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Love Triangle Revealed In Plot To Blow Up Los Angeles Airliner

Husband Perpetrator Of Unsuccessful Plan

Los Angeles, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Aircraft Engineer John H. Grant had no intention of marrying the pretty stewardess who revealed their three-year romance after he tried to kill his wife and children by timebombing an Airliner, he told police today.

Detective Lt. J. R. Goldstone said Grant admitted a two-year "friendship" with Elizabeth Suomela and admitted telling her he would marry her.

But he said he was just telling her that to string her along," Goldstone said.

Los Angeles, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—A pretty, red-haired airline stewardess resigned her job today a few hours after she disclosed her romance with a youthful aircraft engineer who plotted to kill his wife and children by bombing an Airliner carrying 16 persons.

Police meanwhile placed a suicide watch over the perpetrator of the unsuccessful plot, John H. Grant, 31, of Gardena, Cal., in his jail cell. A noose, fashioned from cloth, was found under his mattress.

American Airlines revealed that Elizabeth Suomela, of Hermosa Beach, Cal., resigned her job as assistant supervisor of stewardesses, "by mutual agreement." She spent the night with a friend to avoid reporters.

Miss Suomela told police she had been in love for three years with Grant, who placed a gasoline timebomb aboard an Airliner carrying his wife Betty, 29, and their children Robert, five, and Mary Anne, four, to San Diego, Cal., for a holiday.

Suitcase Removed
The plot failed when Grant had a change of heart almost at the same moment that a baggage handler noticed the suitcase smoking and jerked it off the plane four minutes before take-off.

Detective Lt. J. R. Goldstone said a suicide watch was placed over Grant after it was reported that cyanide pills were found in his automobile.

Grant told police he planned the mass murder to collect \$25,000 insurance. He said he needed the money to get out of debt.

Miss Suomela later told her story of romance, explaining that she thought Grant was in court yesterday to get a final divorce so they could be married.

Police said she volunteered her story, and they were convinced she knew nothing of Grant's plot.

Detective Lt. C. E. Ream said he would question Grant today about the romance.

Change of Heart
Grant claimed a last-minute change of heart caused him to shout a warning to cargo loaders just as they put his ingeniously contrived bomb aboard the airplane.

The plot apparently would have failed, however, Cargohandler Harold A. Mayer said he saw smoke coming from a suitcase which Grant had filled with gasoline, set to ignite when an alarm clock set off a battery-operated detonator.

Mayer saw the smoke and threw the suitcase to the ground, where it began to spurt flame. (See story on Page 4)

End of Chrysler Strike Seen Near
Detroit, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Chrysler strike negotiators drove today toward settlement of the automobile industry's second longest walkout.

A source at the scene of the secret pension talks said that the CIO United Auto Workers' concession on four issues was a "bright indication" that the end of the 84-day strike is not too far off.

The union made the concessions just before negotiations were recessed late last night.

Spokesmen of the corporation and UAW resume talks today.

The principal issue is funding of \$100 monthly pensions to workers of 65 after 25 years' employment.

The source warned, however, that "some unforeseen snag on a minor detail" could again snarl negotiations to send 89,000 production workers back to Chrysler's assembly lines.

The strike is second in length only to the 113-day General Motors walkout in 1946.

VOTERS DEADLINE
Today is the final day for registering to vote in the May primaries.

For the convenience of those who delayed getting their names on the poll books until the last minute, the county clerk's office will remain open until 8 p.m. and the League of Women Voters will maintain registration booths in all the city's elementary schools during the evening.

Search Plane Finds Missing Tugboat; All Six Crewmen Believed Safe, Well

San Francisco, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—A search plane found the missing tugboat Omar 525 miles off San Francisco today and a coast guard PBM rescuers base that all six crewmen of the stricken vessel are "safe and well."

The tugboat has been unreported since last Thursday on a voyage from Honolulu to San Francisco. The Omar was the object of an intensive air search by nine rescue planes and two coast guard cutters.

Coast guard rescue coordination center released a bulletin at 11:15 a. m. (PST) which signaled the end of the search. The message said:

"Coast guard PBM dropped two message blocks on Omar at 10 a. m. (PST) requested crew hold arms horizontal if medicine or food needed. Crew stood with arms at side indicating no emergency. All aircraft except this (PBM) and another that could be contacted by voice instructed to return to base."

The Omar first was sighted by a B-17 earlier today. The B-17 hovered over the tug until the PBM arrived to stand by until the coast guard cutter Chautauqua arrives to take the Omar in tow.

Nine planes took off at dawn today to search for the 60-foot vessel which left Hawaii March 27 towing another tug, the Golden Gate, despite a warning from the coast guard that it was unsafe to make the trip.

On April 17 the Omar radioed its engines had broken down and asked for help. The Omar had cut the Golden Gate loose from its tow and the latter tug, unmanned, was recovered Sunday afternoon.

Last radio report from the Omar was received April 13 when the tug said it had only a few hours of fuel left to run its radio and lighting system.

Names of Ex-FBI Men To Be Given Lattimore Case

Senator To Propose Agents as Witnesses

Washington, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy said today he will propose three former FBI agents as witnesses in his case against Owen Lattimore.

The Wisconsin republican has accused the far eastern specialist of being a communist spy for Russia. He told reporters he is handing a senate investigator the names of three one-time federal agents who will "corroborate or supplement" testimony to be given Thursday by ex-communist Louis F. Budenz.

To Give Names Today
McCarthy has said Budenz will swear he knew Lattimore, now a Johns Hopkins university professor, as a communist party member subject to the party's "disciplinary powers."

McCarthy said he will give the names of two of the former FBI men to Edward P. Morgan, counsel of the senate foreign relations subcommittee investigating his charges, some time today. He will name the third prospective witness in the next few days, the senator said.

One of the ex-FBI agents, he said, was an "undercover agent for 10 years" and specialized in espionage cases.

McCarthy was asked about a statement by Subcommittee Chairman Millard E. Tydings, (D., Md.) that he is about to launch a re-examination of the 1945 Amerasia case, involving the theft of government documents.

"I'll have to see it to believe it," McCarthy said. "It's the first healthy sign I have seen from the committee. It's the first sign that Sens. Tydings and McMahon (Brien McMahon, D., Conn.) were not completely dedicated to the proposition that the truth about communists and perverts in the state department must not come out."

Sams Valley Residents To Talk Soil Saving

Landowners in the Sams Valley area have been circulating petitions the past several weeks favoring the establishment of a soil conservation district in the central part of the county, and an open meeting has been set for Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Sams Valley school house to sound out local opinion on the issue.

If sufficient interest is indicated by a majority of the landowners in the Sams Valley, Table Rock and Beagle communities, the boundary lines of the proposed district will be tentatively located and the petitions forwarded to the state soil conservation committee. The state committee will consider the request, and if it is approved, will arrange for a public hearing in the proposed district within 60 days from the date of filing the petition.

The petition must carry signatures of 25 or more landowners and a landowner is defined as one holding title to more than 10 acres of land.

Lakeview Clergyman Cleared of Charges

Lakeview, Ore., Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The Lake county grand jury decided Monday the Lakeview clergyman whose statement that he had been fired upon was later retracted "did not commit the act with any criminal intent."

Rev. Omer Isdo reported he was assaulted by unknown assailants April 5, then admitted 10 days later that he had fired the shot through his overcoat himself. He was pastor of Lakeview and Paisley Methodist churches.

The grand jury said Isdo "was acting under great mental strain."

Isdo said he lied about being shot to "wake up the community." Although subpoenaed by the grand jury, he did not appear.

The Lake county sheriff's office said Isdo had left the city with his wife and son in Eugene. Dr. Raynor Smith, Methodist district superintendent for southern Oregon, said Isdo called him saying he "couldn't continue" his work.

Timber Tracts Sold At A and C Auction

Puckett and Scherer, Kenos with bids of \$33 per thousand board feet for ponderosa pine, \$32.75 for sugar pine, \$20.75 for Douglas fir and \$2.50 for white fir and incense cedar, were high bidders on one tract of 6,270,000 board feet of O. and C. timber along Jenny creek at the oral auction sale held at the Medford city hall yesterday, according to E. K. Peterson, district forester.

Medford corporation was high bidder on the second tract of 7,880,000 board feet located northwest of Butte Falls with offers of \$13.65 for Douglas fir, \$22.75 for the sugar pine, \$11.05 for the ponderosa pine and \$2.50 for other species.

Seventy-five bids from the Magnolia Lumber company, Klamath Basin Pine mills and Weyerhaeuser Timber company, in addition to Puckett and Scherer, resulted in a bid price of 94 percent above the appraisal for the Jenny creek timber.

Thirty-five bids were received on the Butte Falls tract from Medford corporation, Magnolia Lumber company and Alley brothers. The appraised price was increased 35 per cent.

Another timber sale, the largest of the year for the Medford district, is scheduled for June. Some of the tracts will be sold by sealed bids and others by oral auction.

Life Raft Believed One from Lost Plane

Copenhagen, Denmark, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—A life raft picked up in the Baltic Sea was identified by U. S. air force officers today as one of the type carried by the navy privateer plane lost 10 days ago with 10 men aboard.

The raft was found by the British steamer Bechland, taken to Finland, and flown to Copenhagen.

Capt. D. J. Klingler, commander of the U. S. air rescue mission, said the raft would be flown at once to Wiesbaden, headquarters of the U. S. air force in Europe, where it was issued originally. Records there may show whether it was actually from the navy plane.

The raft was made to carry seven men. Navy privateers carry three such rafts.

County Court Not To Observe Daylight Time

Members of the county court announced today that the county government will not observe daylight saving time this year.

1—Did the defendants deprive the plaintiff of the full advantages and accommodations of their restaurant because she was a Negro.

2—If so, what should the damages be.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 40. High Wednesday 74.

Highest Yesterday 76
Lowest this Morning 36

Tokyo, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Emperor Hirohito visited Gen. Douglas MacArthur at the American embassy today in his first call of the year on the supreme commander.

Strong Winds Sweep Alabama; Midwesterners Flee High Water

Chicago, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Tornado winds struck in Alabama today as weathermen warned that other victims will be forced to flee the floods in North Dakota and Minnesota which already have made nearly 5,000 homeless.

Meanwhile, a cold air mass from the Pacific threatened to give spring a temporary setback from coast to coast.

The forecasters said the new "cool snap" possibly will bring some relief to the residents of James and Missouri river bottomlands in North Dakota. Temperatures would fall to below freezing in the area, halting a snow melt and snow gushing torrents into the already-swollen streams, they said.

Warned To Evacuate
But they feared the relief

would be short-lived and authorities warned the bottomlanders to evacuate the area.

Farm families packed their belongings, made whatever provisions they could for their lives

stock and prepared to join others who had been chased from their homes. The Red Cross called it a "No. 1 disaster." There was fear of food shortages and doctors said some water supplies no doubt were contaminated. They took precautions to fight any disease outbreak that might occur.

Homes Torn Up
A thousand miles southeast, residents of a Mobile, Ala., suburb cleaned up wreckage from tornado winds that tore up homes, bowled over big trees and injured at least 10 persons. One entire family was injured and a couple and their child were blown 150 yards from their house, escaping with minor injuries.

The cool front will bring back a touch of winter to most of the country, forecasters predicted, and by tomorrow temperatures will be lower as far east as western Pennsylvania and as far south as northern Texas.

Hardships Seen
The front will bring temperatures down to about 25 in the North Dakota flood area, the forecasters said. A high of about 30 was predicted for Pierre, S. D., today, compared to 81 yesterday.

But while the lower temperatures may stop the thaw, the weatherman said it may bring hardship on those flood victims who do not have shelter.

Five Important Matters Due for Council Discussion

Water department, fire department, park, sewer and projected apartment house matters are expected as principal items on the city council agenda for its regular meeting at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. today.

Water commissioners last month proposed a \$2,800,000 bond issue for construction of a second aqueduct from Big Butte springs to Medford. It was indicated earlier this month that legislation calling for the bond election would be ready for council consideration tonight.

Expect Fire Report
A report from Leo Weidner, acting chief and fire consultant, on needs of the fire department, may be considered tonight and action taken on the basis of his findings, it was understood today. Safety committee members have mentioned the need to "catch up" on fundamental fire department improvements because of the growth of Medford.

A park advisory committee said today in regard to the new city park name poll that the group has picked a first choice and an alternative for council consideration. Residents of the area suggested more than 100 different names.

May Discuss Setback
A planning committee recommendation for a seven-foot setback line for a projected apartment house at 10th street and Oakdale avenue may be brought to council attention also tonight. Bids on five sewer projects were to be at the city hall this afternoon and possibly referred to the council.

Rexall, Owl Drug Ordered To Desist

Washington, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The federal trade commission is ordered the Rexall Drug company and a subsidiary, the Owl Drug company, to stop allegedly misrepresenting prices in connection with "one-cent" sales.

The companies were forbidden to say that two units of merchandise may be purchased for one cent more than the price of one when the advertised single unit price actually is higher than its usual selling price.

Both companies have their headquarters in Los Angeles.

Federal Jury Gets Hazel Scott Lawsuit

Spokane, Apr. 18—The Hazel Scott \$50,000 damages suit based on a state civil liberties statute went to the jury in federal court here today.

The Negro pianist is suing Mr. and Mrs. Harry Utz, former Pasco, Wash., restaurant owners, on the grounds that they didn't serve her last February because she was a Negro.

Judge Sam Driver gave the jury two main points to consider in his instructions:

1—Did the defendants deprive the plaintiff of the full advantages and accommodations of their restaurant because she was a Negro.

2—If so, what should the damages be.

Punishment of Red Fliers Demanded In Note to Moscow

Oral Denunciation Of Soviet Delivered

Washington, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The United States today accused Russia of shooting down an unarmed American navy plane over the Baltic sea and demanded indemnities and punishment of the Soviet fliers responsible.

"That accusation and the accompanying demands for satisfaction were contained in a note handed to the Soviet foreign ministry in Moscow.

Oral Denunciation
State Department Spokesman

Michael McDermott made the note public here and went on to deliver an oral denunciation of the Soviet union for its "astounding lack of common international courtesy and... unusual disregard of human life."

The note itself denounced "the unprovoked destruction of American lives and property."

The plane, a four-engined navy privateer patrol bomber, vanished on a flight over the Baltic Sea on April 8 with 10 crewmen aboard. No trace of the missing ship or its crew has been found, despite an intensive, week-long air-sea search.

Allegations Denied
On April 10, Moscow fired a protest at the United States charging that an American plane had flown over Soviet Latvia and fired on Soviet fighter planes that intercepted it.

Both those allegations were denied flatly in today's note.

McDermott further called the Soviets to task for decorating the Russian fighter pilots who shot down the American plane and for their failure to help search for the missing men.

The formal note, delivered by U. S. Ambassador Allan Kirk to Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, protested "in the most solemn manner against this violation of international law."

It demanded that Russia "institute a prompt and thorough investigation" express its official regrets for "the unlawful and provocative behavior of its aviators," punish the guilty fliers "promptly and severely," and instruct the red air force to refrain from such actions in the future.

Air Force, Navy To Buy Airplanes

Washington, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The air force and navy announced today that their combined aircraft buying program for the 1950 fiscal year which started last July 1 calls for 2,048 new planes costing \$1,753,800,000.

The air force is buying 1,250 planes at a cost of \$1,203,200,000. Navy aircraft purchases total 798, costing \$550,600,000.

The aircraft procurement programs for the two services showed continued emphasis on the air force bomber program, but the purchases included many jet fighters for both the air force and navy.

The announcement did not give the numbers and types of types nor the air frame pounds. But President Truman's budget had stated that the air force would get 23,500,000 air frame pounds during the current fiscal year and the navy about 7 million.

BASEBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 1 7 0
Philadelphia 9 16 2
Newcombs, Erskine (2), McGlothlin (3), Barney (5), Labine (7) and Campanella; Roberts and Seminck. Losing pitcher—Newcombs.

Golden Gloves Slated
Chicago, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Amateur boxing stars of Europe and the western United States weigh in today for the 13th annual International Golden Gloves bout at the Chicago stadium tonight.

PT&T Files Application For Phone Rate Increases

Salem, Ore., Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today filed an application with the state public utilities commissioner for new telephone rate increases which would total about \$250,000 per month in Oregon.

The proposed new rates would increase residence telephone charges from five to 50 cents a month, and increases for business telephones would range from 25 cents to \$1.25 a month. Farmer line rates would be unchanged.

The company said "grave financial problems" had resulted during the last ten years, when the number of telephones in Oregon increased by 115 per cent at the same time the population was increasing 50 per cent.

Wage Costs Doubled
"Wage costs alone for the company in Oregon have practically doubled since 1939, exceeding by 50 per cent the amount of additional revenue received in the rate increases previously granted," the company said.

"Due largely to inflation, the cost of plant and equipment behind each telephone added since the war also is nearly twice the cost per telephone prior to that time.

In Medford, J. H. Creager, local PTT manager, said rates in Medford for local monthly charges, present and proposed, would be as follows:

Business phone, from \$7.50 to \$8.75; business two-party, from \$5.75 to \$6.50; residence, from \$4.50 to \$4.80; residence two-party, from \$3.50 to \$4; residence four-party, from \$2.75 to \$3.25; suburban business, from \$4.25 to \$5; suburban residence, from \$3 to \$3.50.

There would be no change in present charges for farm line telephones, or for business or residence extension phones.