin Killing Studied
Fresno, Cal., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—A preliminary psychiatric report was studied today for clues to the mental quirk that made 14-year-old Alice Richard kill her vivacious and popular twin sister, Sally.

The report was prepared by Dr. Jackson C. Dillon, director of the state mental hygiene clinic at Fresno, after a two-day examination of blonde-haired Alice.

The girl has admitted shooting her twin sister with a .22 caliber rifle as she slept.

Resident Of Prospect Passes Away At Home
Prospect, March 23—Chauncey Franklin Arant, 75, a resident of Prospect for the past 23 years, passed away at his home here early Wednesday after a short illness.

The deceased was born in Klamath Falls, December 19, 1874, and spent his early life there. In 1907 he moved to Ashland. He had been a farmer and more recently had been engaged in the lumber industry.

He is survived by his widow, Maude, of Prospect; two sons, A. Howard, Klamath Falls, and Lary C. Phoenix; one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Boothby, Klamath Falls; three brothers, Herbert L. of Dairy, Ore., E. L. Klamath Falls, and Jay J. Bend. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a. m. in Litwiler's funeral parlors, Ashland, and interment will be at Siskiyou Memorial park, Medford.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Showers and decreasing wind tonight becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers Friday. Continued cool.

Highest Yesterday 49
Lowest this Morning 26
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today .06

Troops And Police Stop Riots After Battle In Streets

2 Children, Officer Killed In Fighting

Rome, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Italian troops and police put down a communist insurrection in San Severo today after a six-hour pitched battle in the streets of the town in the "bloody Puglia" area of south Italy.

Preliminary reports said one policeman and two children were killed and at least 13 other persons were wounded in the wild fighting with guns, grenades and clubs.

10,000 Take Part
Authorities said some 10,000 communists took part in the insurrection. They attacked the local police headquarters, overwhelmed the badly outnumbered security force and seized the town of 50,000 on the spur of the Italian boot.

The army announced that it gained complete control of San Severo six hours after the fighting started when a communist band attacked and dispersed two policemen at a butcher shop.

The violence flared through the town. The communists stormed and seized the town armory and then the police headquarters. A riot call brought reinforcements from Foggia, 18 miles to the south, and the battle was on.

The security forces sent armored cars against the communists who hurled grenades, sniped from rooftops and fought hand to hand with clubs, scythes and rocks.

Even after the army announced that it had regained control, sporadic bursts of gunfire still could be heard and dished bands held out in homes, church steeples and on rooftops.

The townspeople were ordered into their homes for an indefinite curfew. Troops sealed off the town. Although the situation seemed to be under control, reinforcements of security forces still were streaming in from neighboring towns.

Correspondent Stopped
A United Press correspondent who tried to enter San Severo was stopped by troops. For the time being no one was being permitted to leave.

The battle was the worst of three days of widespread disorders and unrest touched off by communist defiance of new security measures decreed by the government last Sunday.

Portland Ordinance Enactment Delayed
Portland, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Enactment of Portland's new civil rights ordinance today apparently was delayed at least 10 days and possibly more than seven months.

At least 210 petitions bearing the signatures of 18,003 persons were turned into the office of City Auditor Will Gibson. The petitions ask the ordinance be put to vote in the November general election.

The new ordinance was passed 19 days ago by the Portland city council despite strong opposition from hotel and restaurant operators. It was to go into effect tomorrow but a city law blocks enactment until Gibson's staff finishes county signatures on the petitions. At least 13,292 names are needed.

Dwight Phipps Named Assistant Forester
Salem, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—State Forester George Spaur today announced the appointment of Dwight L. Phipps, assistant state forester in charge of the protection division, as deputy state forester.

T. H. Rainwater, executive assistant, was named assistant state forester in charge of the administrative division.

Phipps, who will continue as head of the protection division, steps into the position vacated when Spaur was appointed state forester last December to succeed the late N. S. Rogers.

Unions Agree Extend Rail Strike Deadline
Chicago, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Two unions representing conductors and trainmen agreed today to extend the deadline for a nationwide railroad strike to July 1.

The unions and the nation's railroads agreed that a fact-finding board appointed by President Truman should have until June 1 to file its report on their wage-hour dispute.

Under the National Railway Labor act, no strike could be called until 30 days after filing of the report.

Radio Highlights
The full program in connection with the presentation of the motion picture Academy Award "Oscars" will be carried directly from Hollywood over radio station KYJC (1230 mcycles) from 10:15 to 11:45 p. m. today.



RIOTS IN ITALY—Police and Italian troops today continued to quell communist insurrections in street battles with Reds. Communists and red sympathizers are shown above rushing for cover as mobile police (left) employ tear gas to break up a riot in Turin. Furniture was smashed and documents burned.

Scores Seek Girl In Vancouver Area

Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Scores of officers searched today for 18-year-old Joann Dewey, fearful that she may have been slain by two men who kidnaped her from a city street.

Detectives said they were receiving numerous "tips" by telephone from citizens but that none had panned out.

The girl, who lived at Battleground, Wash., was abducted last Sunday as she walked near St. Joseph's hospital, where she planned to stay the night with a girl friend.

Witnesses said two men beat her and threw her in their car. Police feared they were sex fiends.

Congregations at two churches in the area scheduled meetings for tonight to pray for Miss Dewey's safety.

The abduction has caused alarmed parents to keep their children indoors at night and women are refusing to go out alone after dark.

One of Miss Dewey's best friends, Jackie Crull, 20, described Joann as "very athletic but also quite effeminate."

Miss Crull said "Joann's ambition always had been to be a good homemaker and mother when she got married. She wasn't interested in a career."

She said the missing girl was not "boy crazy" but did date often. Her jolly disposition made everyone of all ages like her, Miss Crull said.

Police Investigate Two Auto Accidents
City police investigated two traffic accidents yesterday afternoon and issued a citation to one driver for failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle.

Shortly after noon Wednesday cars driven by Frank Archer, 203 Vashti way, and John A. Bergstrom, Hornbrook, Cal., collided at the intersection of East Main street and Sixth street. Police said both cars were "considerably damaged." Archer was cited for failure to yield the right of way to Bergstrom.

At 6:20 p. m. yesterday cars driven by Frederick C. Sullivan, Klamath Falls, and Ray T. Johnson, Medford, were involved in a collision on North Riverside avenue near the Coffee Pot drive-in restaurant. Police reports said the Johnson car struck the rear of Sullivan's vehicle as Sullivan was attempting to make a left hand turn. Both cars were badly damaged and Johnson suffered a deep cut on his knee.

Grants Pass Hen Lays Egg, Size 1 1/4 Inches
Grants Pass, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Penny, a New Hampshire pullet, clucked and clucked and clucked and came up with the supreme effort of her young career—an egg that measured 1 1/4 inches overall and eight and one-half inches around the middle.

'Oscar' Awards Slated Tonight Before Big Fashionable Group
Hollywood, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Tonight's the big night in Hollywood.

The "Oscars" are all polished up for the weeping winners. . . the bleachers are built for the screaming fans. . . and Neverland's all set for its annual pat-on-the-back session.

The whole town's in its annual lizzy over who's going to grab the glory for outstanding movie performances in 1949.

Voting Completed
Voting long since has been over, the names of the winners are sealed in white envelopes and all the nervous nominees watch the ordeal were over.

The festivities lead off at 8 p. m. and everybody who is anybody in Glitterland will be dressed up in minks and satins and tuxedos to jam into the Hollywood Pantages theater.

Paul Douglas, who used to be a sports announcer, will em-

Soil Conservation District Proposal Defeated By Vote

Too Few Ballots Cast For Area's Formation

The proposed soil conservation district in Jackson county was turned down almost by default in referendum voting yesterday afternoon. State law requires that 30 per cent of the eligible landowners cast favorable ballots in the election.

With Jackson county's 1,875 property owners holding more than 10 acres of land, 536 of them would have to cast favorable votes to establish the district. Reports from Claude Hoover, supervisor of the voting, show that only 241 "yes" ballots were cast, out of a total of 400 at the six polling places. There were 159 landowners who turned thumbs down on the proposed district.

Votes by polls, with all returns in, were: Medford poll, 72 votes for and 35 against; Eagle Point, 50 votes for, 37 against; Sams Valley, 34 votes for, 7 against; Talent, 37 for, 27 against; Central Point, 34 votes for, 29 against, and Applegate, 14 for and 4 against.

Few Votes Cast
Though the majority of the votes cast were in favor of the formation of a district in the county, it was the small total of votes that was responsible for the defeat of the measure. The intent of the law, in requiring a 30 per cent favorable vote, is to assure a comparatively wide basis of popular support for soil conservation districts since they can succeed only with active support and cooperation. Yesterday's light vote apparently indicates that support is lacking here.

The referendum was held as the result of widely circulated petitions initiated by irrigation districts in the area and if the issue had carried, a new legal subdivision of the state would have been established for all of the county except the northwest corner. There are two such districts in Josephine county.

Overdue Superfort Lands Safely After Big Search Started
Spokane, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—A large scale search for an overdue B-29 superfortress was called off today when the plane made a safe landing at Spokane air force base after being without radio for 10 hours.

1st Lt. Robert Harris, pilot, brought the big four-engine plane down after flashing his landing lights to the SPAFB control tower.

Air rescue units from McChord air force base, Tacoma, had been on their way here to begin the hunt for the overdue plane when notified it had landed.

Capt. K. D. McFarland, base public information officer, said Harris took his plane over the whole flight pattern which was a round-robin radar bombing mission to Denver, Colo. McFarland said Harris could receive one or two ground stations on his radio but could not transmit.

Radio contact with the B-29 and its 12-man crew failed completely shortly after its take off from here yesterday.

Healthy Month Enjoyed By State In February
Portland, Ore., Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Oregonians last week enjoyed one of their healthiest periods of the year, the Oregon state board of health said today.

The board of health, in its weekly bulletin, said no new cases of polio, meningitis, diphtheria, typhoid or dysentery were reported.

However, infections hepatitis (jaundice) continued to spread with Multnomah county reporting 10 new cases, Coos county seven and Douglas county two.

Best Actor Award Slated Tonight
The "best actor" award is a toss-up between Broderick Crawford for "All the King's Men" and Kirk Douglas for "Champion."

As for the women stars, bookies are giving Olivia ("The Heiress") De Havilland the edge over Susan ("My Foolish Heart") Hayward. But one year Loretta Young pulled a surprise upset when everybody thought Rosalind Russell was a cinch winner.

Up for best supporting actress are Ethel Barrymore, Celeste Holm, Elsa Lanchester, Mercedes McCambridge and Ethel Waters.

Best supporting actor candidates are John Ireland, Dean Jagger, Arthur Kennedy, Ralph Richardson and James Whitmore.

Nominated for the best movie are "All the King's Men," "Batleground," "The Heiress," "A Letter to Three Wives" and "Twelve o'Clock High."