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Plane Down in Ocean

Three Survivors, Three Dead Found By Rescue Craft

Fire in Engines of Bomber Causes Crash

London — (U.P.) — Rescue headquarters announced tonight that four survivors have been saved from the wreckage of an American RB-36 bomber which crashed in the Atlantic. The other 19 of the 23 aboard were feared dead.

London — (U.P.) — Rescue headquarters reported tonight that a British ship has picked up three survivors and three bodies from an American B-26 bomber which crashed in the stormy Atlantic with 23 men aboard.

The list of dead and living rose when the Manchester skipper radioed it had taken two more bodies from the sea, along with two more survivors as the search continued in heavy seas.

Earlier, one survivor and one dead man had been taken aboard.

A Danish ship reported she was standing by another life boat possibly carrying five other survivors.

The men tossed in smashing seas that piled up 15 foot high waves for nearly 14 hours before rescue vessels began picking them up.

Earlier efforts of flying boats from the U.S. Air Force base at Shannon, Ireland, to land at the rescue scene were frustrated by the waves and the planes were forced to turn back to their base.

The British frigate Tenacious was racing to a second spot, 285 miles away from the scene of the rescue operations, to check on reports a search plane had sighted wreckage and parachute silk.

The plane plunged into the sea in flames after two of its engines caught fire.

An American SB-29 search plane which first reached the scene reported that four of the five men sighted were in good condition but that "the condition of the fifth is uncertain."

The survivors were sighted at a position about 420 miles west of Prestwick, Scotland.

The men had been down approximately eight hours when sighted.

BULLETIN

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviets are cutting their defense outlay for the coming year by 3.2 per cent. Finance Minister Arseni Zverev told a joint session of the Russian Parliament, the Supreme Soviet, tonight.

He also disclosed that the government proposes to reduce Russia's agriculture taxation during the coming year by 43 per cent.

Talent Division Reclamation Plan Gets OK of Regional Director of Reclamation

A plan for an irrigation, flood control and power project on the Talent division of the Rogue River Basin project of the Bureau of Reclamation, has received the approval of the regional director of the bureau.

His proposed report, for official review and subject to later revision, has been forwarded from Boise, Idaho, to the bureau's main office in Washington, D.C. Plan Said Feasible

H. T. Nelson, the director, prefaces the report by saying the plan is feasible from both engineering and economic standpoints, and would pay itself out over 62 years.

The report indicates the cost, based on January, 1953, figures, would total \$19,894,000. Since investigative costs have already been met, the appropriation required would be \$1,542,000.

The proposed construction would provide a firm water supply through storage for irrigation of 17,890 acres, plus a deferred development of 2,880 acres. Temporarily, 9,000 acre-feet of water would be provided



REUNION—President Eisenhower is greeted at Seattle airport by his brother, Edgar. Looking on at reunion are, left to right, Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio, and Edgar. The President is attending a nationwide governors' conference in Seattle.

Fluoridation of City Water Recommended

A recommendation that fluoride be added to the Medford city water supply was made to the city council last night by Dr. A. E. Merkel, city and county health officer. The recommendation also has been placed before the city water commission, Dr. Merkel said.

Three city councilmen were named by Mayor D. L. Flynn to meet with a representative of the water commission on the fluoridation recommendation and were directed to study the matter for the purpose of bringing a future recommendation to the council.

Named to the committee were Councilmen Harold Frye, Stanley Jones Jr., and Jack Fitzgerald.

Presents "Kit"

Along with the recommendation, Dr. Merkel presented each council member with a "kit" containing material on the problem of dental cavities and "beneficial results in the use of drinking water which contains the . . . recommended concentration of fluoride in a natural or added state."

He recommended that enough fluoride be added to the public water supply so that a concentration of between 1 and 1½ parts per million will be present.

Dr. Merkel said his recommendation was based on "the following undeniable facts":

1. Dental cavities are the most prevalent disease among children in this community.

2. Scientific and authoritative studies show that dental cavities are reduced 40 to 70 per cent in communities which contain natural or controlled fluoride in the concentration of 1 to 1½ parts per million in drinking water.

3. "To my knowledge, there is no one single case of ill effects reported in authoritative medical literature due to the use of water containing fluoride—when the recommended concentration is used—in either infants, children, adults, or the aged."

The doctor added that "After studying the material in this 'kit' or any other recognized scientific material on the subjects of the effects of fluoridation of drinking water on dental caries (cavities) in children and young adults, I am sure you will be thoroughly convinced that immediate action should be taken so that we might fulfill our public duty toward our young citizens."

The subject of fluoridation of Medford's water supply has been discussed frequently here in recent months. Two public meetings have been held with Dr. David K. Witter, head of the dental division of the state board of health, who has also met with Mayor Flynn on the subject. Fluoridation also has been endorsed by the county medical and dental associations.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN

St. Louis 0 8 1
Boston 5 9 3

Larsen and Courtney; Flowers and White.

Detroit 4 13 2
New York 5 10 0

Hoeff and Batts; Bucha; McDonald, Sain and Berre.

President Working On Stack of Bills Before Vacation

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower waded into a stack of legislation today to clear the way to leave this week end for a summer vacation in Colorado.

Back from a flying trip to the Governor's Conference at Seattle, the President had 207 bills before him for action this morning. One other bill was still in transit from Congress.

Mr. Eisenhower hoped to pass on the bulk of this legislation before leaving for Denver. But members of his staff said he still would be forced to take a number of bills with him to Colorado.

Mr. Eisenhower was expected to spend more than a week in Denver, probably living at the home of Mrs. John S. Doud, the mother of Mrs. Eisenhower.

Among other things, the President, has to act on foreign air, reciprocal trade, the admission of 214,000 over quota refugees, a controversial measure to cancel federal taxes on movie admissions, and appropriation bills providing money for such items as Korean rehabilitation.

Phoenix Installing Pumps; Irrigation Banned for Two Days

Phoenix — Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, mayor of Phoenix, today reported that all residents of that city are asked not to irrigate with city water Thursday and Friday.

New water pumps are being installed those days, she said, and only one well will be serving the municipal water system.

She added that it is hoped installation of the new pumps will solve the water shortage which has plagued Phoenix residents this summer.

Career as Gunman Comes To Quick Halt

A four-year-old Medford boy's career as a gunman was brought to a sudden halt yesterday. But it was exciting while it lasted.

The youngster climbed into an empty car to investigate and found a loaded .35 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. He fired the gun, with the bullet going in the direction of some neighbor children.

The bullet went high, through the wall of a house across the street, struck the door of a cupboard and fell into the kitchen sink, city police reported.

The owner of the gun agreed to remove it from the car to avoid further excitement.

Councilmen Told Police in Error In Hurley Matter

Recommendations Made For Procedure Changes

The jailing of Lester Hurley last July 11, when he was suffering from a fractured skull, was an error in judgment on the part of police officers, the city council was told last night.

Hurley, a 62-year-old Camp White member, died July 14, after spending 41 hours in the city jail without medical attention.

The reports made to the council came from the council's police committee and from Mayor Diamond L. Flynn. Both recommended that immediate steps be taken to bring the police department into compliance with procedures outlined in a survey of the department made in 1951 by Sgt. William P. Beall Jr., of the Berkeley, Calif., police department.

Hearings Held

The police committee, which has no administrative jurisdiction over operations of the department, conducted four hearings on Hurley's death recently. Its findings were:

1. Hurley was received at the jail in an injured and apparently unconscious condition, causes unknown.

2. There appeared to be an error in judgment in not rendering first aid.

3. Immediate steps should be taken "to bring about full compliance with departmental operational procedures as outlined in the Beall report."

4. The police committee should make a continuing study of police department conditions.

5. Immediate steps should be taken to work out a disciplinary system with Camp White authorities in an effort to reduce the high arrest frequency of intoxicated members.

Mayor's Recommendation

Mayor Flynn's recommendations were similar, urging that several items of the Beall report be placed in effect, including first aid training for all officers, calling of an ambulance and doctor for incapacitated persons, in custody, periodic inspection of the jail with written reports prepared, studies leading to more segregation in the jail, and examination of persons arrested before they are lodged in jail, with a physician being called "if there is the slightest doubt as to his condition."

The mayor also urged the police committee to continue its investigation of the department. (Councilman John Snider, chairman of the committee, announced the committee's hearings will resume at 4 p.m. Thursday, with all councilmen asked to be present.)

"Honest Error Made"

There was no evidence of mistreatment of Hurley by police officers, the mayor said, but he concluded that "an honest error was made, this man should have been given a physical examination."

The mayor also said, "there are indications that some of the recommendations of Beall's report are not being carried out fully and I am asking for a letter from the head of the department of the portions of the report that are impossible to comply with at this time."

The council took no action on the recommendations, but Mayor Flynn explained that since there were no objections, he considered the council had approved of them, and that they would be placed in force. Several of the procedural recommendations have been in force since the Hurley incident, which the mayor described as a "very disagreeable matter."

Questions "Magnitude"

In discussion of the recommendations, Councilman Stanley Jones stated that there is a question in the minds of the people of Medford of the magnitude of the incident. He asked the transcript of testimony taken by the investigating committee be made public, a step which the mayor said will be done.

Councilman Harold Frye stated that it is evident that blame lies with the city in the matter, but added that it also lies with officials of Camp White, who on occasion have refused to send an ambulance for domiciliary members in police custody who have been sick or injured. The mayor said he has assurances from Camp White officials that this policy has been changed.

First POWs Start Home

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The first group of war prisoners released by the Communists started home today but a dangerously high percentage were reported suffering advanced tuberculosis.

Seventy Americans and 32 other United Nations troops gained freedom, some for the first time in three years, in the first exchange of "Operation Big Switch." They told of new atrocities and a last minute Red double cross.

Half of the first 60 United Nations repatriates reaching Freedom Village near Munsan suffered tuberculosis and other lung disorders. Some complained they were starving.

More Prisoners To Be Freed Today

Newsmen at Panmunjom could hear the prisoners coughing as they rode to freedom in cheap blue Chinese uniforms on Russian trucks that bore the trademark of the Molotov Motor plant. Seventy more Americans will be freed at 4 p.m. (PST) today along with more than 300 other Allied fighting men.

First repatriates were taken to Freedom Village and then to the port of Inchon where ships stood by to return them to their families.

Last Minute Arrests Reported by Major

Maj. John Daujat of San Pablo, Calif., stuck his head out of the Soviet truck bearing his group into Panmunjom and shouted his name to newsmen.

He told them how the Communists had jailed some Americans, including high ranking officers, only two days before the first group of prisoners left the Yalu collection point on the journey to freedom.

Daujat said the officers were imprisoned on trumped up charges of "instigating against peace."

Protest Against Treachery Expected

The United Nations was expected to protest vehemently against the Communists' treachery and demand immediate release of the prisoners in accordance with agreements in the Korean armistice.

The San Pablo major was the first of 3,313 returning Americans to identify himself.

American prisoner described the horror of a death march that killed 1,250 American and others told of mistreatment in prison camps.

Altogether, in addition to the Americans, 26 Britons, 23 Turks, 12 Filipinos, 250 South Koreans, and one Australian, one Canadian, one Belgian, one South African and one Greek were liberated.

Horror Story Told

Some 400 will be released daily in exchange for 2,400 prisoners held by the Allies until all 12,736 Communist-held prisoners and 74,000 captives of the United Nations are released.

Richard M. Davis of Booneville, Ark., one of 35 sick and wounded Americans in the first batch of repatriates, told a story of horror.

1,250 Lose Lives

Davis said he was one of the 150 survivors of a "death march" from Wonju in South Korea to the Manchurian border in February, 1951, a cruel and merciless trek that took at least 1,250 American lives.

When Davis was asked if any Americans had died of starvation, he replied: "Lots of them."

Others told stories of Americans freezing to death, similar to the reports made by prisoners who were returned last April in "Operation Little Switch."

Huge cauldrons of coffee were steaming at Freedom Village when the first contingent arrived.

Dulles Present

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles interrupted his conference with South Korean President Syngman Rhee to go to Freedom Village. He was accompanied by John Cabot Lodge, chief of the American United Nations delegation, Assistant Secretary of State Carl McCord and Eighth Army Commander Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.

Dulles talked for the press and television with liberated Cpl. Raymond Shepherd of Pyramid, Ky.

Sgt. Robert J. Coffee, 23, first American marine repatriated in "Big Switch," said he thought he saw Russian soldiers helping the Communists in Korea.

"I never saw blond Chinamen before," Coffee, of Long Beach, Calif., said.

The list of released prisoners did not include any prisoners from Oregon.

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Compent Officer From Other City Suggested for Job

'Gross Negligence' Charged to Officers

The Jackson county grand jury today recommended that Medford Police Chief Clatous McCredie be replaced "by a man who is properly qualified in all respects to administer the affairs of the department."

"Because of . . . departmental political implications . . . it is strongly recommended that the job of chief of police be filled from outside the department and community," the report stated.

Suggests reorganization

It strongly urged that Sgt. William P. Beall Jr., of the Berkeley, Calif., police department, or other officer of like caliber and ability be brought into the department for the purpose of completely reorganizing, retraining and modernizing the police department, and that funds be budgeted immediately in an amount sufficient to employ such a person.

Sergeant Beall came here two years ago at the request of the city administration to make a survey of the city police department and present recommendations for its improvement. A comprehensive report on the subject was prepared by Sergeant Beall at a cost of approximately \$2,000 to the city.

Civil Service Advised

The police department should be placed under a civil service system in order that the employment and discharging of officer personnel shall be on a merit basis, thus providing for a measure of job security in the department, the report continued.

It added that "this report should not be construed as a condemnation of all personnel in the Medford city police department, and it would be the recommendation of this body that all present personnel who are capable of meeting the requirements of a reorganized department be retained."

The grand jury recommended that Medford citizens read the entire report prepared two years ago by Segant Beall and interest themselves in the proper administration of their police department.

Hurley Investigation

The grand jury's recommendations grew out of an investigation of the death of Lester W. Hurley, 62-year-old Camp White member, who died July 14 after spending 41 hours the week end of July 11 and 12 in the city jail without medical attention.

Seven conclusions on Hurley's death were reported by the grand jury. They included:

1. Lester Hurley's injuries, which resulted in his death, were caused by an accidental fall.

2. There is no evidence of any criminal responsibility for Lester Hurley's death.

3. The Medford city police were grossly negligent in the manner in which they handled Lester Hurley after his injury. Although it does not appear that such negligence contributed to his death, it is apparent that it did not contribute to his recovery.

4. That this negligence is the inevitable result of poor organization, complete absence of routine police procedures, and lack of officers' training, rather than personal or individual fault of officer personnel. (Beall's Report).

5. That most of the defects in the Medford police system, which were pointed out by William P. Beall Jr. in connection with the Medford police survey two years ago, still exist, and that apparently few of his major recommendations for the correction of these defects have been followed.

6. That existing city and police administrative personnel cannot or will not take the steps necessary to the adoption of the Beall recommendation.

Other Matters

The grand jury was still in session at noon today, and was slated to consider other matters this afternoon. The jury is made up of J. E. Crawford, foreman; B. H. Boyer, Donald L. Harmon, Ruth A. Eberius, Lewis A. Birkland, Harry E. Blackburn, and Arthur E. Owen. All are Medford residents except Birkland, Central Point, and Harmon, Shady Cove.

Mayor Diamond L. Flynn was reported to be out of town this afternoon, and could not be reached for comment after the jury's report was issued. McCredie has been Medford police chief for some 24 years.

Recommendations made by a grand jury are not binding on the city administration, and are advisory in nature.

Mutual Defense Pact With Korea Expected Shortly

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — South Korean delegates said today their government will sign a mutual defense treaty with the United States after one more working level conference.

The rapid progress was disclosed after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Syngman Rhee of South Korea went to work on final details of the security pact and vital points of a "common front" policy for the forthcoming peace conference.

Problems Tackled

Later lesser officials tackled the problems and Kim Young Shik, minister to Japan, indicated the defense document will be signed after tomorrow's working level meeting.

In the afternoon, two working level groups got down to facts and figures in a speeded up effort to complete their work so Dulles can leave Saturday for Washington, probably by way of Japan.

Joint Position

One of the working level groups tackled the job of bringing the Korean and American drafts of the security pact between the two nations into harmony. The other began comparing notes on views they thought should prevail as a common front policy at the political conference.

A third problem that also may be settled while Dulles is in Korea is the procedure for joint U.S.-Korean administration of the \$200,000,000 American plans to give Korea as the first installment of a long range air and rehabilitation program.

Unconscious Camp White Member Is Hospitalized

A Camp White member who lost consciousness in the Trailways bus depot yesterday afternoon was taken to Community hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance, according to city police records.

The member, Ray Walter Ostrum, complained of heart trouble, and was kept at the hospital until a Camp White ambulance arrived. Camp White officials reported this morning that his condition was good.

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly sunny and slightly warmer through Thursday. Low tonight 55, high tomorrow 55.
Temp
Highest Yesterday 55
Lowest this Morning 55

Russia Favors Invitation To China for Big 4 Talks

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia said today it favored inviting Red China to a conference with Western Big Three foreign ministers and proposed the conference consider general lessening of tension in international relations.

Other Problems Asked

Replying to proposals by the United States, Britain and France for a conference of Big Four foreign ministers on German reunification and Austrian independence, the Soviets said other international problems should not be excluded.

The Soviet government said it favored a conference of foreign ministers to examine the question of measures helping in a general lessening of tension in international relations.