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Two Air Crashes Kill 20

C-46 Cargo Plane Explodes in NY Streets; 5 Dead

Disaster Brings Total To 124 Killed in Area

New York—(U.P.)—A twin-engine C-46 cargo plane groping through a gray rainstorm for a landing at Idlewild airport crashed into a cluster of frame homes on Long Island Saturday, killing five persons and injuring 24.

The crash, the fourth major air disaster in the New York metropolitan area in four months, smashed and burned six homes and wrecked automobiles. Scores of persons ran into the streets fearing that their homes, too, would go up in flames.

Two Miles Short of Port

The U. S. airlines cargo plane, a Curtiss Commando, ended its flight from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in a burst of flames in the Jamaica section of Queens, 13 miles east of Times Square and two miles short of Idlewild airport.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration said the plane flew off the course recommended by the control tower to the runway.

The disaster raised to 124 the number of persons killed in four major airplane crashes in the metropolitan area since December. Three of them were at Elizabeth, N. J., near Newark airport, which was closed after the third wreck.

Want Fields Closed

The new tragedy raised cries from residents of Queens for the closing of La Guardia and Idlewild airports, which are surrounded by densely populated residential areas on Long Island. It disrupted a search by local and federal authorities for ways to lift the "umbrella of danger" created by low-flying airplanes.

"These air murders must stop," declared State Sen. Seymour Helsen.

The pilot and co-pilot of the C-46 were blown to bits when their plane dropped out of the sky with its landing gear down. Most of the dead and injured were in the crumpled, burned-out buildings.

Homes Burned Out

Some of the injured were not in serious condition, but had to remain at hospitals because they had no place to go. Only the walls of their charred homes were left.

A police inspector was killed while driving down the street. His automobile was caught by one of the plane's wings as it smashed against a fence. A nurse was hurt by a piece of flying wreckage as she walked to the corner to take a bus to work. One of the planes engines cracked onto the pavement near where she was hit.

The plane exploded after it roared into one two-story frame dwelling and bounced across a parking lot into another home, only a short distance from a main thoroughfare and a busy Jamaica shopping center.

The blast, heard for blocks, showered the intersection of 169th street and 88th avenue with flaming wreckage and cargo. Three frame houses on one corner were burned out. Diagonally across the street, two other frame dwellings separated by the parking lot, were destroyed. The houses on the other two corners were almost untouched.

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Government Units Start Preparation of Budgets

With the deadline for completion of budgets still about three months away, county, city and county school officials this week start preparation of plans for the coming fiscal year.

The county rural school board has conducted four meetings on budgets and the county school office is now required to notify local district boards of any changes before April 10. Hearings on changes will be held April 15 and 16 and rural boards will be notified of final changes on or before April 20.

County Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said this morning that the final budget will exceed the six per cent limitation on the county equalized levy. County-wide elections for approval of exceeding the limitation will be held on or before the third Mon-



"GOOD Christian living and a happy family" are responsible for long life says Mrs. Christina Nelson, 106-year-old, of Norwalk, Cal. (International)

Employment Stays Slow During March OSES Report Says

While employment picked up somewhat during March, the month remained a "winter month" from the employment standpoint, it was reported Saturday by the Medford office of the Oregon State Employment Service.

The greatest gain in the number of jobs available came during the last week of the month, the report said, and outside work generally began to get under way and some new hires were being made, but had not yet reached any considerable volume.

Claims Drop

The number of jobless pay claims dropped 15.3 per cent from February, and were continuing to drop as the month ended. The number of unemployed on the last day of the month was estimated at 1,938, a decline of 23.6 per cent from the month before. Job placements were about 40 per cent better than in February.

The report said the labor supply here appears to be adequate for the next 60 days, but that after then the usual increase in seasonal work may cause shortages in some occupations, particularly in skilled trades.

This will probably be the case regardless of what takes place regarding the reconstruction at Camp White, the report said, and it predicted that if the Army project is carried out, there will be an even greater shortage which will extend to many other occupations.

A considerable number of high school students will be available for permanent employment after graduation in June, and the report said the employment office has been conducting an extensive aptitude testing program, which has shown this year's graduating classes to offer an excellent source of recruitment for new employees.

The office invited inquiries regarding employment of graduates.

New York—(U.P.)—Newbold Morris, ousted federal corruption hunter, said Saturday night that it would be impossible for the FBI to handle an investigation such as the one he started.

Brussels, Belgium—(U.P.)—An international jury of film personalities Saturday named the 27-year-old Russian film, "Battleship Potemkin," as the best film of the past 50 years.

Collision of Two Military Planes Kills 15 Persons

Mother and Child Die In Crash Over Mobile

Mobile, Ala.—(U.P.)—A mother and her critically ill baby being flown to a hospital on a mercy mission were among 15 persons killed when two big military planes collided over Mobile, authorities reported late Saturday.

The bodies of Mrs. Paul E. Neville and her eight-weeks old son Robert were among the nine recovered from the twisted fuselage of a C-47 transport which crashed into a swamp after the spectacular air collision Friday night.

Long Search for Plane

Ground and helicopter teams which reached the demolished transport after a long search Saturday also brought out the body of Sgt. Paul E. Neville, son of Mrs. Hallie Bluster of Arcadia, Calif.

Officials of Lawson Air Force Base near Ft. Benning, Ga., said the Neville's were being rushed to Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C., for an emergency operation on the child for a dangerous tumor.

The collision low over Mobile suburbs tragically ended an Air Force effort to save the life of the son of the youthful trainee of a Ft. Benning officer candidate school, Lawson officials said.

The transport had been summoned from Brookley Field, Ala., for the mission.

Another victim was the flight nurse, officials said.

Try to Cool Wreckage

Other squads worked to cool off the wreckage of a huge C-124 cargo plane that had plunged in flames into a railroad yard, but after 24 hours only five of the six bodies believed aboard the craft had been recovered.

Scorching heat still prevented a complete search of the plane that had plummeted in flames into yards of the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad after the mishap low over a Mobile suburb.

Names of the victims aboard the C-124 could not be released until after a special disaster identification squad could be brought in late Saturday by plane from Wright Field at Dayton, O.

Based at Brookley
All crewmen of the C-47 were said to have been based at nearby Brookley Field, including the flight nurse reported among the dead.

A spokesman at Brookley Field said the Nevilles were understood to have been en route to the Walter Reed hospital at Washington to obtain emergency medical treatment for the child.

This could not be confirmed immediately, however.

Tokyo, Sunday—(U.P.)—Communist truce negotiators submitted a "furious protest" today at Panmunjom charging that two United Nations planes attacked Red delegation supply vehicles yesterday morning.

Col. Chang Chun San, senior Communist liaison officer, handed the protest to Col. Andrew J. Kinney, the U. N.'s senior liaison officer, this morning.

The protest was the only concrete development of the day as sub-delegates held one of the shortest truce supervision meetings in a three-minute parley that wound up with an agreement again to disagree.

High-ranking officers from both sides participating in the debate have met for three, 20 and 11 minutes in the three sessions since the issues were passed up to the sub-delegate level.

Truce strategy was being mapped at United Nations and Communist headquarters while the negotiators met at Panmunjom.

The greatest secrecy of the nearly 10-month-old truce talks cloaked separate high-level conferences in Munsan and Kaesong.

Meknes, French Morocco—(U.P.) Five Moroccans were killed and several persons were wounded in a clash between soldiers and demonstrators Saturday at Mirri, a village 50 miles south of Meknes, police reports said. Two European soldiers of the French Army were among the wounded, it was reported.

No Agreement Seen Before Deadline

On Phone Dispute

Negotiators Plan Meetings Today

New York—(U.P.)—Company and union negotiators seeking to avert a nationwide telephone strike Monday recessed negotiations Saturday with no agreement in sight.

Representatives of the CIO Communications Workers of America and the Western Electric company were brought together by federal mediators, who threatened to keep them in round-the-clock sessions. The meeting recessed shortly after 5 p.m., however, and will be resumed at 2 p.m. today.

Sales and distribution employee representatives met after a brief recess in the only session resumed late Saturday, but a spokesman said "no over-all decision" could be made by the sub-group.

Report No Progress

The mediators reported "no progress" had been made on the 10 main contract items at issue, but the "slight progress" had been made on minor matters. The principle issues are wages, seniority, a strike clause and a union shop.

The union threatened to throw picket lines around major telephone exchanges in 43 states and the District of Columbia at 6 a.m. Monday if the company still refused to meet its wage demands by then.

Refuse to Pass Pickets

Other telephone workers—also members of the CWA—have refused to cross picket lines in the past, and the strike could tie up telephone service around the nation at a time when it already is overtaxed because of a telegraph strike.

The only states not affected would be Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Montana.

Increases Offered

The Western Electric employees install and distribute telephone equipment. The company has offered the 10,000 installers wage increases of 10 to 12 cents an hour and the distributors 10 to 16 cents an hour. The union has not made a specific wage demand.

Jack Creager, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here, said Saturday that he is unable to tell what effect a strike of Western Electric employees will have on telephone service in Medford.

Creager pointed out that Oregon workers are not involved in a dispute and that the pending strike involves Western Electric company employees, of which about 200 are in Oregon. There are a few Western Electric employees in Medford, Creager said, and the local situation depends on whether they put out a picket line here, and if they do, how many telephone workers will cross it.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Medford track and field teams scored triumphs over Klamath Falls teams in competition there Saturday. The Medford junior high school team tipped the Klamath juniors 72 to 32 and the Medford Frosh gained a 77-44 victory over the Klamath Frosh.

Sacramento, Calif.—(U.P.)—Ed Chandler, stingy Los Angeles righthander, pitched his second straight shutout victory of the young PCL campaign tonight, as the Angels nipped Sacramento, 1-0, on his four hitter.

General's Son Missing on Patrol In Korea; Portland Man on Plane

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—First Lt. James A. Van Fleet Jr., only son of the 8th Army commander, disappeared in enemy territory during his fourth night combat mission in a B-26 Invader light bomber early Friday.

Tall, handsome "Young Jim," 26, had been in Korea just three weeks and last saw his father on March 19, the general's 60th birthday. His plane, with two other crew members aboard, failed to return from a bombing mission east of Suncheon, 80 miles south of the Yalu in north-west Korea.

The general himself reported to newsmen that "My boy, Jim, is missing in action."

Lt. Van Fleet recently wrote his mother that he wanted no tears spilled because he was going into combat. The general took the news with outward calm and made hardly a break in the rigid routine of his military duties.

But he spent an hour in his office, looking at the big map hung between flags of the United States and the United Nations. He drew a finger along routes his pilot son might have taken after radiating at 3:15 a.m. that he was in heavy weather and low on fuel.

REPUBLICAN RACE TIGHTENS



TRYING TO AVOID nationwide strike, union and industry representatives meet in New York amid gloomy talk of no compromise. John A. Stephens (left), vice president of U. S. Steel Corp., and Philip Murray, Steelworkers' union chief are spokesmen for opposing interests. Strike is scheduled for Tuesday. (International)

Steel Industry and Union Agree to Meeting Today

New York—(U.P.)—Steel industry and union leaders agreed Saturday to meet face to face today to try to avert a nationwide strike scheduled for mid-night Tuesday.

The break came shortly after Nathan P. Feinsinger announced that he has the power to revise wage increases his wage stabilization board recommended for the CIO steelworkers.

Negotiations were broken off

Economy Forces Chop \$6 Billion From New Budget

Washington—(U.P.)—Bipartisan House economy forces claimed Saturday to have chopped \$6,000,000,000 from President Truman's "rock bottom" spending requests for next year, and they promised more cuts.

Rep. John Taber (R., N. Y.), ranking minority member of the appropriations committee, forecast a total reduction of around \$10,000,000,000.

This would bring the president's budget for fiscal 1953, starting July 1, down to about \$75,000,000,000. Mr. Truman asked for \$85,000,000,000.

More Cuts Sited

Appropriations committee Chairman Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.), agreed that more cuts will be made. He set no special goal. Cannon said the House so far this year has made a "very satisfactory" economy record.

Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.), fixed as the next target a \$46,680,384,270 military spending bill that comes up in the House Monday. The appropriations committee already has trimmed it \$4,240,638,500 below President Truman's request for \$50,921,022,770.

House Will Go Further

Martin said the House "undoubtedly" will want to go further in slashing this measure. He predicted the House will trim it by an additional \$1,500,000,000.

Cannon tried in committee to deepen the defense cut by about \$1,300,000,000. However, he said he will not propose the additional cuts on the House floor. He will support the bill as it came from committee, Cannon said.

Red Cross Reports Progress in Drive

Collections in the 1952 drive for funds of the American Red Cross chapter here climbed to 48.8 per cent of its \$27,500 goal by the end of the week, officers here said Saturday.

The drive will continue throughout April, or until the goal is reached, they said.

Chapter officers also reported that the Red Cross' communications system is still operating from key cities to the armed forces centers, despite the Western Union strike, and that emergency messages to men in service can still be handled.

Michigan Selects 41 Uninstructed GOP Delegates

Taft Gets Idaho Delegates as Unit

Washington—(U.P.)—Taft and Eisenhower bids for the Republican presidential nomination Saturday appeared to be a neck-and-neck race although the latest tabulation of delegates voted read 130 for Taft and 65 for Eisenhower.

The race gathered new speed as three states picked 62 more delegates to the GOP national convention.

Ike Boosters Claim Win

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's boosters claimed a victory on the grounds that the general picked up a majority of the 46-vote Michigan delegation, and three delegates in the fifth district of Kansas.

Sen. Robert A. Taft's backers pointed to the fact that Idaho instructed its 14 delegates for the Ohio senator and claimed as good a chance as the opposition camp to split the Michigan group on a 50-50 basis.

Michigan's big block of votes, chosen in state convention at Detroit, was the question mark.

Only three of them actually were instructed to vote for Eisenhower and two of them for Taft. The remaining 41 were not instructed to support any candidate for the GOP presidential nomination and can swing any direction when the national convention meets at Chicago in July. An informal poll indicated they were split evenly at this time between the Taft and Eisenhower forces.

There was no question about the others.

Idaho Delegates Are Unit

Idaho, a Taft stronghold, put its 14 delegates under a "unit" rule, requiring them to stick together in convention balloting.

The Fifth District of Kansas, Eisenhower's home state, picked two district delegates favorable to the general and a third whose selection must be confirmed by the state convention at Topeka next Thursday.

Discounting the conflicting claims between the rival camps, today's selections appeared to leave Taft still out in front on the number of openly pledged delegates chosen so far this year.

The latest tabulation gave: Taft 130; Eisenhower 65; Gov. Earl Warren of California 6; Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota 21; Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur 2; and uncommitted 67.

Favorable Vote Given \$195,000 Bond Issue

Central Point—Patrons of Consolidated School District 6 voted 130 to 65 here in Gold Hill Saturday favoring a \$195,000 bond issue.

The bond issue was asked to complete a classroom wing at the new Crater high school and shop building and to build four new rooms at the junior high school.

Architects will meet with the school board Monday, it was stated, and plans are expected to be completed in a week. Following completion of plans, bids will be called.

Montana Town Gets Breath As Flood Threats Slacken

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Chinook, Mont.—(U.P.)—An "ill wind" blew good for Chinook late Saturday and hopes soared that a "major disaster" had been averted—at least until today.

Another warm day with brisk westerly winds was the forecast. A feared west surface wind came in high and reversed itself, aiding the town's populace manning dikes on the west side. A few minutes later, a dead calm lay over the city. It appeared Chinook had weathered what city officials termed a "crisis."

Crest Believed Past

County Surveyor William Olsen said he believed the crest of the Milk river that has run rampant down a 200-mile-long valley had passed on downstream. "However, there's an enormous amount of water heading this way down the north fork. Everything north of us is brimming, so we can't by any means get too optimistic."

It was State Flood Authority Richard Dightman of the Helena weather bureau who earlier

warned of a wave-making westerly wind, but he explained Saturday night that apparently a different density of air over the city forced the current aloft. It then doubled back.

A hundred head of livestock in small groups were marooned on specks of land around Chinook. They were doomed. It was impossible to get feed to them, even by air because a pilot would need a bomb sight.

An estimated 1,000 head of lambs and ewes have drowned around here alone. Bodies of hundreds of animals dotted the water as I flew over the scene.

It was strange, there was a brisk westerly wind up there while chimney smoke was streaming the other direction. That was the Godsend Chinook prayed for.

"Operation Haylift" plane personnel shot drowning animals this afternoon as Dightman released the forecast that flood-weary residents had hoped they'd never hear: "A 20-mile-an-hour wind from the west" and arrival of the river's crest by sunset.

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