



**HESITANT SUICIDE SAVED**—James Vickery, 27, of Atlanta, poised to jump off ledge of Venetian Hotel roof at Miami, Fla. (left). He puts his hands to his face (center), threatening to jump if anyone tries to grab him. After two hours of pleading with the would-be suicide, fireman John Lundstedt grabs Vickery under arms (right) at risk of his own life. Policemen closed in to help hold the youth. He told officers he had a "fuss" with his girl friend.

# Russian Jets Shoot Up French Passenger Plane

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## Attack Occurs Over Soviet Zone; Two Persons Hurt

**Plane Riddled By Machineguns**  
 Berlin—(U.P.)—Two Russian jet fighter planes shot up an Air France air liner over the Soviet occupation zone of Germany Tuesday and wounded two passengers.

The clothing of the plane's pilot and steward was ripped by missiles from the guns of the two MIG planes, of the type that Communists are using in Korea, but the men were not wounded.

**Plane Kept on Course**  
 Pilot Gilbert Schwallinger kept the plane on its course and managed to land it safely at Tempelhof commercial airport in the United States sector of Berlin.

The plane was riddled by cannon and machinegun fire. A gasoline tank, right wing, belly and front of the DC-4 liner were ripped. One hole in the right wing was one foot wide. In the fuselage was a two-foot hole. An American spokesman said it was a miracle the plane did not explode.

**22 Holes Counted**  
 Edwin Sippel, a Pan American Airways pilot of Tulsa, Okla., counted 22 holes in the plane when he inspected it.

The two wounded passengers were a German woman, Mrs. Irmgard Nebel, Frankfurt, and a German man, Walter Kurth, Hamburg. Mrs. Nebel was seriously wounded in the stomach. Kurth was wounded in the left arm and left leg.

Pilot Schwallinger said the Russian planes attacked without warning while he was flying on his regular run from Frankfurt to Berlin at about 7,000 feet along an air corridor approved by the Soviets, in the Konau area at a point 90 miles southwest of Berlin.

Schwallinger radioed Tempelhof that he was under attack.

**Maneuvered Into Clouds**  
 Schwallinger said he maneuvered his big plane up into the clouds as soon as he realized the Russians were firing on him.

Only this, he said, enabled him to save his plane and its 11 passengers and six crewmembers, including himself.

Schwallinger and his fellow crewmen said each Russian plane made four passes at their plane, opening up each time with machine gun and small cannon fire.

Experts estimated that the cannon shells were of about 20-millimeter calibre, a little less than one inch.

**Wounded Removed**  
 It took Schwallinger about half an hour to get his plane to Tempelhof. Emergency crews with stretchers were waiting. They took off the two wounded.

Allied authorities at once cancelled all flights out of Berlin and Air France suspended flights into Berlin, in fear of further attacks.

Soviet planes have been engaged in extensive air maneuvers over the Red zone.

The Allies started at once preparing a stiff protest to the Russians.

## Cloudy Skies Ease Utah Flood Situation

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—Cloudy skies slowed record runoff floods over most of the mountain West Tuesday, but thousands of acres of farmlands, residential and business areas remained covered by muddy water.

The clouds carried threats of rain during the next few days for flood-plagued northern Utah, but experts said the cooler temperatures that slowed melting of double-normal depth mountain snow banks would help their battle more than rain would hinder it.

## Record Vote Seen In Massachusetts Primary Election

**Taft, Eisenhower Supporters Scramble**  
 Boston—(U.P.)—Massachusetts voters, stirred up by a bitter battle between Taft and Eisenhower forces, went to the polls Tuesday in the hottest presidential primary in the state's history.

Even though weather forecasts said rain would fall intermittently throughout the day, election officials predicted the turnout would top the previous high of 270,000 set in 1932 when Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith fought for the Democratic nomination.

**Republican Show**  
 But the contest Tuesday was a Republican show, with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower scrambling for a heavy majority of the state's 38 delegates to the GOP National Convention.

Ten delegates at large were unopposed. They formed a "harmony" slate, with two pledged to Taft, two to Eisenhower and six remaining neutral. The other 28 delegate contests were contested bitterly.

Eisenhower and Taft slates were entered in all 14 congressional districts. Unofficial slates favoring Gen. Douglas MacArthur were entered in the 8th, 9th and 11th Districts, even though MacArthur has urged his followers to vote for Taft.

In addition, there was a statewide preferential "write-in" primary which was not binding.

The "write-in" contest attracted considerable attention, however, as the state's attorney general permitted voters to scribble nicknames on the preferential ballots, such as "Bob," "Ike" and "Mac."

In another unusual move, the state permitted establishments selling alcoholic beverages to remain open during the voting hours, determined by local option but in most places 6 a. m. to 8 p. m.

**72 Demo Delegates**  
 Democrats voted for 72 delegates—16 at-large and 56 by districts. Each will have one-half vote at the convention. Democratic Gov. Paul A. Dever, a "favorite son," was assured control of most of the 72-man delegation.

However, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was favored to win the Democratic preferential primary because he lacked organized opposition.

## Little Progress Seen In Oil Strike Threat

Washington—(U.P.)—Federal mediators reported little progress Tuesday in their attempts to avert a nationwide strike of 100,000 oil workers at midnight Wednesday.

Assistant Mediation Chief Clyde M. Mills said "both sides are moving a little bit, in negotiations at 14 different points throughout the country between the industry and AFL, CIO and independent oil unions."

The unions have threatened to strike unless a settlement is reached by midnight Wednesday. Further talks were scheduled Tuesday.

The unions originally demanded a 25-cent hourly increase plus fringe benefits. The workers average \$2.10 an hour.

## Bulletin

**Washington—(U.P.)—** CIO President Philip Murray Tuesday ordered an immediate strike of 650,000 United States Steel Workers in the wake of a federal court decision ruling seizure of the steel mills illegal.

**Washington—(U.P.)—** President Truman's seizure of the steel industry was unconstitutional, Federal Judge David A. Pine ruled Tuesday.

The Justice Department was expected to ask Pine for an immediate stay of the judgment pending review by higher courts.

**Pine said:**  
 "There is no express grant of power in the Constitution authorizing the President to direct this seizure. There is no grant of power from which it reasonably can be implied.

"There is no enactment of Congress authorizing it."

Never before in the history of the country has a Federal Court enjoined an administrative act of the chief executive.

"With all due deference and respect for that great President of the United States," the opinion said, "I am obliged to say that his statements do not comport with our recognized theory of government, but with a theory with which our government of laws and not of men is constantly at war."

## Portland Orders Daylight Saving

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland city council Tuesday issued a proclamation declaring the city will observe daylight saving time this summer despite a declaration by Gov. Douglas McKay that Oregon as a whole will remain on standard time.

The decision by Portland was expected to set of a chain reaction of daylight time proclamations particularly in northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington.

**Unanimous Vote**  
 The city council voted 5 to 0 in favor of the proclamation, which initially is binding on city employees and is to be followed by the Portland Retail Trade Bureau, whose 400 members represent major businesses and all downtown department stores.

The fast time will be effective at 2:01 a. m. Wednesday.

Earlier, Mayor Robert A. Thompson of Klamath Falls said the league of Oregon cities would enter the daylight-time question.

**Telephone Vote Asked**  
 Thompson told the Klamath Falls city council Monday night he planned to telephone Herman Kerhli, executive secretary of the league in Eugene, and ask him to take a telephone vote of league directors as to whether they favor fast time.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Journal quoted a high legal authority in Salem as tossing doubt on the legality of the Rose City's attempt to establish daylight saving time in revolt against the governor's order.

**Right Questioned**  
 The legal authority, who was unnamed, questioned the right of the city of Portland or any other municipality in Oregon to adopt daylight time contrary to the governor's ruling.

In support of this view, the authority cited a Supreme Court ruling of 1934 that a legislative act supercedes or amends every city charter or municipal ordinance with which it is in conflict.

## UN, Communist Troops In 19 Separate Tiffs

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—United Nations and Communist troops clashed in 19 separate but brief engagements along the Korean front Tuesday, most of them pre-dawn fights on the Eastern sector.

The Allies repulsed all Communist probes after short fights.

**Issue Joint Statement**  
 In a joint announcement, officials of the two banks pointed out that it has been found that certain legal and other technicalities exist which will prevent them from conforming to the retail merchants' hours.

Both "are very cognizant of their responsibilities in the matter of service to the community," the statement said, but they cannot move their schedules up "until such time as daylight saving time is legalized by official proclamation of the governor."

Some mills in the Medford area are considering the possibility of changing their operating hours, it was reported, but no general decision has yet been made.

Schools will continue to operate on standard time for the present.

## Impeachment Sidetrack Asked

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## CIO Woodworkers Strike At Two Valley Mill Firms

About 225 CIO Woodworkers in Eagle Point, Prospect and Butte Falls walked off their jobs this morning in a strike against two lumber firms in the Rogue Valley.

At the Medford corporation, some 150 men employed in woods operations and on the company's railroad were on strike. Pickets were posted at all the approaches to the firm's Medford plant. AFL union workers, however, showed up for work, according to E. L. Nutting, Medco manager.

**To Resume Negotiations**  
 Red Blanket Lumber company, Prospect, reported that about 60 workers in the Simm's two Prospect mills, and 12 or 15 men in the planing mill at Eagle Point, left their jobs this morning. Negotiations are scheduled to be resumed this afternoon, a company spokesman said.

Another strike, at Fir Milling and Planing company, in Ashland, the only other Rogue valley mill employing CIO union men, was narrowly averted at 10 p. m. yesterday, when a new contract between local union 6397 and the company was signed, just two hours before the strike deadline at midnight last night. The firm employs about 50 to 60 union members.

**Over Fringe Benefits**  
 In the case of Fir Milling and Planing company the only issues involved were wages and contract wording, it was reported. In the case of Medco and Red Blanket, so-called "fringe benefits," including increased deductions for health and welfare funds were the strike issues.

The firms have been represented by the Pine Industrial Relations committee, Klamath Falls, in bargaining with the CIO union, and the negotiations have been conducted along the same lines as those in the northern part of the state.

Portland—(U.P.)—Some 40,000 CIO Woodworkers went on strike Tuesday morning in five Northwest states against 700 operators of logging and sawmill operations.

The strike call was issued shortly before midnight by A. F. Hartung, union president, after the Woodworkers' negotiating committee failed to reach an agreement with the Willamette Valley Operators association.

Except in the plywood industry, employers generally met the union's demand for a 7½ cent hourly pay increase and three

additional paid holidays.

Negotiations broke down over the union's demands for an increase in operators' contributions to the Woodworkers health and welfare fund. The operators refused to regard it as tax exempt. The union asked for a boost from 7½ cents an hour to nine cents an hour on employer contributions.

A union source said the big Weyerhaeuser Timber company, whose 8,000 employees are not involved in the strike, recently agreed to pay the higher health and welfare fund and also to continue to consider it as "not wages."

The strike affects logging, sawmill, plywood, boom and other operations under jurisdiction of the CIO Woodworkers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, northern California and western Montana.

**Human Error Seen As Possible Cause Of Naval Disaster**  
 Washington—(U.P.)—High Navy sources said Tuesday preliminary evidence indicated that human error—rather than mechanical failure—caused the mid-Atlantic collision of the destroyer Hobson and the aircraft carrier Wasp.

There were demands, meanwhile, for a congressional investigation of the accident. One came from a father of one of the missing men. He said his son once had told him that the Hobson was "unsafe."

**Up to Naval Court**  
 The Navy sources emphasized that it is up to a Naval Court of Inquiry to determine officially who, or what, was to blame for the disaster in which the Hobson sank with the apparent loss of 178 crewmen.

Adm. Lynde B. McCormick, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, announced Monday night that he will convene such a court soon after the Wasp arrives at New York on Friday or Saturday.

On the basis of the partial reports already received by radio, Navy men predicted that the court will look particularly for a mixup in transmitting or receiving turn signals as the warships executed a high-speed maneuver.

## Chrome Production Quotas Increased

Grants Pass—Production maximum for chrome has been increased from 2,000 to 5,000 tons yearly for individual producers, it was announced here yesterday at a meeting of some 300 persons interested in mining of chrome.

The meeting, attended by miners from all Pacific coast states and federal officials from a number of different agencies, was called by the Oregon Mining association.

There is a possibility, it was reported, that over-all chrome production in this area may be increased from 200,000 tons yearly to 350,000.

A number of Medford people attended the session. Grants Pass is the location of the only chrome purchasing depot being operated in Oregon.

## Regional Farm Bureau Meeting Set Tomorrow

A regional meeting of Oregon Farm Bureau federation members in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties will be held in the Jackson county courthouse at 10 a. m. tomorrow, it was announced today.

Marshall Swearingen, state Farm Bureau president, will attend, as will several other state officials.

## Argentine Meteorologist Observing Fruit Work Here

Felix Albani, professor of agricultural meteorology at the University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina, has been a guest since Saturday of Roy Rogers, federal meteorologist, in Medford.

Albani, who will remain in the United States until next October, has been associated with Dr. Frederick Brooks of the University of California at Davis, Cal., and is interested in obtaining data on fruit frost forecasting and hail control.

At present he is associated with the California university as an assistant specialist at the Davis experiment station and has worked with the fruit forecasting division at Riverside, Calif.

He will leave the Rogue valley tomorrow and will visit next with Dr. Irvin Krick, Weather Resources corporation, Denver, Colo., in the latter part of May.

The Argentinian described the corporation's group as specialists in "rain increasing" operations and one of the leading con-

cerns in the United States in this field.

"I am in direct contact with the Pasadena, Calif., firm of North American Weather consultants of Robert Elliott and Gene Bolley. This firm is very serious and consistent in their weather operations," he said.

**Notes Similarities**  
 Albani described his section of Argentina as "very much the same as California and Oregon. We grow lots of grapes—600,000 acres—and are first in the wine industry of our country. We also have the two main fruit problems of the Rogue river valley each spring: frost and hail."

He has been studying the methods of frost forecasting in this valley and of the operations of Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser in hail prevention.

He stated that he was "very impressed" with the beauty of the valley and that he hoped some day that his friends here would visit him in Argentina.

**Weather**  
 Forecast: Thickening cloudiness this evening, and light rain tonight; showers Wednesday. Gusty southerly winds this evening. Low tonight 42, high Wednesday 55.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 56 Lowest This Morning 32