

Eastern Oregon Plane Sought

4 People Missing In Craft Returning From Havana Flight

Believed In Lakeview Area Due To Weather

Klamath Falls, Ore., Mar. 24 (U.P.)—Pilots circled a 350-mile search area from Lakeview to Hood River today in a hunt for a Beechcraft biplane missing with four persons on the return flight from Havana, Cuba, to home base at Portland.

The plane disappeared Tuesday after taking off from Lakeview, 90 miles east of Klamath Falls, for Portland. Aboard the plane were Lee Blakkold, pilot, 47, owner of the Western Forest Products company; his wife, Thelma, 39; and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom, 39 and 31.

Believed Near Lakeview
Capt. Billie R. Wisc, liaison officer for the civil air patrol in Oregon, said the CAP believed the plane would be found within 50 miles of Lakeview.

"One pilot tried to make it through from Lakeview to Bend and was forced back," he said. Three planes headed by Henry Troh, Portland airport operator, took off for the Lakeview area today to join seven planes of the Lakeview CAP squadron covering the area between Lakeview and Bend.

Six More Join In
From three to six CAP planes from Hood River were scheduled to work toward Bend. Seven more planes of the Portland squadron prepared to join the search.

Two air-sea rescue planes, a C-82 flying boxcar and a B-17 flying fortress, flew here from McCord air force base, Wash., to spearhead the search.

Blakkold did not file a flight plan but it was believed he planned to fly to Portland via Prineville and Hood River.

Blakkold landed at Lakeview last Tuesday morning for gas at the station north from the Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, Cal. The group flew to Havana in what was believed to be one of the longest mass flights undertaken by private pilots.

Eighty-five planes were in the flight. The Blakkold-Lundstrom party was the second Havana-Portland group to meet with apparent mishap this week. Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sayles, 60 and 62, crashed to their deaths on an unimproved state highway 30 miles north of Price, Utah.

Special Scout Program To Be Heard On KYJC

An unusual Boy Scout of America radio program, "Tribes 1260," will be re-broadcast over radio station KYJC at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow. Tribes 1260 is a group of handicapped boys, and is the only Boy scout organization of its kind.

All phases of the scouting program are included in the organization, and members "meet" once a week via this radio program. There are nearly 200 members who listen each week, in addition to the rest of the radio audience.

The program is divided between scouting instruction and entertainment. Writers of the program are William Tunberg and his wife, Jacqueline, now residents of Trail, Ore., and their two sons belong to Boy scout Troop 48 at Shady Cove. Many noted radio actors appear over the unique broadcast.

Shelly Cross, 20 Months, Dies Of Infantile Paralysis

Shelly Cross, 20-month-old Medford boy who was stricken with infantile paralysis last Christmas eve, died at the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene at 9 p. m. yesterday.

The youngster, whose picture, taken as he was lying in an iron lung, has appeared in a number of Oregon newspapers, has been cared for at the Eugene hospital under the auspices of the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

He was believed to be one of the youngest patients ever placed in an iron lung as a polio victim. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cross, 624 Victory street. They also are the parents of three other children.

Articles Printed
In an article written by a staff member of the Eugene Register Guard and reprinted in The Mail Tribune last January, the story of Shelly's illness was told, and hope was given for his future, with the aid of expert treatment and care.

A later issue of the Tribune carried a story written by the youngster's father, describing the sensations of a family stricken with polio. He said: "We know we have reason to be thankful for such things as respirators, hot packs, therapy and skills that, God willing, will

speed the return home of our little Shelly."

But they were not enough to save the little boy. His body will be returned here by Conger-Morris funeral home, and an announcement will be made later of funeral services.

SHELLEY CROSS Dies In Eugene Hospital

Record Fall Of Snow Reported From Park

Yesterday's storm brought an additional 16 inches of snow to Crater Lake national park, making a total pack on the ground more than 14½ feet deep—the deepest snow depth on the ground there since 1938 when there were 186 inches.

Park headquarters reported 30 inches of powder snow over a wet pack at 8:30 a. m. today. Skiing should be good as soon as the snow becomes packed, but it was snowing lightly at the park this morning.

Entrance to the park can be made only from Medford today, through the west entrance, since all other roads are temporarily closed. Chains are required for all park travel.

North Oregon Farm Yields Long-Sought Man, Officers Say

Portland, Ore., March 24—(U.P.) Orba Elmer Jackson, 43, listed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as one of the 10 most wanted criminals in the United States, has been arrested at a farm near Aloha, Ore., authorities announced today.

Jackson escaped from a branch of Leavenworth federal penitentiary "honorary farm" in Platte county Missouri, September 18, 1947, while serving a 25-year sentence for the armed robbery of a Missouri post office.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said four state police agents and a Washington county deputy sheriff took Jackson into custody on a tip from an unidentified source after Jackson's picture had been published locally with those of other "most wanted" criminals.

Jackson had been working at the farm under the alias of "Kenneth James Van Kampen." When the agents arrived at the farm, Van Kampen was in town. They waited for him, and he surrendered without resistance.

At first he denied he was Jackson but admitted his identity when officers prepared to take his fingerprints.

Multnomah Officials Ponder Sale Of Bars

Portland, Ore., Mar. 24—(U.P.) Multnomah county commissioners were wondering today if they could buy back the jail cell doors they sold the city of Springfield, Ore., three months ago, and Springfield police prisoners probably were hoping such a sale could be arranged.

Back in 1946, some old county jail cell blocks here were sold to the city of Eugene, which was planning to build a new city jail. Although Eugene Police Chief Keith Jones paid \$1,000 for the blocks, which included cell doors, he was not able to take immediate delivery.

County commissioners here were wondering how to treat the Eugene request that their cell blocks, including doors, be shipped to that city. The doors were sold to Springfield for \$300.

Oregon Beach Towns Expected To Require Sewage Plants Soon

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 24—(U.P.) Oregon's beach communities might someday have to put in sewage disposal plants to prevent pollution of the Pacific ocean, municipal sanitation experts told a district meeting of the League of Oregon Cities here.

Deane Seeger of Eugene, League of Oregon Cities consultant, and Buckley Vaughn, Clatsop county sanitarian, agreed that the problem of stream pollution would someday face cities along the oceanfront.

They said heavy pollution along the coast could destroy fish and marine life.

Crescent City Phone Circuits Knocked Out

Crescent City, Cal., Mar. 24—(U.P.)—High winds knocked out many telephone circuits here yesterday and an explosion felt throughout much of the city Wednesday night was at first believed responsible, but city officials expressed belief the blast was a dynamite explosion.

The blast was believed to have been in connection with harbor development work or logging operations.

Dr. R. R. Younce New State Of Oregon Vet

Salem, Ore., Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Director E. L. Peterson of the Oregon state department of agriculture today appointed Dr. R. R. Younce of Battleground, Wash., to the position of Oregon state veterinarian.

The appointment of Dr. Younce was recommended by Peterson by the Oregon Veterinary Medical association.

Another Rain-Heavy Storm Nearing N.W.; Gales Along Coast

By United Press
A soggy Pacific northwest was in the path of another rain-heavy Alaska storm Friday, following gales that sent small craft scurrying for safety and drenched most of Washington and Oregon.

Snow fell in the higher elevations. The Queen Charlotte islands and Vancouver island off the coast of British Columbia took the brunt of Thursday's blow.

Winds gusting to 90-miles-an-hour raked the islands but abated as the storm moved southward. There were no reports of severe damage.

Distress Calls Heard
Coast guard stations received a flurry of distress calls off the Washington and Oregon coast but only one craft required assistance.

A coast guard cutter was sent from Astoria, Ore., to aid the tug Kiliyuan near Cape Falcon when it radioed that two 140-foot barges it was towing had broken loose. The Balsam was to take the barges in tow Friday.

Inland, motorists traveling Washington's Snoqualmie pass found chains were required after the highway was covered by snow.

Chains also were required in Oregon's Santiam pass where 12 inches fell, and on the Ochoco and Mt. Hood highways. Ten inches snarled traffic in Willamette pass.

Six inches of snow covered the Sunset highway northeast of Astoria.

President Accepts Resignation Army Undersecretary

Key West, Fla., Mar. 24—(U.P.) President Truman, with "particular reluctance," today accepted the resignation of Tracy S. Voorhees as undersecretary of the army.

Voorhees in a letter of resignation dated February 14 asked to be relieved of his duties not later than June 30.

Gordon Gray, the army secretary, previously had notified Mr. Truman that he would leave the government in the late summer to become president of the University of North Carolina.

Letter Received
With Voorhees and Gray both departing, Mr. Truman faces the necessity of putting together a new top-level army team.

Meanwhile, the winter White House acknowledged receipt of a request from Senator Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.) that the President turn over government loyalty files to a senate subcommittee investigating charges of subversive influences in the state department.

White House Press Secretary Charles Ross said the President had taken the request under consideration, but he did not know when a decision would be made.

Chrysler Offers Fund For Worker Pensions

Detroit, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Chrysler Corporation today offered to deposit \$300,000,000 in a fund to pay pensions to its 89,000 striking employees. The proposal was immediately rejected by the CIO.

UAW President Walter P. Reuther said the proposal "still falls short of the pattern established by other Chrysler competitors."

The huge fund would be used to pay \$100 pensions to workers as they become eligible for retirement during a proposed five-year contract.

The offer was the first real break in the nine-week walkout that has idled more than 150,000 workers across the nation and cost production of more than 300,000 vehicles.

New Buildings Okayed At Oregon Colleges

Salem, Ore., Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Funds to build new structures for higher education institutions at La Grande, Monmouth, Corvallis and Eugene were released today by unanimous approval of the state emergency board and the state board of control, in joint session here late today.

The two boards authorized the release of funds already allocated for construction of a library at Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande. The amount released was \$274,819.49, the full amount requested.

Also released, in full as requested, were: For the new science laboratory and classroom building at University of Oregon, Eugene, \$1,444,000.

Library for Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, \$278,001.58.

To convert museum into little theater and drama laboratory at Oregon State college, \$18,475.

Road Conditions

State police and United Press reported packed snow on Siskiyou and Greensprings mountain passes this morning but said that the roads were well sanded. They indicated that chains were not required.

Chains were advised on Santiam and Willamette passes and at Klamath Falls.

Brussels' Students Riot, Wrecking 200 Cars, Rap Leopold

Long General Strike Staged By Socialists
Brussels, Belgium, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Rioting mobs of students wrecked 200 street cars in Brussels today as part of a 24-hour general strike by 500,000 socialist workers against the proposed return of King Leopold.

Shouting anti-Leopold slogans, six groups of about 200 students each roamed the downtown streets and attacked any street car that attempted to operate in defiance of the socialist-called strike.

Conductors Beaten
About 200 of the capital's 1,500 street cars attempted to operate. They were quickly wrecked and left in streets throughout the city. In some cases conductors and ticket collectors were beaten.

The 200-man gendarmier riot squad was inadequate to stop the students. In some cases the police stood by and did not attempt to interfere.

Other violence in the form of a pitched battle between strikers and non-strikers broke out in a large downtown department store.

Strikers Attacked
About a dozen strikers out of more than 300 store employees attempted to stop customers from buying. Working employees attacked the strikers and drove them into a refuge in the crockery section.

Reports from the south of Belgium, where the socialists are strongest, said the main industry centers there were paralyzed by the strike.

The strike started at midnight and its effect was immediately apparent in Brussels, where transportation virtually disappeared.

Assassination Denied By Prague Spokesman

Prague, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—A foreign office press officer said today that London reports of the assassination of Deputy Premier Zdenek Fierlinger and an attack on Rudolf Slansky, communist party secretary, gave him "a big laugh."

(The London Evening News published the report. It gave no source. While a spokesman for the paper said it came from "official quarters," the published account said it lacked confirmation by official quarters in London.)

A spokesman in the office of Fierlinger said he was in Prague and "in the best of health." Calls at the offices of Slansky went unanswered.

No assassination or attempted assassination had been reported here.

Lora Lee Case Goes To California Jury

Hollywood, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—A defense attorney claimed today that charges that nine-year-old Lora Lee Michel was starved by her foster mother to keep her from \$100-a-day film roles was part of a "conspiracy to steal" the child actress.

The case was given to the jury at 12:25 p. m.

Defense Attorney Oscar Cummings, in final arguments before a jury trying Mrs. Lorraine Michel, 55, on charges of cruelty to the film moppet, claimed that the case was brought because the Rev. Elford Sundstrom and Oga Wargen, Lora Lee's dramatic coach, wanted to gain possession of the child.

"Mrs. Wargen's hope was that she could get the child and profit by her," Cummings claimed, and he described Sundstrom as a "duper sucker" who was taken in. The two were instrumental in having juvenile authorities bring action against Mrs. Michel.

J. Allen McCurdy, deputy district attorney, countered in his final arguments that Lora Lee "didn't get enough to eat at home" and was punished "unjustifiably" by Mrs. Michel in the attempt to starve the actress and keep her small.

Portland Civil Right Ordinance Petitions

Portland, Ore., Mar. 24—(U.P.) The civil freedom committee has filed a total of 32,211 signatures against Portland's new civil rights ordinance, virtually assuring a vote test of the ordinance at the November election.

The fight against the anti-discrimination law was spearheaded by tavern and restaurant owners.

Only 13,292 valid petition names were required to hold the ordinance in abeyance. The city auditor's office has checked almost 7,000 of the names and found 5,075, or 74.68 per cent, to be those of registered city voters.

Aircraft Carrier, Four Destroyers For Fleet

Washington, Mar. 24—(U.P.) The small aircraft carrier Bataan and four more destroyers will be added to the Pacific fleet this summer, the navy said today.

The 11,800-ton Bataan now is being converted for anti-submarine work at the Philadelphia naval shipyard.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Snow showers in mountains; a few rain showers in valley tonight and Saturday. Cooler tonight. Temp. Highest Yesterday 51. Lowest this Morning 34. Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today .16.

Auto Accident Claims Life Of David Holmes



DAVID HOLMES Killed In Accident (Shangle photo)

Compromise Farm Bill Passed By Senate And House

Washington, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—The senate today completed congressional action on a compromise farm bill and sent the measure to the White House.

The showdown came on a motion to reconsider yesterday's tentative vote of approval for the farm bill. The reconsideration move was beaten, 38 to 31, sending the legislation to President Truman for enactment.

The action came almost 24 hours after the senate bogged down in a parliamentary snarl over the measure, after voting tentative approval by a 37-33 margin yesterday.

Only three Democrats joined an almost solid bloc of 28 Republicans in opposing the measure, which was worked out in a house-senate conference after the two chambers had passed different versions.

Only three GOP senators voted with 35 Democrats for the farm bill on the final showdown.

The house approved the conference report yesterday by a 196 to 156 vote.

Scattered Violence Reported In Italy

Rome, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Scattered but short-lived violence broke out anew in northern Italy today.

A communist-led mob seized and beat a group of 50 women tobacco factory employees in Genoa for refusing to join the communist general strike Wednesday and Thursday. Police were called out to protect other workers.

Meanwhile, authorities in riot-torn San Severo in southern Italy, estimated that 10,000 persons out of the city's 50,000 population joined the uprising yesterday which resulted in a pitched battle between communists and police aided by regular army troops.

The situation in San Severo was reported "normal" this morning.

Bergman's Attorney Asks About Records

Hollywood, Mar. 24—(U.P.)—Ingrid Bergman's attorney agreed to postpone further conferences and a deposition hearing in her battle with her husband today but said "we still want to know what happened to all that money and where the records of it are."

Miss Bergman's lawyer, Greg Autzer, referred to approximately \$250,000 in cash and property which the blonde Swedish actress says her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom holds and of which she demands an accounting.

Air Search for Distress Signal Proves Fruitless

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 24—(U.P.)—An aerial search for a ground distress signal, reported stamped in snow near Fort St. John, B. C., proved fruitless today and a ground party prepared to trek to the scene.

The reported signal had raised hopes there were survivors of an American C-54 transport that disappeared January 26 while on a flight from Alaska to Great Falls, Mont., with 44 persons aboard.

A plane zig-zagged across the rugged terrain for two hours but was unable to find the distress message reported to have been seen by crewmen of a U. S. air force C-47 plane yesterday.

The C-47 crew said the area looked deserted. But officers believed the sign must have been made recently in view of heavy drifting of snow.

Officers at Fort St. John said there were no persons or planes missing "lately" in the area where the signal was seen.

The sign formed the letters "IF" which, according to the international air rescue manual, stands for "serious injuries, doctor required, food and water needed."

The American fliers reported the signal was trapped out in the snow and lined with brush and branches.

The airmen said they spotted the snow signal a few miles southeast of the Peace river and only two miles from the Alaska

David Holmes, president of the Harry and David firm at Bear Creek orchards, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Woodland, Cal., yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Holmes, who was 60, was known throughout the nation and much of the world through the extensive advertisements placed in magazines by the firm, largest gift fruit packers and shippers in the United States.

Car Skids
No other car was involved in the fatal accident, which occurred at 3 p. m. Holmes was driving to San Francisco with N. B. "Nat" Bender, office manager at Bear Creek orchards. He was traveling only about 45 miles an hour, according to word from the California town, because of the slippery and icy condition of the road.

The car skidded, however, and turned over twice. Both men were thrown from the car, but the automobile rolled over Mr. Holmes, breaking a leg and a shoulder, and injuring him internally. Bender was not hurt.

An ambulance took Mr. Holmes to the Woodland clinic where he died at about 6 p. m.

Mr. David, as he was known to the many employees at the big packing plant on the highway south of Medford, was born in Seattle, Wash., on Aug. 22, 1889. He was educated in Seattle schools, and was graduated from Cornell university in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1915.

Settled Here In 1916
He first came to the Rogue River valley in 1911, and spent many summer vacations here after that date. It was in 1916 that he entered the stock business in the valley with his brother Harry. In 1920 the two acquired Bear Creek orchards and packing house, and since that time have gradually added other properties and improvements to the original establishment.

The story of the brothers' success in the gift fruit business has been told many times, one of the most recent in the Readers Digest magazine in 1948. They originated the idea in the depression year of 1932, and began developing it in 1933. It has grown to be the largest such enterprise in the nation and probably in the world, and now does an annual gross business of some \$5 million.

Incorporate
Four years ago the brothers, then operating as a partnership, incorporated the firm as Harry and David. Their advertisements, featuring pictures of the brothers, and of Cubby, the Bear Creek bear, has appeared in most of the high quality national publications. The brothers originated the "Fruit of the Month" club.

Many community leaders expressed shock at Mr. Holmes' death. He has been acknowledged as a business genius, and as the artistic brains behind the universally high quality of Bear Creek's products and advertising. Each design for a product, including the famed fruit baskets, "Tower of Treats," and newer and more varied products, bore his touch of artistic achievement.

Open Store
Most recent project of the firm was opening a retail store in San Francisco, featuring products of the company.

Mr. David is survived by his son David Holmes Jr., by a daughter, Mrs. Nanette Osgood, San Francisco, Cal.; his mother, Mrs. J. R. Holmes, Medford, and by a brother, Harry L. Holmes.

His son and brother left for Woodland last night, and a Perli conveyance has been sent south to bring back Mr. Holmes' body. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Perli funeral home, and details of the services will be announced later.

Eagle Point Dog Ban Effective On April 1

Eagle Point, Mar. 24—Dogs will not be permitted to run at large within the city limits of Eagle Point on and after April 1, it was announced today by City Recorder Sam F. Coy.

The recorder stated that the city ordinance covering the matter would be enforced and that owners whose dogs violate the law will be fined \$1 and costs on the first offense and \$1 will be added for each subsequent offense.