

Russian Story of Air Attack Results in Much Talk, Little Excitement Among Top Brass

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Washington Apr. 12—(U.P.)—There was much talk but little excitement in the capital today about the self-proclaimed Soviet Russian attack on a United States military airplane in the Baltic area.

The cold war has not warmed up a single degree of temperature. The best-informed Americans on the cold war and our immediate military future took the incident easily in stride.

No War Talk
They are the top brass—the four and three star officers—of the army, navy and air force. Some hours after the Soviet Union announced its attack on the American military aircraft, these men and many of their juniors were gathered yesterday at Fort Leslie J. McNair to witness a farewell parade honoring Gordon Gray, resigned secretary of army.

Civilian guests heard many references to the attack in the Baltic, but nothing suggesting United States top military men regarded the incident as anything except a trigger-happy example of Russian ill humor. There was no war talk.

Our brass would like to know where the shooting took place. They would like both sides of the story, which they are not likely to get unless some survivor of the United States plane turns up. They do not challenge the Soviet's right to shoot down or force down a United States airplane which flies without permission over Russian territory. But they think shooting under such conditions would be stretching the legal right "mighty far."

Orders To Shoot
Under reverse circumstances a United States fighter defense airplane guarding our coast has standing orders to fire on any foreign or unidentified airplane if it commits a hostile act, such as opening its bomb bay doors.

The official position here is that there is no positive information so far that a navy privateer patrol airplane had been shot down by Russian fighters. Unofficially, the military brass was remarking yesterday that the "Russians have shot down one of our unarmed planes."

The Russian story that the navy fighter was over Latvian territory and 300 miles or so off its flight plan course will have few takers here unless it can be confirmed, but it is not ruled impossible. Navigators have been lost before this.

Only a multiple repetition of the Soviet Russian fighter attack on American airplanes would much heat up the cold war. The immediate result of the incident will be extra precautions to prevent American aircraft from straying over hostile territory. It is not unlikely that American military aircraft hereafter will be sent aloft in Europe without arms.

The navy privateer was a slow flying duck of a target for the Soviet fighters if they really went after her.

Temperature of the cold war is not being taken now against incidents in the air nor is it likely to be soon. The hot spot still is the beleaguered city of Berlin. The Russians made their most spectacular cold war thrust against Berlin last year with the blockade which forced the United States and Great Britain to come up with the air lift.

Captured Auto Yields Only Price of Drinks Atlanta Police Find

Atlanta (U.P.)—Police officers who capture automobiles of boot-leggers here get for reward one-third of what the machine brings at auction, less storage charges and other deductions.

After confiscating a 1938 Ford containing a half gallon of boot-leg corn whiskey, Patrolmen L. F. Preston and E. B. Lyle filed applications and waited through the usual legal processing. The vehicle sold for \$40, but the remainder after deductions left the patrolmen puzzled over how to divide the check. They settled for a 25-cent ice cream soda with two straws.

When She Goes Gunning She Carries Real Gun

Macon, Ga. (U.P.)—A woman walked down the street toward a pistol in one hand and a bus transfer in the other. Pedestrians scattered.

She said she was going to see a man.

Officer R. W. Joiner, who was checking parking meters in the area, persuaded her to give up the weapon. He described it as a .32-20, with a six-inch barrel that "looked even longer."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

SOCIETY and CLUBS

War Brides' Club To Meet Saturday

Members of the Jackson County War Brides' club have been Buck Applegate, for a picnic and tea Saturday, April 15. Members of the club are asked to meet at the Medford hotel at 1 p. m. and it is stated that the Jackson County Red Cross chapter will aid with transportation.

Any woman eligible for the club is extended a cordial invitation to attend, the club announces.

Mrs. Buck, an Englishwoman, has invited the club to her home at this time because the wild flowers will be in bloom and her garden and the surrounding countryside will be particularly beautiful. She believes that the English war brides may find the scene reminiscent of the English countryside.

Members Presented Gifts from Sewettes

Mrs. J. W. Beacham was hostess for the last meeting of Sewette club, with members working on a quilt.

A gift of flowers was presented Mrs. Jessie Wilson from the club as a farewell, and Mrs. J. P. Laniewski was presented flowers in observance of her anniversary.

Mrs. T. D. Hershey was a guest.

A prize won by Mrs. C. R. Martin proved to be a live rabbit. The afternoon closed with refreshment.

Camp White Chaplain To Speak for Union

Chaplain Henry Anderson of Camp White will speak at the meeting of Medford Women's Christian Temperance union set for Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Girls Community club. The Rev. Perry M. Johnson will also be a guest.

The program will include musical numbers, and Mrs. Everett Finlay will give devotions. Mrs. Sherman L. Divine will review a few chapters of the book, "Where Prayer and Purpose Meet." This book is to be studied by the union later.

Science at Work

By Paul F. Ellis
United Press Science Writer

New York, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—The American people "are not tired" of making contributions to the wide variety of foundations and philanthropies in this country, according to Dr. Morris Fishbein.

Fishbein, former unofficial spokesman for the American Medical association, believes proposals to eliminate drives for gifts to the medical, charitable and similar philanthropies "is inextricably bound with the whole problem of the 'welfare state.'"

Writing editorially in the Journal Postgraduate Medicine, Dr. Fishbein said the attacks were being made against the Red Cross, the American Heart association, the American Cancer society and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

He takes issue with those who believe that "government must assure the people certain minimum levels of food, fuel, clothing, shelter and medical care."

Fishbein said that in other countries of the world, in which governments assume the functions developed "by our great foundations and philanthropies in the United States, there are no such agencies."

"In no other country, incidentally, are the problems of poliomyelitis, cancer, relief in disaster, and similar difficulties, so completely met as in the United States," he wrote. "Here has been applied the genius for organization that prevails in the United States. The very effectiveness of these voluntary groups makes one wonder how much less efficiently these needs might be served, if the hearts and warm sympathies of those who devote themselves to these causes were to be replaced by the automatic coldness of the bureaucracies."

Campaigns Are Guided
Dr. Fishbein pointed out that a pattern of activity has developed in the agencies concerned with polio, heart disease, cancer, tuberculosis, and the care of the crippled.

Luncheon Club Plans Meeting On Friday
Members of the Friday Luncheon club will meet April 14 in the home of Mrs. John Hubler, 859 East Ninth street. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m.

Push-Button Balloting Appealing to States, State Council Reports

Chicago (U.P.)—The Council of State Governments reports an increasing number of state legislatures are using automatic roll call machines to record their votes.

Eighteen states now have push-button voting in one or both houses of their legislatures, the council said. Mississippi was the latest state to install electric roll call machines when it provided for them for its house of representatives in time for the special session last year.

The council said the machines are accurate and save much time in determining quorum calls as well as results on contested issues.

Not Hard Figure Out Why He's Getting Aid

Grand Island, Neb. (U.P.)—Dave Alexander said it wasn't hard to figure out why a man he waited on in his store had an unemployment benefit check.

Alexander turned down his request to cash the check and suggested he go to the bank half a block down the street.

"Well, all right," the man said. "But I didn't want to go that far."

A survey by the Minnesota poll showed that in the cold north state, where winter lasts maybe five or six months, 47 per cent of the people have two or more coats each winter and some as many as six.



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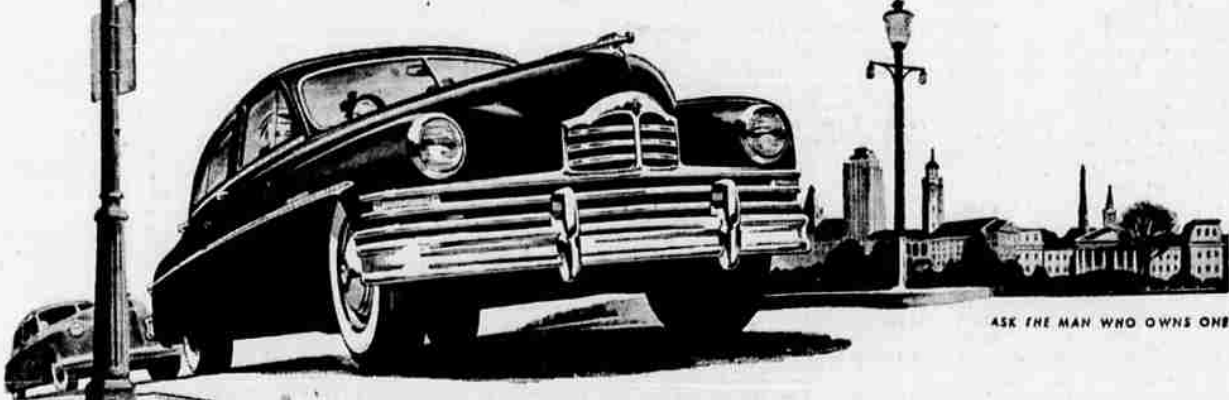
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